

BWBC

Newsletter



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Wednesday
16th January 7.30pm

Speakers

Cate and Nick Foskett
Top Note Winery

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*Banner Photo -
Brain and Diane Kearvill
at the Presentation Lunch*



Just over the hill from McLaren Vale, on a beautiful road winding past Kuitpo Forest, lies Top Note, a creation of Cate and Nick Foskett.

Although close to McLaren Vale, the vineyard located on Peters Creek Road is much higher (330m), up to 10 degrees colder and much wetter than McLaren Vale, allowing cooler climate varieties like Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and the rare Red Semillon to be grown, as well as producing elegant Shiraz and beautifully structured Cabernet Sauvignon.. Top Note is a cool climate vineyard and geographically is part of the Adelaide Hills wine region. For about a year Cate and Nick searched for a property in the countryside which combined forests and a view with room for a vegetable garden, an orchard and some vines so that Nick could achieve a long held ambition of making some wine. The stunning vineyard on Peters Creek Road, opposite Kuitpo forest, met all these expectations and more. The property is 58 acres and has 7 varieties of beautifully planted vines. The vines were original-

ly planted in the late 1990s by Geoff Hardy of K1 with the help of Giulio Dimasi (now at d'Arenberg wines). Before venturing into viticulture and winemaking, Nick worked in IT and Cate, graduated from the University of Adelaide with an Honours in Voice Performance in 1996, and has performed as a mezzo-soprano with opera companies in Europe, UK and Australia

Top Note sells grapes under contract to premium wineries including Kangarilla Road and Sidewood. Small parcels of hand-selected fruit are picked to make wine under the Top Note label.



Cate and Nick Foskett - Top Note wines

Wine for Sale

The club still has for sale some of the quality wines from the 2018 wine bottling at Patritti Winery. Please help us sell all the wine.

2017 Patritti McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon \$99 per doz **10doz available**

2017 Patritti McLaren Vale Shiraz \$99 per doz **SOLD OUT**

Contact Ian Maxfield for orders 0499 039 132 email maxfieldian01@gmail.com



2018 BWBC Competition Results

February - BWBC Red Wine 4 Years or Older Competition

Glenn Snook Trophy

3rd Place	Bempton Estate	16.75	2014 Shiraz	Bronze
2nd Place	Thumbs Up	17.25	2014 Shiraz	Silver
1st Place	Thumbs Up	17.5	2014 Grenache	Silver

March - BWBC Sparkling Wine Competition *Ron Head Trophy*

3rd Place	Mike Butcher	16.5	2017 Blackberry	Bronze
2nd Place	Michael Lineage	17	2016 Chardonnay Pinot	Silver
1st Place	Mike Butcher	17.5	2017 Chardonnay Pinot	Silver

April - BWBC Ale Competition *Chris Bills Trophy*

3rd Place	Brenton George	40	American IPA	Silver
2nd Place	Chris Bills	42	Pale Ale	Silver
1st Place	Gavin Pennell	42.5	Specialty IPA	Silver

April - BWBC Lager Competition *Steve Potiuch Trophy*

3rd Place	Colin Routley	30	Pilsner	
2nd Place	Richard Blake	33.3	Pilsner	
1st Place	Colin Routley	38.5	German Pils	Bronze

May - BWBC Fortified Wine Competition *Glen Davies Trophy*

3rd Place	Mike Butcher	18	Tawny Grenache	Silver
2nd Place	Wattiparinga	18.5	Muscat of Alexandria	Gold
1st Place	Wattiparinga	19.5	Verdilho	Gold

May - BWBC Liqueurs Competition *Barry & Gwen Freeman Trophy*

3rd Place	Mike Butcher	18	Mayan Chocolate	Silver
3rd Place	Gavin Pennell	18	Lemoncello	Silver
2nd Place	John Callus	18.5	Black Sambuca	Gold
2nd Place	Gavin Pennell	18.5	Grappa Luquat	Gold
1st Place	John Callus	18.6	Butterscotch Snaps	Gold

June - BWBC 1-3 year old Shiraz Competition *Jack Van Reyren Trophy*

3rd Place	Five Plus One	17.2	2016 Shiraz	Silver
2nd Place	Thumbs up	17.3	2015 Shiraz	Silver
1st Place	Gavin Pennell	17.5	2015 Shiraz	Silver

July - Inter Club Red Wine Competition

3rd Place	Ian Maxfield	16	2015 Shiraz	Bronze
2nd Place	Ian Maxfield	16.6	2017 Shiraz	Bronze
1st Place	Gavin Pennell	17	2016 Durif	Silver

July - Inter Club Beer Competition

3rd Place	Chris Bills	36.75	Dark Ale	Bronze
2nd Place	Colin Routley	37.5	Indian Dark	Bronze
2nd Place	Chris Bills	37.5	Dark Ale	Bronze
1st Place	Chris Bills	41.25	Porter	Silver



August - BWBC Amber/Dark Beer Competition *Bill Ekins Trophy*

3rd Place	Richard Blake	37		Bronze
2nd Place	Richard Blake	39.25		Bronze
1st Place	Kevin Salt	41.75		Silver

August - BWBC Porter/Stout Competition *Bob Morton Trophy*

3rd Place	Kevin Salt	40.5		Silver
2nd Place	Gavin Pennell	41.25		Silver
1st Place	Gavin Pennell	42.25		Silver

**November - BWBC Current Vintage White Wine Competition
*Inaugural Committee Trophy***

3rd Place	Mike Butcher	15.5	Pinot Gris	Bronze
2nd Place	Wattiparinga	16.5	Vermentino	Bronze
1st Place	Mike Butcher	17	Chardonnay	Silver

November - BWBC Current Vintage Red Wine Competition *Presidents Cup*

3rd Place	Five Plus One	17	Grenache	Silver
2nd Place	M & M	18.5	Grenache/Shiraz/Cabernet/Sangiovese	Gold
1st Place	Wattiparinga	19	Cabernet/Shiraz/Petit Verdot	Gold

Major Awards

BWBC 2018 Brewer of the Year

Gavin Pennell



**BWBC 2018 Winemaker of the Year -
Still and Sparkling Wine Categories**

Mike Butcher



**Glen Snook 2018 Winemaker of the Year -
All BWBC wine classes
*Glenn Snook Trophy***

Joint winners

Mike Butcher and Wattiparinga





*The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club
is sad to announce the passing of
Pamela Kay Iaccarino
5th December 1942 - 25 December 2018
Beloved wife of Tony Iaccarino.*



Tony and Pam at the 2017 BWBC Bus trip



The 'Best of Adelaide Brewers' (BOAB)
15-16-17 February 2019
Harts Mill Port Adelaide
For more details
Google - boab festival adelaide



Mash Beer Brewing

The club has a full range of brewing equipment available to members to make their own full mash beer. Beer making workshops are held during the year using the Club's brewing equipment. If you would like to join one of these groups please contact Gavin Pennell email hegaelect@gmail.com



Fire Extinguishers

I have 10 various sizes of Fire Extinguishers that are all in working condition for household use. A donation would be appreciated in the bucket to go to my annual charity, the Cancer Foundation.

Pickup at 23 Jordan Court Aberfoyle Park on the left hand side of the house 8am-6pm during Nov, or email your commitment. Your honesty will help the cause. Contact Gavin Pennell hegaelect@gmail.com



Sauvignon Grapes from Emily Paterson

My dad's friend is offering free Sauvignon Blanc grapes for anyone from the wine club who wishes to harvest them. Location is in Ironbank. I'm not sure how many vines there are, but it will take approximately one day for a couple of people to pick them. He also mentioned that the grapes can be pressed on site at no cost. If anyone is interested and would like more details, please contact Emily. Email emmylou41@hotmail.com or SMS 043 003 2428.

Donations

The Movember Foundation is a leading Australian charity changing the face of men's health. They are addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention. Nathan Crase, one of our Club members, is presently involved with raising money for Movember. He has shaved his head and removed his beard, after 10 years. The BWBC committee recognised the valuable work the Movember Foundation does and contributed \$200 towards Nathan's team fund raising. The team raised \$8822.



Nathan Crase

At the request of Tony and his family, instead of sending flowers for Pam Iaccarino, they would prefer a donation be made to the Laurel Palliative Care Foundation at Flinders Medical Centre.

The Laurel Hospice is a specialised 15-bed inpatient unit located at Flinders Medical Centre. Here, the team assists patients with active symptom management and care in the terminal stage of illness. Pam spent her last 5 days under their care.

The committee has donated \$100 to the foundation.

2018 BWBC Presentation Day

The 2019 Presentation day held at the Blackwood Football Club rooms was another very successful club day. The day started with the presentation of competition awards and trophyies, followed by a display of photos taken throughout the year and then lunch.

Special thanks are due to Joan and Les Seatree for their artistic direction in decorating the hall for the Christmas lunch and the helpers who assisted them, and to Chris and Ian Maxwell for their red and white balloons. The venue this year looked great. A special thank you also to Gavin Pannell for supplying 2 kegs of his excellent beer to help the celebrations along.



Our very smart venue



Jim and Joy Anderson

2018 ANAWBS Raffle Winners

1st	John Starr	Joint Club Member	9th	Mal	Adelaide Club
2nd	Dave Holliday	Blackwood Club	10th	Raelene Holiday	Blackwood Club
3rd	Roger	Adelaide Club	11th	Jack Van Reyem	Blackwood Club
4th	Jan Skjemstad	Blackwood Club	12th	Bob Moreton	Blackwood Club
5th	Eric Roosa	Blackwood Club	13th	Di Ward	Blackwood Club
5th	John Starr	Joint Club Member	14th	Jan Boroky	Adelaide Club
6th	Chris Maxfield	Blackwood Club	15th	Kevin Salt	Blackwood Club
7th	Dan Traucki	Wine Judge	16th	Ian Maxfield	Blackwood Club
8th	Andrew Seifried	Blackwood Club			

Thanks to all those who purchased tickets in the raffle and to our ANAWBS sponsors for donating the prizes. The proceeds from the raffle go towards the running of ANAWBS. Please support our sponsors listed on page 7.



Nominations for 2019/20 Committee

The BWBC annual general meeting will be held on February 20th. At the meeting all places on the committee will be declared open. If you would like to nominate for a position on the committee please fill in the attached nomination form and give it to Brian Ferris at the January meeting.

Change to Constitution

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 COMMITTEE

d. ~~Five~~ Seven other members, whose duties and responsibilities shall include membership, social activities, meeting organisation, speaker programme, newsletter, links with other clubs and similar organisations, and supervision of judging of Club competitions.

Due to the increased work load of running the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club, it is proposed that clause 3.1 part d. be changed from five to seven other members.

At 2017/8 AGM, 5 members were elected and 3 members were subsequently co-opted on to the committee.

The committee will still have the power to co-opt members onto the committee if needed.



From our roaming international wine taster - Chris Loveless

During a December 2018 tour of England's wine region in Kent I learnt that there are over 120 wineries and more than 500 vineyards. Many of them are south of London with the most northern winery near Leeds in South Yorkshire. Chardonnay and Pinots are popular varieties to make sparkling wine and some not so well know varieties such as Ortega, Bacchus, Dornfelder, Schonburger. Many of these varieties are hybrids from Germany designed to grow best in the cooler climate of England. All the grapes are hand picked and the wineries I visited were well established with modern methods of wine making being practised. Sparkling wines are expensive compared to still wines. Starting at £12 for still and £25 and a lot more for sparkling. I found the sparkling wines to be nice but not value for money. The still white and red wines were new to me and I found them lacking fruit and acid. Most supermarkets carried wines from all over the world but it was hard to find English wines. Some specialty shops stocked them but they were expensive. The pub culture is all about beer and no English wines were served and I did go to a lot of pubs!

The French are buying lots of land on the English chalky soil (same soil as in France) to make Champagne. They claim climate warming will make South England a future area for good Champagne!

It won't be called Champagne - maybe Sparkling BREXIT or Theresa's Tears. ed.

Gusbourne Winery in Kent



We enjoyed the tour of the vineyard, winery and tasting of several award winning wines. Sophie and Cheryl were excellent guides and answered many technical questions about the viticulture and winemaking processes. Gusbourne Winery is modern with a lovely tasting room upstairs they sell sparkling and still wines at the cellar door (only sparkling wines are available on line). We were very impressed with the quality of the Sparklings, Chardonnay and Pinot wines. Tour costs £25 per person, visited Dec 2018

<https://www.gusbourne.com/>

Biddenden Winery in Kent



We had a personal tour of the vineyard and winery finishing off with a tasting of their wines (sparkling, white, red and rose) and apple juice. Biddenden Vineyards is Kent's original commercial vineyard, family run by second and third generation of the Barnes family managing the estate. They grow eleven varieties of grapes including Ortega, Bacchus, Dornfelder, Schonburger to name a few. I found these varieties interesting as I had not tasted them before. The tasting room is also a shop with many locally made products. Tour costs £15 per person, visited Dec 2018

<https://biddendenvineyards.com/>

Chapel Down Winery in Kent



We had a tour of the winery but not the vineyard due to very wet weather, however the view of the vineyard from the tasting room ticked the box. Chapel Down is a large winery in Kent and there were many people on the tour (approx.30). I was impressed with Jane who ran the tour, there were no questions she could not answer, about how they made wine and the wine industry in general. The explanation of making sparkling wine was a highlight and mirrored my method. Book well ahead as they sell out of the tour. They have a nice restaurant and shop selling their wines plus local products and a few Australian wines! Tour costs £15 per person, visited Dec 2018

<https://www.chapeldown.com/>



Thanks to our ANAWBS 2018 Sponsors Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

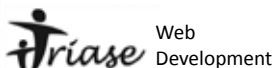
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Members are pleased asked to wear their name tags to all meetings, it helps to get to know who is who and particularly helpful for new members to get acquainted.

BWBC Loan Equipment

The BWBC has an extensive range of equipment available for loan to members for use with your wine and beer making activities. Contact the property officers Bill Neubauer 8278 8866 or Roger Pounder 0412 565 256.

Members' Duty Roster 2019

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive at 7pm to help set up for the meeting and then **clean up afterwards**. All members are asked to wash, dry and place in the provided trays their own tasting glass. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please arrange with another member to cover your duty.

January 2019	February 2019	March 2019
Mark Dorman	Graham Ellender	Chris Bills
Philip Hicks	Dave Holliday	Errol Fisher
Robert Keen	Paul Kuchel	Manfred Kurmis
Steven Potiuch	Roger Pounder	Joshua Pozenel
Malcolm Snell	Glenn Snook	John Starr
Peter Vigants	Rob Walker	Trevor Ward

* The hall needs to be set up with tables and chairs in groups for tasting sessions.

2018/19 Committee

Brian Ferris	President	8278 6227
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Ian Maxfield	Treasurer	0499 039 132

Committee Members

Richard Blake	Deputy President Membership	8278 5530
Ann-Marie Franklin	Speaker Co-ordinator	0406 338 166
David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Lindsay Elliott	Competition Co-ordinator	8278 3345
David Tulloch	Newsletter, Website	8270 1907
Clayton Fisher	Social Committee	8374 0296
Gavin Pennell		8270 4744
Ian Di Bartolo	OH&S	0412 373 739

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Bill Neubauer	8278 8866
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1st Aid Officers

Des Williams

Life Members

Chris Bills	Bob Morton	David Tulloch
Ron Head	Steve Potiuch	
David Lewis	Glenn Snook	

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Meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month
except December 7.30pm

Venue Blackwood Memorial Hall
21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood

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Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month.
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BSB - 035-082 Account Number - 145202
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Brewers Club inc.

