

BWBC

Newsletter



President's Report

On behalf of the BWBC Committee and myself, we trust that you have had a lovely Christmas and an enjoyable New Year and are looking forward to 2024. Last year was another excellent year for the Club with many highlights and we finished on a very high note with the December Presentation and Christmas function.

The Committee has had a January planning meeting where the format and functions for the year were organised. This Newsletter has the details of the competition and social programmes The Committee has highlighted a need to further focus on beer activities and we will begin the year with the January speaker with this beer direction.

The Club is able to continue to offer such an extensive and supportive programme because of the sale of wines, again this year with red wines in the autumn season, and sparkling and white wines in the spring season. Also, with the success of the sale of Muscat last year, the Committee is keen to again seek to sell a suitable fortified wine if the price is suitable. It is the sale of these wines that has continued to create the extensive subsidy that Members have had for the Club meetings, social functions and training events.

Last year, for an annual membership that includes one's spouse/partner, the Club was able to offer a subsidy of well over \$100 per member for attending Club functions and meetings. This included the food at meetings, the wines and beers that guest speakers present, beverages for meetings and Club functions, subsidy for social events – lunches, picnics, bus tour - training subsidy for members attending tastings, and the list grows. The sale of wines is what has allowed us to continue this subsidy.

On behalf of the Committee, may I thank all the members who have purchased our bottled wines already; there is a limited stock still remaining - Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon as well as the Premium Shiraz from 2019. The Newsletter has the details and purchase arrangements

I again look forward to meeting members and their spouses/partners at our Club meetings and functions, enjoying each other's company and gaining from another excellent year for the BWBC Club.

Kind regards
Brian Ferris

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Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th January
7.30pm

Speaker

Peter David

"Enjoying a flavoursome beer –
beware the elements!"

**Please bring your own tasting glasses
for Beer and Wine**

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There is no scheduled competition for January. The 2024 competition schedule is on page 7

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*Banner Photo - Dave Kennedy & Sid Thomas
in Christmas mode.*



SECRETARY'S REPORT

November Club And December Presentation Meetings

Happy New Year.

Membership

At the end of 2023, we had 60 members, including our 8 Life Members, 3 of whom are on the executive committee. It is great to have this support post Covid.

November Meeting

We had 39 members, 4 partners and 3 guests attend with apologies from 11 members. This equates to 65% of members attending and 83% of members responding. It is great that we are able to hold up, in the wake of Covid, with Ann-Marie doing a great job as Almoner to contact members on the sick list. This year I look forward to seeing

the Club get even stronger with more partner involvement, more women members, and reinvigorating our brewing interests.

December Presentation

This was a great lunch meeting, continuing our tradition of acknowledging our winemakers for their results over the year. With 38 members present, two wine maker judges, and many partners and guests, including two from Brazil, it was a lively and convivial afternoon.

Regards

Bernie Morgan

Secretary

Our guest speaker for January is Peter David.



Since 2019 Peter has been the Business Development Director at Farquhar Group of Companies. Previous employment has included the Lion Group as QA Director, Brewing Development Director and SA Brewing Op's Director. He has vast experience relating to beer brewing and has judged in both National and Regional Competitions including at the Royal Adelaide Show. Peter's presentation titled "Enjoying a flavoursome beer – beware the elements!" will cover 3 main themes:

Time and Temperature – how it can negatively impact the flavour and presentation of beer.

Glassware – how you can prevent a crowning glory going to cold tea.

Light – it does more damage than you think.

Beer flavour assessments will be conducted during his presentation to help with demonstrating each point.

Brenton George will also present a keg of his beer for tasting as well.

Please bring your own Beer tasting glass.

2023 Presentation/Christmas Function



2024 Discovery Caravan/Cabin Tour Wallaroo

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th of May. (you can stay longer)

The 2024 Discovery Caravan and cabin tour will be held at the Wallaroo Holiday Park. Situated right on the beachfront & just 2 hours from the heart of Adelaide, Wallaroo Holiday Park offers both cabins and powered caravan sites. There is a large camp kitchen with full kitchen facilities, idea for our happy hour gatherings.

Bernie has made arrangements with Wallaroo North Beach (Holiday) Caravan Park, Pamir Court, Wallaroo, with a pay for 2 and get a 3rd night free for this weekend. Members and guests to do individual bookings, nominating that they are part of our Club. For more information and bookings For more information goto the web site

www.wallaroolholidaypark.com.au



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2024 BWBC Calendar

Below is the planned event and competition calendar for 2024. This may vary during the year due to unforeseen circumstances. It is important to register for each social event, so we can plan for the numbers and also who to contact in a case there is a change to the event i.e. incumbent weather for out door events.

Links to registration forms will be sent out with the monthly newsletter email.

Month	Meeting Date	Competition	Social Events
January	17th		
February	21st AGM	1 - Fortifieds 2 - Liqueurs	
March	20th	Sparkling Wine	Club Picnic Sunday March 24th
April	17th	1-3 Year Shiraz	Bassham Wine tasting Sunday April 28th
May	15th	Beer (2 comps.) 1 - Ale 2 - Lager	Discovery Tour Walleroo Holiday Park 17th - 19th May
June	19th	1-3 yr (3 comps.) 1 - Cabernet Sauvignon 2 - Red Wine Blends 3 - Other Red Wine	Wine Bottling Launch
July	17th	Red Wine 4 years and older	Christmas in July Sunday July 21st
August	21st	Beer (2 comps.) 1- Stout = Dark Ale 2 - Porter	
September	18th	Inter-Club Competition	Bonfire BBQ Sunday September 8th
October	16th Oktoberfest		Bus Trip October 25th
November	20th	Current Vintage White Wine Current Vintage Red Wine	
December			Christmas Presentation Day Sunday December 1st



2023 Competition Winners

Month	Competition	Place	Name	Style	Points	Medal
February	Fortified Wine Competition <i>Glen Davies Trophy</i>	1st	Tony Iaccarino	Port 2007	16.6	Bronze
		2nd	Mike Butcher	Tawny Grenache	16.3	Bronze
		3rd	Mike Butcher	Sweet Vermouth	15.5	Bronze
		3rd	Glenn Snook	Tawny Port 2017	15.5	Bronze
February	Liqueurs Competition <i>Barry and Gwen Freeman Trophy</i>	1st	Michael Lineage	Butterscotch Schnapps	18.5	Gold
		1st	Michael Lineage	Limoncello	18.5	Gold
		2nd	Tony Iaccarino	Wild Fennel	17.9	Silver
		3rd	Tony Iaccarino	Raspberry Liqueur	17.8	Silver
March	Sparkling Wine Competition <i>Ron Head Trophy</i>	1st	Mike Butcher	2018 Chardonnay/Pinots	18.5	Gold
		2nd	Michael Lineage	Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot	18	Silver
		3rd	Mike Butcher	2019 Chardonnay/Pinots	17.5	Silver
April	1-3yr Old Competitions Shiraz <i>Jack Van Reyren Trophy</i>	1st	David Lewis	2021 Shiraz	18.5	Gold
		2nd	G & A Seifried	2020 Shiraz	18	Silver
		2nd	G & A Seifried	2020 Shiraz	18	Silver
		3rd	David Lewis	2021 Shiraz	17	Silver
June	Red Wine Blends <i>David Lewis Trophy</i>	1st	David Lewis	2020 Cabernet/Shiraz	16.5	Bronze
		2nd	Lindsay Elliott	2021 Cabernet/Merlot	16.25	Bronze
		3rd	Ian Maxfield	2022 Cabernet/Merlot	16	Bronze
June	Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Phil Hicks Trophy</i>	1st	David Lewis	2020 Cabernet Sauvignon	17.5	Silver
		2nd	Ian Maxfield	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	17	Silver
		3rd	David Lewis	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	16.5	Bronze
June	Other Red Wines <i>David Tulloch Trophy</i>	1st	Lindsay Elliott	2022 Montepulciano	17	Silver
		2nd	Ian Maxfield	2022 Touriga	16.75	Bronze
		3rd	Ian Maxfield	2021 Sangiovese	16.5	Bronze
July	Red Wine – 4 years and older <i>Glenn Snook Trophy</i>	1st	David Lewis	2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	17	Silver
		2nd	David Lewis	2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	16.5	Bronze
		3rd	Lindsay Elliott	2019 Cab Sauv/Shiraz/PV	16	Bronze
November	Current Vintage White Wine <i>Inaugural Committee Trophy</i>	1st	Mike Butcher	Chardonnay	18	Silver
		2nd	Mike Butcher	Sauvignon Blanc	17.5	Silver
		3rd	Gavin Pennell	Fiano	17	Silver
November	Current Vintage Red Wine <i>President's Cup</i>	1st	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz	18.5	Gold
		2nd	Gavin Pennell	Saperavi	18	Silver
		3rd	Peter Tilsley	Sangiovese	17.5	Silver



David Lewis and

BWBC President Brian Ferris

2023 Wine Maker of the Year

Still and Sparkling Categories

David Lewis



2023 Current Vintage Competition

RED WINES - CURRENT VINTAGE

Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings
Shiraz and Shiraz Blends				
2	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz	18.5	1st
3	Mike Butcher	Shiraz	15	
4	G & A Siefried	Shiraz	15.5	
Grenache				
5	Ian Maxfield	Grenache	15.5	
Other Reds - Light to Medium Styles				
7	Peter Tilsley	Sangiovese	17.5	3rd
8	Peter Tilsley	Sangiovese A	15.5	
9	Peter Tilsley	Sangiovese B	15	
12	Ian Maxfield	Montepulciano	14	
Other Reds - Medium to Full Bodied Styles				
14	Ian Maxfield	Tempranillo	15	
16	G & A Siefried	Nero d'Avola	14	
18	Wattiparinga	Lagrein	16	
20	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz Montepulciano Grenache Blend	16	
21	Gavin Pennell	Lagrein	16.5	
22	Gavin Pennell	Saperavi	18	2nd

WHITE WINES - CURRENT VINTAGE

Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings
White Wine - Light Body				
23	Mike Butcher	Sauvignon Blanc	17.5	2nd
24	Mike Butcher	Vermentino	15.5	
White Wine - Medium Body				
25	Peter Tisley	Fiano	15	
26	Mike Butcher	Gewurztraminer	16	
27	Gavin Pennell	Fiano	17	3rd

Judge - Dan Traucki

Thanks to Dan for volunteering to judge the wines at short notice.



2024 BWBC Wine Sales

The club has available for sale to members and friends the Serafino Shiraz and Patritti Cabernet Sauvignon.

Members are reminded that when you paid your 2023 annual subscription fee you also paid \$50 toward your first case of 2022 Shiraz or 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon wine. This discount MUST be used before February 2024.

Order Now - only a few cases available

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

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How to order wine

A link to the order form is always included with the email sent out with the monthly newsletter advice.

(Please note that the online ordering system has been stopped and all orders must be on a printed order form)

- 1 - Down load and print order form. (order forms will be available at meetings)
- 2 - Make payment via EFT or card payment at meeting and print a copy of your receipt.
- 3 - Contact Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343 to arrange a suitable pickup time.
- 4 - Present order form and payment receipt when picking up wine.

Grow your own grapes.

Dan Traucki brought to my attention an blog article that appeared on a website twpawinepirate.com, from the Western Pennsylvania USA, a few days ago on January 3rd.

The article , "How To Propagate Grapevines From Cuttings. Now Is The Time To Start!" gives a very interesting and practical advice on how to start your own vineyard from cuttings. Although the article is written for the American seasons, now is their winter, the fundamentals can be applied to Australia in our winter. It seems that grape vines can be easily struck from prunings, so apart from putting on your label "hand made" wine you could also add "hand grown".

Thanks Dan for the link.

The full link is [https://wpawinepirate.com/2024/01/03/](https://wpawinepirate.com/2024/01/03/how-to-propagate-grapevines-from-cuttings-now-is-the-time-to-start/)

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Full details - <https://cellardoorfestival.com>



2024 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds & Liqueurs	14th February
March	Sparkling Wine	13th March
April	Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2023,2022,2021)	10th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	8th May
June	1-3 year old other red wine (2023,2022,2021) Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon Blend Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ)	12th June
July	Red Wine - 4 years and older (<2021)	10th July
August	Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	14th August
TBA	Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA
November	Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	13th November

To enter into the club competitions members must register online before the closing date of the competition and deliver their entries before 7.30pm at the meeting.

A link to the registration forms is sent out with the monthly email

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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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.