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Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm

Please bring your own tasting glass.

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With vintage upon us, all reports have been very promising and we can look forward to wines of quality. The Committee has finalised the Club bottling which will include not only the usual Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, but also a Grenache and Tinto Amarela. These latter two wines are in response to the survey of members and their wish for alternate wines. A launch date and venue are being organised for a time very soon.

Our Club has an excellent Speaker programme, in variety, topic and presentation style and I must thank Sid Thomas for his planning. Already our Competition programme has shown both quality and diversity of wines presented, with the Judges repeatedly highlighting the high standards of the wines. The early booking system is working well and thank you to Andrew Thomson, Trevor Ward and David Tulloch for their organisation.

Our social programme began with the February Family Picnic at Mitcham Reserve and those attending had a very enjoyable and relaxed time. Thank you to Ian Di Bartolo, Anne-Marie Franklin and David Lewis for their organisation. I strongly encourage members to attend the Bassham Wine Tasting April 30 where emerging or alternate wines from the Riverland will be tasted. The Apple crush in May is a joint function with the Adelaide Club. May also has our Discovery Tour weekend down south. The Mid Year Christmas in July luncheon at Horndale Winery will be a highlight followed by the Bonfire Picnic in September. October brings the Bus trip to the Langhorne Creek regions and we conclude with the annual December Christmas function, All details will be in the Newsletter but I strongly encourage members to book early as numbers have to be limited for some activities..

Finally, I thank those members who have already paid their membership dues with the final date the end of April. With a \$50 reduction on the first dozen wine, the actual membership of \$50 is the first fee increase that I can remember for well over a decade. If you are aware of friends, colleagues, family who are keen or active in beer and/or wine making, encourage them to attend a meeting, enjoy our relaxed and friendly company and then join as there are now vacancies

I look forward to meeting you at the next Club meeting

Regards
Brian Ferris
President



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Membership



Subscription

At the Annual General Meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers & Brewers Club, held on 15th February 2023, the Annual Membership Subscription for the 2023/24 year was set at \$100. The subscription fee is in 2 parts \$50 for the membership fee and \$50 as payment toward the first 1 dozen bottles of wine purchased from the club bottling in 2023.

Payment by EFT - see the back page of the newsletter for full bank details.

Payment by card - card payment facilities are available at the meetings.

If you can not use EFT or pay by card, please contact the treasure 0478 294 101 or at the next meeting.

Members subscriptions must be paid by the 30th of April 2023 to maintain your membership.

Secretary's Report

THE March Meeting

There were 35 members and 4 partners present, together with our 2 presenters from Green Street and our wine judge (Mike Mudge). I was happy to have received apologies from 13 members who couldn't make it, resulting in 48 members being involved. It was a lively and informative meeting, and I would have liked the three female partners to have been comfortably spread among some tables instead of most of the females sitting at one table.

As I will be caravanning for the April meeting, can you please telephone apologies to Ian Di Bartolo on 0412373739 or President Brian on 0423125269. Also if you know any members needing contact or support, Ann Marie Franklin is doing the job of Almoner and membership officer. She may be contacted on 0406338166 or by email membership@bwbc.org.au

Regards

Bernie Morgan

Secretary

April Meeting

The speaker for the April meeting is BWBC member Andrew Williams.



Members and guests will be treated to a tasting of three different styles of whisky during the April meeting.

I will be talking in general about how whisky is made (or whiskey if you are Irish), how different flavours and aromas can be educed from malted and fermented grains through distillation and maturation in wood.

The listening audience may well ask, "Why is oak used instead of any other wood?" and "What is mizunara?" Does anyone know what the expression "Dead Ringer" refers to in relation to Irish whiskey? Or that the Japanese whisky industry started from just one man who studied chemistry in Glasgow, Scotland during World War One?

I will be discussing how to appreciate the colour and different aromas of each whisky and brief comments on how the whisky was developed to represent a style which represents the region in which they were made.

Look forward to having a wee dram with everyone on Wednesday.

Kanpai, Gartha and Slainte

Andrew Williams

Please bring your own tasting glass

BWBC Calendar



The BWBC now has a Google Calendar that lists all the clubs activities. This calendar can be incorporated into your own Google calendar. The URL for the BWBC calendar is <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=blackwoodwineandbeer%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia%2FAdelaide>



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2023 Liqueurs Competition Results February 2023

Placings	Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Medal
1st equal	9	Michael Lineage	Butterscotch schnapps	18.5	Gold
1st equal	11	Michael Lineage	Limoncello	18.5	Gold
2nd	13c	Tony Iccarino	Wild Phennel	17.9	Silver
3rd	13	Tony Iccarino	Raspberry Liqueur	17.8	Silver
	6	Mike Butcher	Arancello 2021	17.7	Silver
	4	Mike Butcher	Finocchietto 2022	17.2	Silver
	8	Michael Lineage	Sambuca	17.2	Silver
	13a	Tony Iccarino	Black Sambuca	17.1	Silver
	7	Mike Butcher	Flor de magnolia	17	Silver
	12	Peter Tilsle	Limoncello	16.5	Bronze
	3	John Callus	Butterscotch Schnapps	15.6	Bronze
	5	Mike Butcher	Spicy Walnut 2022	15.5	Bronze
	13b	Tony Iccarino	Amaretto (stone)	15.5	Bronze
	1	John Callus	Black Sambuca	15	
	3a	John Callus	Plum Liqueur	12.7	
	2	John Callus	Limoncello	12.5	
	10	Michael Lineage	Drambuie	12	

17 entries received

Judge - Carmine De Ieso - Carmine Wines

2023 Fortifieds Competition Results February 2023

Placings	Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Medal
1st	17	Tony Iccarino	Port 2007	16.6	Bronze
2nd	15	Mike Butcher	Tawny Grenache	16.3	Bronze
3rd equal	16	Mike Butcher	Sweet Vermouth	15.5	Bronze
3rd equal	18	Glen Snook	Tawn Port 2018	15.5	Bronze
	14	Mike Butcher	Muscat NV	15.3	

5 entries received

Judge - Carmine De Ieso - Carmine Wines

2023 Sparkling Competition Results March 2023

Place	Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Medal
1st	1	Mike Butcher	Sparkling Pinots/Chardonnay 2018	18.5	Gold
2nd	7	Michael Lineage	Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir (Dosage 4mls)	18	Silver
3rd	3	Mike Butcher	Sparkling Pinots/Chardonnay 2021	17.5	Silver
	2	Mike Butcher	Sparkling Pinots/Chardonnay 2019	17	Silver
	5	Jacob Van Eyk	Sparkling Chardonnay 2017	16	Bronze
	6	Michael Lineage	Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir (Nil Dosage)	16	Bronze
	4	Jacob Van Eyk	Sparkling Chardonnay 2016	15	Bronze

7 entries received

Judge - Mike Mudge





Sunday 30th April
1.30pm

The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club in association with Bassham Wines from the Riverland will hold a public tasting afternoon featuring a range of Bassham wines.

Bassham Wines is a family owned business leading the way in Organic viticulture and Mediterranean emerging varieties in the Riverland wine region.

The tasting will be held in the main hall, next to our usual meeting venue, at the Blackwood Memorial Hall.

Please promote this event to all your friends and associates as it will be a unique opportunity to taste these wines introduced by the growers, Bruce and Val Bassham.

A discount will be available for orders over 6 bottles placed on the day.

Cost \$20 per head.

Please bring 2 tasting glasses

Please register your attendance on the online form. A link is provided with the email sent out with the Newsletter.

Payment can be made by EFT or card (at the next meeting).

SOCIAL DISCOVERY TOUR

Normanville Caravan Park
Friday 12th to Monday 15th May

Reservations have been made for 5 x 1 bedroom Cabins, 5 x 2 Bedroom Cabins, 4 x Large Powered Sites, and 4 x Small 18' Max Sites under the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club. These sites and cabins are close to the camp kitchen and other facilities. If you are intending to go, please telephone the Jetty Caravan Park on Ph: 08 8558 2038 and book under the Club's name to get a discounted rate.

See March newsletter for more details.



2023 Apple Crush

Sunday May 7th 9am onwards

Geoff Trenorden's property

Tregarthen Road, Summertown.

Head north from Summertown on Tregarthen Road. Look for the "Apple Juice" sign on right.

This is a combined gathering with The Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide.

The crushing is limited to 1200lts. Once the 1200 litres is filled there will be no more orders taken.

To place an order contact Michael Lineage preferably by email mclineage@bigpond.com or ph 0415 604 788

Order Apple Juice Now

Orders close 30th April

Cost \$1 per litre



Horndale Winery

41-45 Fraser Ave, Happy Valley SA

Sunday 23rd July 12.30pm

This year's Christmas in July lunch will be held at the historic Horndale winery. Established in 1896, Horndale Distillery & Wine Cellars is one of the oldest vineyards/wineries in South Australia, owned and operated since 1984 by the Albrecht family. One acre of the original vineyard remains - planted with red Frontignac grapes.

The menu for the lunch includes entrée platters, main course - Char drilled chicken or Aged tawny marinated roast fillet of beef and dessert. Meals will be an alternate drop menu. Selection of Horndale wines, Beer and softdrink.

Members and partners only . Limited to 50 people \$62.50 per head.





Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home
5 Hillside Road Blackwood

Sunday 10th September 2023 11am
More details in later newsletter



2023 BWBC Bus Trip Langhorne Creek Wine District Friday 27th October 2023

Tour Highlights

- **2 Pickup points** - Eden Hills Karinya Park(8.00am) or Belvidere (9.15am)
- **Vineyard Road Winery.**
Group 1 Chocolate and wine tasting
Group 2 Coffee and Cake
Swap venues at 10:30am
- **Metala - Brothers in Arms Winery and Rusticana Winery**
- Group 1 wine tour and tasting (Brothers in Arms)
Group 2 wine tasting and product tasting (Newman's horseradish).(Rusticana Winery)
Swap venues at 12:15pm
- **Lunch - The White House, Langhorne Creek**
- **Free time** - Time to visit
Meeschi Brewery, within The white House,
Kimbolton Winery adjacent to The White House
- **Arrive Eden Hills** (5pm)

\$65 per person

Bookings are now open (limited to 50 persons)

Please book on line by EFT to secure your booking.
Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.



Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 3rd December

11.30 for 12 noon start
Blackwood Football Club
Trevor Terrace Blackwood

More details in later newsletter

New members

The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club has vacancies for new members. If you know of somebody who is interested in wine or beer making and would like to join the club please contact the membership officer. (see back page of the newsletter for details)



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Picnic in the Park



This years inaugural social event was again held at the picturesque Mitcham Reserve. The weather was perfect and thanks to David Lewis, arriving very early with the club's Gourmetque BBQ, was able to select the perfect position in the park for the event. About 40 members and partners attended this event which was a great chance to catch up with other members and launch the new year, with the mandatory glass or two. Thanks to the cooks and organisers of the event.



WATSACOWIE BREWING COMPANY

Travelling around York Peninsula last month Sue and I found the Watsacowie Brewery, located in the back streets of Minlaton, A great destination for lovers of craft beer. This is a very friendly, family

owned and run craft brewery with a large range of brewed beers on tap (14 when we were there). You can try all their beers by purchasing tasting paddles and selecting any of the beers.

Of the 4 I tasted, I was very impressed with the Hazy Pale Ale. A delightful hoppy beer with orange, passion fruit and tropical punch flavours. A little bitterness, great smoothness, light juicy, a well balanced beer.

The brewery is open from Wednesday to Sunday with live music on some weekends. A great place to visit. It's dog friendly and they also have a range of other drinks if you are not a beer fancier. Put it on your itinerary.

David Tulloch



Watsacowie Brewery, 9 Depot Rd, Minlaton SA
www.watsacowie.com.au



Adelaide Hills Wine Region

May is the time to celebrate Adelaide Hills Chardonnay. Many of the cellar doors will be highlighting their incredible Chardonnays with a range of tasting experiences available throughout the month including the Adelaide Hills Chardonnay Heroes Masterclass on Friday 5 May 2023 at 6.30pm at the Stirling Hotel.

For full information about this annual event go to www.adelaidehillswine.com.au/events/chardonnay-may

May 25th is international Chardonnay day



2023 BWBC Wine Sales

The committee, after sampling many wines submitted from various wineries, has settled on the wines for this year's club wine bottling.

We have chosen a 2022 Shiraz from Serifino Wines and a 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon from Patriitti.

Also from the feedback we received from the members in our January survey, about alternative varieties, we will have available limited quantities of 2021 Grenache from Serifino Wines and 2021 Barossa Tinta Amarela from Patriitti.

The wine this year will be bottled at McLaren Vale Bottlers part of the Serifino winery.

Serifino 2021 Grenache - McLaren Vale

Colour: Deep red with a vibrant purple hue.

Bouquet: Aroma of mulberries and black berries with a hint of cinnamon. Rich, bright palate, Showing dark fruits of blackberries and cherries. The long even palate carries the flavours with good persistence and finish.

Cellaring potential: Enjoy now or cellar for 3 to 5 years in the right conditions.

Food match: Enjoy with roast Pork or Cassoulet.

Vineyards: This wine is made from fruit sourced from our estate grown vineyards on Malpas Road.

Winemaking techniques: The vineyards were managed to produce high quality fruit through canopy management and fruit selection. Once at the winery fermentation occurred in small 4.5 tonne open fermenters, over a 7 day period. The temperature was controlled between 18-22 c. At the end of the fermentation the wine was transferred to old barrels for 8 months prior to bottling. Enjoy this bright and flavoursome wine.

Technical details: Alc 14.4%

Price: TBA

Serifino 2022 Shiraz - McLaren Vale

Colour: Bright red with purple hue

Bouquet: Lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak

Palate: Purity and freshness of flavour, the Shiraz over-delivered with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins

Cellaring: Enjoy now - cellar up to 2027

Winemaking: Matured in 2 year old hogsheads. American Oak (70%) and French Oak (30%) for 9 months

Food match: Tapas

Technical details: Alc 14.5% pH:3.51

Price: TBA

Patriitti 2021 Tinta Amarela - Barossa Valley

Tinta Amarela (also known as Trincadeira or Black Portugal) is a purple-skinned grape used in the production of Port and various other Portuguese red wines. The variety can be traced back to some of the earliest grapevine plantings in South Australia. This wine was made from a vineyard planted in the 1960's in Light Pass area of the Barossa Valley.

Technical details: 13.5% Alc

Price: TBA

Patriitti 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon - McLaren Vale

The McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of three vineyards. The wine shows aromas of black currant and mulberries with added complexity from maturation in French and American 500 litre Puncheons.

Technical details: 14.0% Alc

Price: TBA

The launch date for these excellent wines is still being arranged

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.

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



2023 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	1st February
Sparkling Wine	March	1st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2022,2021,2020)	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

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

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.

April	May	June
TBA	TBA	TBA

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

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2022/23 Committee

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood

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.	

