

BWBC

Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Wednesday
17th July 7.30pm

Rebecca Fox Wine Australia

Please bring your own tasting glass.
Beer and wine will be available for
tasting at the meeting.

Competitions

July

Red Wine - 4 years and older
Registration closed

August

2 beer competitions
1 - Porter
2 - Stout

Registration closes 14th August

Competition Results

1-3 year old other red wine
1 Cabernet Sauvignon >85%
2 Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
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Banner Photo - 2024 Wine launch
photo by Ian Di Bartolo

President's Report

Well winter has certainly arrived with a vengeance and the colder temperatures and rain are both welcome and have driven us indoors to drink and enjoy our bottled red wine and beer.

The Wine Launch at Serafino was highly successful with over 60 people tasting the seven wines, six red and one white. The Club has never offered this number of wines and such a wide variety; all wines were very well received. As I have publicly said, in all my years with the Club, this is the widest range of wines and of the highest quality that we have offered. I strongly recommend to all members to put in their orders as already two wines have sold out. The Club must thank Bill Neubauer for organising the red wines and Ian DiBartolo for the white wine. Also thank you to David Lewis for the bbq and David Tulloch for the wine orders and labels, plus all the other Committee and Club members who assisted at the Launch. See the Newsletter for the Wine Order and arrangements for collection.

You will have noted that ANAWBS, the joint National Wine and Beer Competition that Adelaide and Blackwood Clubs have co-sponsored for over three decades has ceased. All the fiscal and equipment arrangements have now been finalised. To all the Club volunteers who were actively involved in this event, we sincerely thank you, as it was recognised as a highly professional and organised event.

Winter also brings the Mid-Year Christmas in July luncheon at Mt Compass Golf Course and the Club will again subsidise the function, a 3-course luncheon with beverages supplied. The Committee has reviewed the cost and has reduced the cost to \$50 per head for members, \$60 for non-members. Members who have already paid, can either be re-imbursed or use the difference for future Club events, We have a number limit so I encourage you to book early.

August will see the popular Bonfire luncheon at Bill and Carol Neubauer's residence, sure to be another very convivial and happy day. Late October has the annual Bus trip, returning to the Adelaide Hills winery region and there are limited seats still available. The social programme concludes with the December Presentation luncheon. All social events are detailed in this Newsletter and I urge members to attend as I know that you will very much enjoy the day and the company.

One of the many strengths of the Club is the excellent speaker programme, very diverse and entertaining – special thankyou to Sid Thomas for this fine planning.

Brian Ferris
President



July Guest Speaker

Rebecca Fox

Wine Australia

Rebecca Fox is the Label Integrity Program Manager at Wine Australia.

Rebecca has work in various Regulatory, export and label compliance roles at Wine Australia over the last 12 years.

Prior to this, she was winemaker for Bremerton Wines in Langhorne Creek and Robert Oatley Wines in Mudgee NSW. She has also held winemaking and production roles for Pernod Ricard, Belvidere Winery, and Tintara Winery, and has worked 2 vintages in Napa Valley California and one in the south of France.

Rebecca holds a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Science (Oenology) from the University of Adelaide.

Her presentation will be talking us through Australian wine label law and the Label Integrity Program.



Secretary's Report

June meeting

The sommelier of the Adelaide Club, Patrick White, together with the wine competition, attracted 35 members, 3 partners and 5 guests, despite the wintry weather. I received apologies from 13 members. The two door prizes were won by Ann Marie Franklin and Des Williams. Many thanks to Gavin Pennell who provided his brewed, very strong (12% alcohol) and flavoursome (bourbon barrel) Imperial Stout. It was greatly appreciated by the beer drinkers, with Gavin providing a warning regarding the strength of it (and the implications) at the beginning of the meeting.

WINE SALES LAUNCH

at Serafino Winery (Saturday 7th July)

Although I did not keep an attendance sheet for the launch, 33 members had registered their intention to attend on a very wintry day. I believe that only one of these was an apology due to his case of Covid. It was great to see many partners there, and it was also pleasing to see the number of guests who attended to buy wine. I know that my 7 guests all bought some, with one buying a box of every wine. At least one couple of my guests commented on the vibrancy of the Club and the event. It was certainly a good show case for anyone interested in us.

Regards

Bernie Morgan
Secretary



First aid Training

The BWBC committee, has as one of its responsibilities, to maintain a safe environment for the members at meetings and club events. To meet these requirements the club has a first aid kit and defibrillator (AED) that are available at all meetings and club events.

The club has a designated 1st aid officer, however it is important that as many members as possible, should the need arise, be able to confidently deal with any situation and use the club's equipment. Using a AED is part of the course.

To achieve this the club will pay for members to attend a training course - HLTAID010 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support, conducted by the Australian Red Cross.

Program Benefits:

Have the knowledge & confidence to potentially save a life.

Learn the skills to save a life in a safe, fun & practical environment.

Understand how to respond to an emergency safely.

Learn how to use an Automated External Defibrillator(AED).

Please note it is a requirement of this course that practical demonstration of CPR must be performed on the adult manikin on the floor.

If you would like to attend this course as part of a BWBC group, please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 48



2024 bbwbc wine launch at Serafino Winery. Photos by Ian Di Bartolo



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...promoting excellence in wine and beer making...

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ANAWBS a brief history

In 1980 members of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club and the Amateur Winemakers and Brewers club of Adelaide formed a committee to run Australia's first National Amateur Wine and Beer Show in association with the McLaren Vale Bushing Festival.



The aim of the competition as stated in the 1980 results book was

“The aims of the Show were to allow Amateur Wine and Beer Makers from all States an opportunity to join together in friendly competition, whereby those of sufficient ability may be rewarded in the form of awards or trophies, to bring the hobby to higher recognition by the public and the media, and to promote the Host Clubs and the Bushing Festival.”

The first show was run on the 1st November 1980 with Ron Head (Blackwood Club) as Chairman.

That year the show attracted 348 entries submitted by 89 entrants from 5 states of Australia. The show schedule had 3 sections

- 1 - Wine - 5 classes
- 2 - Fruit wine - 5 classes
- 3 - Beer - 4 classes

The winner of the inaugural committee cup for the most successful winemaker was won by Ron Ophel (Blackwood Club) and The Best Beer of the show was won by R & C Thomas of Moorooka Qld.

The show schedule grew over the years and in 2019 there were 24 wine classes and 16 beer classes and in the early 2000s the competition regularly attracted around 950 to 1000 entries per year.

The name of the competition was changed from the National Amateur Wine and Beer Show (NAWB) to the Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show (ANAWBS) in 2000.

Competition Venue

From 1980 to 2002 the competition was run annually as part of the McLaren Vale Bushing festival. The venues used for the competition judging were Hazelmere Estate, The McLaren Vale Institute and Tatachilla Winery.

The competition venue shifted due to the hall at McLaren Vale not being available to hold the 2003 competition. Regency Park TAFE extended an invitation to hold the

competition at their Wine and Spirits School. In 2009 the TAFE College expanded their beer brewing plant and could no longer accommodate ANAWBS so the competition venue was relocated to the Waite Campus of The University of Adelaide, where ANAWBS was able to use the purpose built sensory laboratory, part of the Department of Wine, Food and Nutrition Science.

Exhibitors

As stated in the competition aims the competition was open to all amateur wine and beer makers. Entries were not only received from all states and territories of Australia over the years but also attracted entries from New Zealand and the USA.

An inaugural trophy for the most successful exhibitor from NZ, sponsored by Qantas, was created in 1986, and awarded to the NZ entry with the highest marks for entries in 2 or 3 classes of the competition. This was first awarded to Thomas Hamblin and Raeburn Jensen, members of the Manawatu Amateur Wine and Brewers Club.

In 1992 two entries from Donald Lepore a member of the American Home Brewers Association were received. Donald won 3rd place in the ale class and 2nd place with a Bronze medal for his sweet stout.

A school competition was added in 1999 open to students who were studying wine making at High school. Entries were received from Trinity college, Nuriootpa High School, Urrbrae Agricultural High School, Willunga High, Faith Lutheran School, Black Friars Priory School, Sacred Heart College and Waikerie high School

In Summary

ANAWBS was run for 40 years but in 2020 the Covid pandemic caused closure of Educational institutions and public areas and many events were cancelled or postponed during 2020 and 2021, ANAWBS included. Unfortunately due to this disruption in the scheduling of the show, the gradual decline in number of entries being received, the work involved in re-establishing the show after the pandemic, and the declining number of volunteers to run the show, the ANAWBS committee decided to end with the 40th show in 2019.

During the 40 years of the show over 20,000 entries were judged, all entrants were given individual score sheets and valuable feed back from our judges to encourage and promote Amateur Wine and Beer Making.

Thanks go to all judges, sponsors, committees, the clubs and the volunteers who helped over the 40 year period to make this a great show promoting Amateur Wine and Beer Making, and becoming the largest amateur wine and beer show in Australia.

Results books for the competitions will be lodged with the Australian National Library in Canberra as a reference source for future researchers.





June Competition Results



Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings	Medal
1-3 yr old Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Sauvignon Blends					
1	David Lewis	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	17.25	1st	Silver
3	Bill Neubauer	2021 Cabernet/Malbec	16.5	2nd	Bronze
4	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Cabernet/Merlot	16.25	3rd	Bronze
2	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Cabernet Sauvignon	16		Bronze
5	David Lewis	2021 Cabernet/Shiraz	16		Bronze

No of entries - 5 Judges -Scott Heidrich (Geoff Merrill Wines) and Dan Traucki (Wine Assist)

Due to the low numbers of entries in the Cabernet Savignon and Cabernet Savignon blend competitions the results of these two competitions were combined into one but they were judged seperatly.

Other Red Wine (not Shiraz)

Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings	Medal
19	Lindsay Elliot	2022 Lagrein	18.5	1st	Gold
24	Gavin Pennell	2021 Saperavi (Georgian style)	18	2nd	Silver
8A	Gavin Pennell	2021 Montepulciano	17.5	3rd	Silver
11	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Barbera	17		Silver
13	G & A Seifried	2022 Nero dAvola	17		Silver
14	G & A Seifried	2023 Nero dAvola	17		Silver
15	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Nero dAvola	17		Silver
20	Gavin Pennell	2023 Lagrein	17		Silver
21	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Lagrein	17		Silver
23	Gavin Pennell	2023 Saperavi	17		Silver
25	David Lewis	2021 GSM	17		Silver
28	Lindsay Elliot	2022 Tempranillo/Lagrein	17		Silver
17	Gavin Pennell	2021 Touriga	16.5		Bronze
10	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Sangiovese	16		Bronze
12	G & A Seifried	2021 Nero dAvola	16		Bronze
16	David Lewis	2021 Mataro	16		Bronze
18	Gavin Pennell	2021 Durif	16		Bronze
22	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Tempranillo	16		Bronze
26	Lindsay Elliot	2022 GSM	16		Bronze
27	Lindsay Elliot	2023 GTSM	16		Bronze
6	David Lewis	2021 Grenache	15.5		Bronze
7	Lindsay Elliot	2023 Grenache	15.5		Bronze
8	Mike Butcher	2022 Gamay	15		
9	Lindsay Elliot	2022 Montepulciano	15		

No of entries - 24 Judge - Judges -Scott Heidrich (Geoff Merrill Wines) and Dan Traucki (Wine Assist)



Judges comments for the June Competition

Scott Heidrich (Geoff Merrill Wines)

The wines were exceptionally good. This was an excellent group of wines. Dan and I were really close to our scores. And seriously, we had to look hard at the top wine. We've split the tasting into two groups. Cabernet/Cabernet blends and Emerging Varieties.

Emerging varieties were a really great class. There's so many interesting wines.

That was really wonderful to come up here, and taste those wines.

Dan Traucki (Wine Assist)

Can I just add one thing on behalf of the judges? Must be three, four, five years I've been judging here, and the last couple of years, every single wine has made the cut. There's not one single faulty wine in probably 900 wines that I've judged here and the lowest scores were 15 here today, you guys are making some three superb wines. There's not one wine out of the 29 we've judged tonight but I wouldn't sit down and drink.

August Competition Beer - Porter and Stout Registration for entries closes 14th August

BWBC Club Wines - Winter offering

2021 Vermentino McLaren Vale

This exceptional white wine is from a Small Batch Winery, Hastwell & Lightfoot, in McLaren Vale.

The 2021 Vermentino is fresh crisp wine with a delightful array of citrus and tropical fruit flavours and a salinity that is customary of the variety,

Awards: 93 Points, Australian Alternative Variety Award Show; Silver medal at the Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2023

2023 Grenache Serafino

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

The vineyards were managed to produce high quality fruit through canopy management and fruit selection.

2021 Touriga Nacional Serafino

Touriga Nacional is a variety of red wine grape, considered by many to be Portugal's finest. Despite the low yields from its small grapes, it plays a big part in the blends used for ports.

Touriga grapes create rich wines with intense flavours of fruits like blueberries, plums and black cherries. The variety also leaves wines with a floral aroma and violet tones.

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Patrilli

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.

The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from local McLaren Vale growers and Patrilli's own Blewitt Springs vineyard. Deep brick red with a bright ruby hue. Aromas of red fruits mulberry, raspberry, cherry and tomato leaf are warmed by hints of toasty French oak. The palate is medium to full bodied with a generous juicy mouth feel and is well structured.

2023 Shiraz Serafino

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

2017 Nero d'Avola **SOLD OUT**

2017 Shiraz **SOLD OUT**

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.





2024 Social Calendar



Mt Compass Golf Club
George Francis Dr, Mount Compass
Saturday July 27th 12.30pm

PRICE REDUCTION

Dessert has been added. We will supply drinks, but people can bring their own and the Club will pay corkage charges. The price to has been reduced to \$50, and \$60 for non members. Members who have already paid \$55 are to be reimbursed by taking the over payment off wine sales or future events .



NEW DATE SET

Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home
5 Hillside Road Blackwood
Sunday August 11th 11am
(subject to weather conditions)

\$10 per head includes BBQ lunch and club wine or BYO
Link to bookings form included with newsletter email
More details and map will be in the July newsletter

NEW DATE SET



Sunday September 8th
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.
The Bassham Wine tasting was to be held on Sunday 28th April but has been rescheduled to Sunday September 8th. 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 place on the day.
Cost \$25 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).



2024 BWBC Bus Trip Adelaide Hills Wine Region

Friday October 25th

Visit 3 wineries. Lunch at Gruntal Brew
2 pickup points - McLaren Vale - Visitors Centre (7.45am)
Eden Hills - Karinga Park, Northcote Road (8.30am)

Bookings are now open (limited to 50 persons) \$75 per person \$85 for non members

Please book on line by EFT or card at a meeting to secure your booking.

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email

Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.



Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 1st December 11.30 for 12 noon start
Blackwood Football Club

This year it will be a fully catered function. The cost will be \$35 per head for members and partners and non-members \$45.
Link to bookings form included with newsletter email



2024 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds & Liqueurs	14th February
March	Sparkling Wine - Cancelled	13th March
April	Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2023,2022,2021)	10th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager Sparkling wine (rescheduled)	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	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

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

Members' Duty Roster 2024

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.

June	July	August

Please contact Sid if you are able to help either setting up for the meeting or clearing up afterwards.

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.

2024 Committee

Executive

Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
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Bill Neubauer	0412 525 343
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1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041 629
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Chris Bills	David Lewis	Steve Potiuch
Brian Ferris	Ian Maxfield	Glenn Snook
David Tulloch	Phil Hicks	

Contact

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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.

