

BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday 15th November
7.30pm

2023 competition winners

Hosted by David Lewis

A chance to re taste the winning
2023 wine competition entries

Please bring your own tasting glass.

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President's Report

With the arrival of Spring and warmer weather, we can look forward to enjoying Christmas and the New Year, with family and friends.

The last Club meeting, Oktoberfest was again a highlight, with an excellent presentation from David Medlyn from Cooper's Brewery and he gave a very informative presentation of their history. Tasting the Cooper's Vintage Beer along with two beer offerings from Ian Di Bartolo and Brenton George and Club member's beers and stouts, all made for an excellent evening.

I strongly encourage all members to attend our final Club meeting this Wednesday, where successful Club members will present their winning wines. Our competition programme will conclude with the annual Current Vintage Red (President's Cup 1978) and White (Inaugural Committee Trophy 1978) wines.

The October Bus trip to the Langhorne Creek was an outstanding success and all who attended had a wonderful day wine tasting at Vineyard Road, Metala, Rusticana and Kimbolton, enjoying the coffee and chocolates stop and the excellent luncheon at the Winehouse. Thank you to Ian DiBartola and



*Guns at two paces
Brenton and Ian supplied keg beer for tasting
(Photo supplied by Ian)*



Committee members for their work and for introducing us to new wineries in the region.

The annual Christmas luncheon, December 3 at the Blackwood Oval is always a highlight and highly enjoyable afternoon. It will begin with the presentation of Club awards which is a fitting recognition of members who have been successful in competitions. The Club heavily subsidises this function and I encourage all, and friends to attend. Details are in this Newsletter but we do need final number the week before. As with Club meetings, we are asking members to bring their own glasses.

The social programme for 2024 is well advanced including another Discovery Caravan/Cabin Tour. If you have any suggestions for activities, the Committee is always seeking ideas.

The Club subsidises members attending functions through the sale of our wines and presently we have NV Sparkling Shiraz Premium, NV Sparkling Red, Muscat Liqueur NV as well as limited stock of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz available. This newsletter has the Wine Order and details for collection and payment. I encourage you to purchase and inform family and friends of the wines.

Brian Ferris
President

Secretary's Report October (Oktoberfest) Meeting

What a great night it was. We had 38 members, 5 partners and 5 guests, including previous member Colin Routley, as well as our speaker Dave Medlyn. We were able to welcome our latest member, Carol Summers. I also got apologies from 10 members, including Life Member, Chris Bills, who was on the sick list.

The two door prizes were awarded (but I did not record names of the winners).

I am always pleased to get apologies on my mobile on 0447212278. Also if you know any members needing contact or support, Ann-Marie Franklin is doing a great job of Almoner and membership officer. She may be contacted on 0406338166.

WINE

I would like to urge members to sell more wine to friends, and acquaintances, and to pick up ordered wine as soon as possible. Bill Neubauer does a great job bringing wine to his home from storage and appreciates wine being collected to make stock control easier. He also appreciates you bringing a copy of your order when picking wine up,

Regards
Bernie Morgan
Secretary

Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 3rd December 11.30 for 12 noon start
Blackwood Football Club , Trevor Terrace Blackwood

This year it will be a fully catered function. The cost will be \$35 per head for members and partners and \$45 per head for non-members.

To book please use online booking form - attached to BWBC newsletter email contact or Ian Di Bartolo mobile 0412 373 739, email dibartolo241@gmail.com or contact Ian at the next meeting. Bookings are essential so we can organise the catering. Payment must be made by or at the November meeting. Payments can be made by EFT see back page for details. Members are asked to bring along some of their wine or beer. It's a great opportunity to let others taste your wine or beer and get their comments. The club will also supply some wine, beer and soft drink.

Book on line NOW



Mario Micarone

9th July 1939 - 24 October 2023

It is with great sadness we inform members of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club of the passing of Mario Micarone on the 24th of October. Mario had been a long time member of the club, but due to ill health was unable to attend meetings for the last year. He will always be remembered as a very happy, always smiling, friendly member, a wine maker and musician. A celebration of Mario's Life was held at St Pius X Catholic Church, Derancourt on Friday 3rd November. In the eulogy, given by his son, mention was made of Mario's fondness he had for the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers club and his great love of wine making. Members of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers club attended the church service.





Carol Summers

Where do you work, or where did you used to work?

Retired Divisional Director Nursing FMC
 Manager and Director Possums Wines McLaren Vale

What are your interests/hobbies?

Gardening, travel and drinking good wine

How did you come to join the BWBC?

Introduced by a friend

If you are a newer member, what do you hope to gain from your membership of the BWBC?

Friendship, listening to interesting speakers and continue to learn more about wine

How did you become interested in wine/beer?

We purchased vineyards in the 80's and started making wine in 2000

My husband as Chief of Horticultural research had a lot to do with introducing mechanical harvesting grape breeding and inviting wine experts from the world I from the 70's We have travelled to nearly every wine growing area in the world.

Do you have a favourite wine region within SA Australia or the world

McLaren Vale, France and the various wine regions The country is so beautiful and vast

What are your favourite wine/beer styles, and why?

I like all wine except sweet Sav Blanc It depends on the occasion, meal and mood.



Bus Trip 2023
Trevor Ward, Des Williams and Glenn Snook at Vineyard Road Winery.
Lunch at The Wine House
Chris Ball and Cara Boundy at Brothers in Arms Winery
Julie and John Redman, Lynda and Hans Van den Berg at Rusticana Winery



Photos by Ian Di Bartolo

2024 Caravan/Cabin Social Weekend

17th - 19th May 2024
 Walleroo



2023 BWBC Wine Sales

The club has available for sale to members and friends the Serafino Shiraz and Patritti Cabernet Sauvignon. We also have been able to source a limited supply of a very impressive Muscat liqueur and Patritti sparkling red.

Members are reminded that when you paid your annual subscription fee you also paid \$50 toward your first case of 2022 shiraz or 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon wine. This discount must be used this year.

Serafino 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: \$120 per doz

Patritti 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: \$110 per doz

Muscat Liqueur NV

The BWBC Committee has sourced a limited amount of Muscat liqueur. The provenance of this liqueur can be traced back to the Settlement Wine Co and is believed to be 25 years old. A barrel of this wine was purchase by Waywood Wines and has been stored in their cellar at their McLaren Vale winery.

This unique Australian muscat, matured in oak barrels, enabling the wine to mellow and develop further complexity of rich raisin and honey characters. Enjoyed as a traditional fortified dessert wine, a perfect accompaniment to rich cheese or a refreshing summer's day sip over crushed ice.

The club has only 100, 500ml bottles, of the Muscat Liqueur NV available.

Price: \$25.00 per bottle

Back by popular demand - Patritti sparkling wines

NV Sparkling Shiraz Premium

This premium sparkling wine is dark purple in colour with a bright crimson hue; the nose displays blue fruits, plum and raspberry, but it also has a savoury edge with wet slate and subtle integrated oak. The palate is seamlessly integrated, structured and long. Plum and blue fruit flavours work well with oak derived complexities of subtle coffee and dark chocolate.

Price: \$80 per 1/2 doz

NV Sparkling Red

This sparkling red bend shows an alluring dark garnet colour and a bouquet of rich, complex fruit and oak development. Rich, full bodied flavours are evident on the palate, which has a drying finish.

A superb choice for events, pre-dinner drinks, BBQs, and special occasions.

Price: \$100 per doz

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 copy of your order will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the regular monthly meeting.

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

(Links to these form are sent out with the monthly newsletter email.)



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	6th August
Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	5th November

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

Members Duty Roster 2023

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.

Sid Thomas is organising the members roster and will contact individual members to help at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sid 0401 123 482

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.

2022/23 Committee

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Brian Ferris	Ian Maxfield	Glenn Snook
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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.

