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Wednesday
18th January 7.30pm
Planning/discussion evening

Please bring your own tasting glass.

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There is no competition
for January

February

Fortifieds and Liqueurs
Registration closes 1st February

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Please note competition closing dates. Entries cannot be received after the closing date due to administration organisation.

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Banner Photo - Fred and Sigrid Wojtasik with Malcolm Snell at the Christmas Function

We Want Your Views

At Wednesday night's meeting, 18th January, we are keen to hear your views and comments on our Club, where we can change and improve and what works well. Each table will have the opportunity to discuss a number of KEY TOPICS, each having a some questions that can be discussed. There are 6 KEY TOPICS but your table does not have to discuss each topic. Each table will have a recorder and your table's comments will be collated for the Committee to further discuss and come back to the Club members.

Also if you as an individual wish to answer the topics then that is available. All answers will be anonymous

Speakers

Questions:

- What should be the balance with wine and beer speakers.
- Are the speakers too scientific and too hard and detailed to properly understand?
- Should we have more generalist speakers eg wines and foods links, present state of the wine and beer industry?

Competition Programme

Questions:

- Do we have the programme alright ie number of competitions and the competition dates at the best time?
- Should we have more white wine competitions?
- Should we have a spirits or gin competition?
- Entering online – is it working for you? What have been any troubles?

Wine/Beer/Spirit Making Groups

Questions:

- What support can the club offer to cater for these groups.
- Are you willing to help with these groups?

Membership

Questions:

- Has the Club changed from a winemakers and brewers club to more of a social club?



- As our members are getting older and not making wines, should we realise that we also have to change aspects of the club?
- Membership Fees – are they too low? Should they be raised to \$100 – \$50 membership and \$50 off first dozen wine – or should they be higher considering what a member receives and the present subsidies?

Social Programme

Questions:

- Why are people not attending our social events or waiting a long time to commit?
- Does the social programme appeal to our members and how can we improve the choices?
- Are events becoming too costly?

Club Administration

Questions:

- Are you happy with the way the club is being administered?
- Social and competition bookings, wine sales, newsletter access have all moved to an online format. Do you have a problem accessing the online forms etc?

- Can the newsletter and club communication with the members be improved?
- Does the meeting format need to change?
- Do you have problems hearing the speakers or reading the meeting presentation projected images.

When discussing these topics please keep in mind the constitution objectives of the Blackwood Wine Makers and Brewers Club Inc.

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To keep alive the traditions of winemaking and brewing.
- To discuss methods and exchange ideas for the making of amateur wines and beer.
- To assist beginners in the art and science of brewing and winemaking.
- To foster good fellowship between amateur winemakers and brewers.
- To further an understanding of viticulture.
- To foster an appreciation of wine and beer.

And be mindful of the care and empathy of your fellow members.

Secretary's Report

November Meeting (16/10/2022)

There were 33 of our members, with 3 partners, 2 wine judges, our guest speaker and 2 other guests present. Apologies were received from only 6 members.

Christmas-Presentation Meeting (4/12/2022)

There were 32 members, 19 partners and 9 guests (including 2 wine judges) present. Apologies were received from 14 members. Both wine judges were impressed by the afternoon and thanked the Club for the invitation and hospitality they received.

February – Our Annual General Meeting

Our Constitution requires that the Annual General Meeting be held by the end of February. At the A.G.M. an audited treasurer's report is required, and a Committee of Management of 10 is to be elected, including President, Treasurer, Secretary and "seven other members, whose duties and responsibilities shall include membership, social activities, meeting organisations and supervision of judging of Club competitions". Any member is able to nominate either at our January meeting or in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the A.G.M.

I would love the position of Secretary needing to go to a ballot!!!!!!.

Regards

Bernie Morgan



The Annual General meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.
15th of February 2023.

Nominations are open for all the committee positions. President, Secretary, Treasurer and 7 committee members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow member for a position on the committee, fill in the nomination form. The link to the form is attached to the newsletter email. If you would like more information about serving on the committee please contact Bernie at 0409 768 366.

Nominations close on Wednesday 1st February 2023



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2022 BWBC Trophy Winners

Sparkling Wine	Ron Head Trophy	Michael Lineage
1-3 Year Old Shiraz	Jack Van Reyren Trophy	Garry & Andrew Seifried
1-3 Year Old Red Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	Phil Hicks Trophy	David Lewis
1-3 Year Old - Red Blends	David Lewis Trophy	David Lewis
1-3 Year Old - Other Red Wines	David Tulloch Trophy	Ian Maxfield
Red Wines - 4 Years And Older	Glenn Snook Trophy	Bempton
Current Vintage White Wine	Inaugural Committee Trophy	Mike Butcher
Current Vintage Red Wine	President's Cup	Wattiparinga



David Lewis with president Brian Ferris

2022 Winemaker of the year

David Lewis

Due to lack of beer entries in the club competitions, trophies for the beer classes, fortifieds and liqueurs and brewer on the year were not awarded in 2022..

BWBC 2022 Presentation Day



The Di Bartolo mob



Bernie Morgan, Glenn Snook and Chris Bills



Jim Anderson, Fred and Sigrid Wojtasik



Ann Hicks, Glenda George and Marg Butcher



Wine judge Scott Heidrich (Senior Winemaker, Geoff Merrill Wines). and Ann-Marie Franklin



Colleen Penny and guest Joao de Souza, who is in Adelaide studying English.



2022 Current vintage red and white wine results

November 2022

WHITE WINES

Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Placings	Medal
2	Mike Butcher	Sauvignon Blanc	18.5	1st	Gold
4	Garry & Andrew Seifried	Viognier	18	2nd	Silver
1	Mike Butcher	Riesling	17.5	3rd	Silver
3	Mike Butcher	Chardonnay	16		Bronze

RED WINES

Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Placings	Medal
12	Wattiparinga	Lagrein	19	1st	Gold
6	Garry & Andrew Seifried	Shiraz	18.5	2nd	Gold
7	Mike Butcher	Shiraz	18	3rd	Silver
20	Ian Maxfield	Touriga	17.5		Silver
21	Ian Maxfield	Cabernet Malbec	17.5		Silver
5	Ian Maxfield	Cabernet Sauvignon	17		Silver
17	Wattiparinga	Barbera (barrel)	17		Silver
20a	Peter Tilsley	Primitivo	17		Silver
13a	Glenn Snook	Pinot Noir	16.5		Bronze
16	Wattiparinga	Barbera (tank)	16.5		Bronze
18	Garry & Andrew Seifried	Nero D'Avelo	16.5		Bronze
15	Wattiparinga	Tempranillo	16		Bronze
19	Ian Maxfield	Malbec	16		Bronze
23	Wattiparinga	Shiraz/Petit Verdot	16		Bronze
10	Wattiparinga	Grenache	15.5		Bronze
10b	Glenn Snook	Grenache	15		
11	Mike Butcher	Gamay	15		
13	Wattiparinga	Dolcetto	15		
14	Wattiparinga	Montepulciano	15		
24	Wattiparinga	GSM	15		
10a	Peter Tilsley	Grenache	14.5		
8	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz	14		
22	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz/Malbec	14		

Judges - Ben Jones and Michelle Heagney from Serafino Winery



Full details and bookings at
www.cellardoorfestival.com



2023 BWBC Wine Sales

2018 Currency Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

An intense ruby colour, still with vibrant hues at its edge are indicative of the nose. Given enough time to mature, this Cabernet is still displaying primary characters of ripe plums and mint, while just starting to develop some more earthy and tobacco leaf complexity, all being tied together with some subtle, dark cocoa oak notes. The palates structural tannins are balanced out by a rich generosity from the beginning through the mid-palate up to the lingering acid line holding together the finish.

Approachable now and for the next 6 years.

NEARLY SOLD OUT \$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

2019 McLaren Vale Shiraz Premium

The fruit was sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Malpas and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia. This Shiraz has a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak, on the palate. In the purity of this Shiraz and freshness of flavour, we believe this wine over-delivers with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins. Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (70%) and French oak (30%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024. Alc 14.5% pH 3.53 TA 6.6

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

NEARLY SOLD OUT

\$170 per doz (\$14.17 per bottle)

How to order wine

A link to the online order form is always included with the email sent out with the monthly newsletter advice. Complete the form and click the submit button. An acknowledgement message will appear on your screen and an itemised invoice will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the time of pickup.

**Contact Bill Neubauer ph 0412 525 343 to organise a suitable pickup time.
Please bring your invoice and if paying by EFT a copy of your transaction.**

All orders MUST be placed on line using the online order form.

Social Events for 2023

Club Picnic	Sunday 19th March Mitcham Reserve
Bassham Wine tasting	Sunday April 30th
Discovery Tour	May 5th - 8th
Wine Bottling	June
Christmas in July	July
Bonfire BBQ	Sunday September 10th
Bus Trip	Friday October 27th
Christmas Presentation	Sunday December 3rd

These dates may change during the year. Please consult the newsletters as more details become available.



2023 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	1st February
Sparkling Wine	March	1st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	April	5th April
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	May	3rd May
1-3 year old other red wine 2022,2021,2020 Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon blend Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ)	June	7th June
Red Wine - 4 years and older (<=2019)	July	5th July
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	2nd August
Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	1st November

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Members' Duty Roster 2022

Members rostered for the meeting set-up are asked to arrive by 7pm to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room. After the meeting clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.

January	February	March
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Sid Thomas
Fred Wojtasik
Malcolm Snell

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 to arrange a replacement.

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 officer
Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

2021/22 Committee

Executive

Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Andrew Seifried	Treasurer	0478 294 101

Committee Members

Chris Ball	Social Program	0400 344 467
Ian Di Bartolo	Social Program	0412 373 739
David Lewis	Technical Officer	0409 678 366
Bill Neubauer	Wine Sales	0412 525 343
Sid Thomas	Speaker Co-ordinator	0401 123 482
Andrew Thomson	Membership/ Competitions	0422 285 720
David Tulloch	Newsletter	0414 581 401

The committee can also be contacted at: committee@bwbc.org.au

Property Officer

Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

1st Aid Officer

Des Williams 0416 041 629

Safety officer

Ian Di Bartolo 0412 373 739

Life Members

Chris Bills	David Lewis	Steve Potiuch
Brian Ferris	Ian Maxfield	Glenn Snook
David Tulloch	Phil Hicks	

Contact

Web site	www.bwbc.org.au
Email address	bwbc@bwbc.org.au
Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Newsletter	Editor David Tulloch Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month. Contact davidt@internode.on.net

BWBC Payments

Members can transfer payments for wine purchase, club fees, social activity fees and other payments directly to the BWBC bank account.

Bank:	Westpac Blackwood
BSB:	035-082
Account Number:	145202

Payments can also be made by card at the meetings.

