

BWBC newsletter

Next Meeting
Wednesday
February 18th
7.30pm

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Followed by a display of
the new club beer making
equipment and members
beer tasting.

Competition
There is no
competition this month

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*Banner photo: Vineyard in the CBD at
the National Wine Centre*

Blackwood Winemakers And Brewers Club Inc. 2015 President's Report

This Annual report records the main events conducted by the Club in 2014, the present status, membership and general health and position of the Club and acknowledges the outstanding spirit and work of its members and committee.

members, our numbers at meetings and Club functions have increased, culminating in over 80 at the November meeting and waiting lists for Club activities.; this is surely a positive sign of a healthy Club.

Overview of 2014

This year has seen the Club continue to prosper and expand, both in Club membership, attendance at meetings and total involvement by members in Club activities and functions. One cannot speak highly enough of the excellent foundation that has been established over the past thirty plus years and the outstanding work of past Presidents, Committees and Club members; we are all the present beneficiaries of their skills in bringing the Club into a strong, cohesive and very welcoming group of people.

Membership

This year saw the Club setting a ceiling on membership – 80 – and we now have a waiting list. The new members have already made a valuable contribution to the Club and with their positivism and involvement and the excellent contribution and participation of the longer serving



Committee

The Committee was expanded in 2014 with Trevor Ward and John Callus appointed as ex-officio members. I cannot speak highly enough of the dedication, strength and total commitment of an excellent and hardworking Committee whose singular focus has always been the betterment of the Club and its members. With monthly meetings,

social functions and the annual bottling, as well as specific responsibilities, the Committee has spent many hours so that the Club may function in the semi-professional manner that it has.

I must publicly thank Richard Blake and Ian Maxfield for stepping into the President's and Treasurer's roles for extended periods this year when both Steve Potiuch and myself were travelling, Richard brought a depth of



experience, guidance and leadership to the President's role for 5 months, and Ian was excellent in including the Treasurer's role to his other duties.

The Club is blessed that their present Committee has a blend of incredible experience and backgrounds – Secretary Chris Bills with his wise counsel, quiet word and knowledge of the Club
Treasurer and Social Convener Steve Potiuch who is so totally committed to this Club, plus his organisation of the storage and sale of the Club wines
Newsletter and Web editor David Tulloch who with his excellent efficiency and quality of service to the Club publications has continued to raise the bar.
David Lewis whose experience, wise words and excellent organisation of the wine bottling and technical aspects of the Club equipment are so valuable as well as his mentoring role within the Club
Ian Maxfield who has not only overseen the membership role, as well as being Assistant Treasurer and Acting Treasurer with monthly financial statements and the Budget, and also planning the 2 day bus trip
Richard Blake, not only as Deputy President and Acting President but who also planned the outstanding Meeting Programme which monthly challenged and educated our members in all aspects of the industry
Des Williams with his assistance with the Social Programme and meeting arrangements
Glenn Snook for his continued overseeing of the Competition programme which again increased in number of entries and quality of wine.
Trevor Ward and John Callus assisted in the Competition and Meeting programme, the former organising and recording of the results – their help was very much appreciated

Finances

There is no doubting that for an Amateur Club, the BWBC finances are in an extremely strong and healthy state, the result of many years of planning and excellent members support. The Club Committee decided a few years ago that we would retain a sufficient annual bank balance that could sustain the Club for a year minimum if we were not to undertake a wine bottling and wine sales. With this balance now achieved, the Club finances have continued to grow.

Treasurer Steve Potiuch, so ably assisted by Ian Maxfield and Roger Pounder, have brought a professionalism and planning to the fiscal aspects of the Club that has allowed the members and their spouses/partners to benefit in so many ways. Again this year, it has been estimated that members, for their annual fee of \$20, they were subsidized to the tune of in excess of \$130.

Again this year, the Club continued with the practice of two wine sales, in the first half of the year where bottled white and red wines were sold very successfully, and in November, the wine bottling held at Serafino's where over 3500 litres of Shiraz and Cabernet were bottled. Both sales are the major source of income for the Club; as well, they were very important social functions for the members with over 60 at the bottling. All who attended commented on the excellence of the day.

There are many to thank for the bottling but it is important to acknowledge and thank David Lewis for his fine organisation of the bottling, Ian Maxfield for the pre-planning and liaison with the winery, David Tulloch for the excellent Club labels and Steve Potiuch for the sale and storage of the wines.

Social Programme

The Social Programme for BWBC is integral and we have always had a strong focus on enjoyable and friendly social functions for its members. Again this year the popular Port River cruise in April was very well attended, the annual May Apple Crush with the Adelaide Club was a success, the June Sunday night Film/Dinner function at Mitcham was full, the Chinese banquet Mid Year dinner August had waiting lists, and the two day October Riverland Bus Trip planned by Chris and Ian Maxfield was a highlight for the 55 plus who travelled in October. The year concluded with the December Christmas function and Presentation Day where we recognized Club members' achievements and success – this year nearly 90 attended, the highest on record.

The extremely strong and positive support from the members ensured that all functions were quickly filled and they have had a very positive impact on further bringing the Club and its members together. All committee members were actively involved in all of these social events and I thank them for planning such a diverse and fulfilling programme.

Speakers Programme

Richard Blake prepared an outstanding and varied Speaker Programme, which was both extremely informative as well as taking us into new directions and extending our knowledge and allowing tasting of spirits, wines both still and sparkling from Commercial and Club sources, to end a meeting with a superb coffee and the programme included a visit to a winery.

The Programme began with Jim Chronis from Aim Scientific, Club members then tasted and rated Sparkling wines in March, to be followed by the Wine Peer Judging event in April, the visit to Club Patron Geoff Patrilli's winery in



May and in June, Professor Vladimir Jiranek expanded the members' understanding of yeast. The next three months' meetings included the opportunities to "taste the wares" as July saw Club member, Andrew Williams widening our knowledge and taste with a presentation about Australian whiskies, August brought Sarah Lark from Kangaroo Island Spirits to indulge us with their spirits, and September we benefitted from Jeff Goodieson from Goodieson Brewery in the McLaren Vale, speaking of the products from his boutique brewery. For the October meeting we continued the practice of the Club ANAWBS winners presenting their award winning wines. The programme concluded with Ed Carr, internationally recognized sparkling winemaker from Arras wines widening our knowledge of the different champagne and sparkling styles – over 80 attended this excellent meeting. The Club members recognize that the Speaker programme has become an important educational information resource..

Competition Programme

With a Competition Programme going back to the early 1980s, there is a strong tradition and positive friendly rivalry between Club members and syndicates as they present their wines and beers for judging. Again this year saw an increase in number of entries and the judges noted the continued improvement in the quality of the entries. Thank you to Glenn Snook for overseeing the programme, and the assistance from Trevor Ward in the collation and recoding of entries and John Callus for his ongoing support

Again at the Christmas presentation function, we were able to recognise the individual winners. The Club publicly thanks and acknowledges the outstanding voluntary support of wine and beer judges, many whom have been involved with the Club for years.

Newsletter and Club Website

The Club Newsletter is the vital communication avenue for the Club, and the monthly newsletter continues to be of the highest quality. David Tulloch is passionate about the newsletter and we thank him for this quality production as it is of the highest standard, informative and with such interesting and a wide range of topics. Also David undertook to manage, improve and update the Club website; already there is excellent evidence that our site will be of the most informative standard.

ANAWBS

ANAWBS continued to grow in 2014 with valuable contributions from both host Clubs. Led by Jane Boroky from the Adelaide Club, the Committee oversaw a highly successful show. BWBC was represented on Committee with long-standing members – Trevor Ward (Secretary), Ian Maxfield

(Treasurer), David Lewis (Wine Convenor), David Strachan (Logistics) David Tulloch (Results Book, Website) and Brian Ferris (Deputy Chairperson). Over the course of the Beer and Wine Show and the Presentation Day, many BWBC members assisted at the Waite Campus in a variety of roles – thank you for this commitment.

Conclusion

There is no doubt that 2014 has been another fine year for the BWBC. The Club and its members have continued to build on a fine tradition and the work of so many from the past and I am sure that this will continue for the future. My sincere thanks to the Committee and the Club members for their ongoing support for myself, their understanding and their forbearance.

Brian Ferris
President, Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club
February 18th, 2015



The BWBC annual general meeting will be held on February 18th. At the meeting all places on the committee will be declared open.

Nominations have been received for all committee positions.

Nominations for
President - Brian Ferris*
Secretary - Chris Bills*
Treasurer - Ian Maxfield*

Nominations for the 5 committee members are

Richard Blake*	John Callus**
Anne-Marie Franklin	David Lewis*
Steve Potiuch*	Glen Snook*
David Tulloch*	Des Williams**

* Current Committee ** Currently a co-opted committee member

There will be a ballot for the committee member positions. At the AGM the membership subscription will be set for 2015 and members are reminded that payment must be made before the end of April to secure your continuing membership.

Payments can be made by EFT. See page 8 for details.

Following the AGM there will be a display and discussion of the new Beer making equipment and a tasting of members beer. Please bring along samples of your latest brews for the tasting. See page 6.





2015 Bus Trip

Planning is underway for this year's bus trip. This will be a one day excursion to the Langhorne Creek Wine Region. We plan is to visit 4 wineries with a BBQ lunch at Langhorne Creek. The bus trip

will be on Sunday October 25th leaving at 8.30am. The trip is fully booked, if you missed out please put your name on the reserve list.

The cost of the trip is \$30/ head, members and partners only, no guests.

A deposit of \$10 per head is required by the August meeting to secure your place. Full payment must be made by the October meeting.

Payments can be made by EPT. See page 8 for details.



Theatre and Dinner Night

May 7th 6 for 6.30pm
The Wakefield Hotel and Arts Theatre

CATS is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot, and produced by Cameron Mackintosh. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles, and the night they make what is known as "the Jellicle choice" and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life. Cats introduced the song standard "Memory".

The Metropolitan Musical Theatre Co of SA will present this musical at the Arts theatre on 7th May.

The committee has organised a club dinner at the The Wakefield Hotel at 6.30pm followed by the musical. The price per member is \$35, guests \$40. The number of seats available is limited so book early with Steve Potiuch Ph 8278 5718.

To secure your place a deposit of \$10 per head is required by the March meeting with full payment made by the April meeting.

Payments can be made by EPT. See page 8 for details.



Film / Diner Night

The popular film dinner night at the Mitcham Theatre Complex will again be held this year on Sunday

July 19th starting at 5.30pm. Details will be in later newsletters.

The cost is \$30 per head. This includes a 2 course meal and choice of movies been show at the venue.

Please book with Steve. The evening is limited to 60 places. Members and partners only, no guests.



One of the winning teams Brian Cloudeley, Mike Butcher, Michael Lineage and Phil Biggs. Photo from Brian Cloudeley

A True Challenge

Organised Lindsay Elliott the January Wine Options night was a great challenge as well as being an introduction to wines from other wine regions that are not usually on the members drinking list.

The wines presented were

Pepik Pinot Noir 2010 - from Josef Chromy Wines at Relbia, 10 minutes South of Launceston.

Côtes du Rhône GSM 2013 – from Rhone Valley in France
Château Le Grand Moulin 2009 – from Château Le Grand, Saint Aubin, fifty kilometers North of Bordeaux

Moores Hill Cabernet Merlot 2010 – from Tamar Valley, Tas.
Franschhoek Cellar Baker Station Shiraz 2013 – from Franschhoek Valley, South Africa

The evening was a true challenge, all wines were presented in paper bags label "True Value" - donated by our local True Value Hardware store, and I suspect some may have thought that that was the origin of some of the wines.

The winning teams with just 9 points out 20 were – great guessing

- 1- Richard Blake, Brian Ferris and David Tulloch
- 2- Brian Cloudeley, Mike Butcher, Michael Lineage and Phil Biggs

To cap off this very well presented evening the prizes were Marqués de Riscal Vina Collada 2011 from the Rioja region Spain

Santa Rosa Mendoza Malbec from the foothills of the Andes in Argentina

Well done Lindsay

Thoughts on Wine Tasting

I hate to think how many people over the years have said to me "I'm no expert on wine so can you please tell me....." because they are afraid to be wrong, rather than simply voicing their opinion. My answer to that is "Yes you are an expert, you put the wine in your mouth and either you like it or you don't, everything after that is inconsequential".

Dan Traucki

www.wineassist.com.au/_blog/blog

Dan is the director of WineAssist and also judged at the 2014 ANAWBS competition. He is also a wine writer and has article published in Winestate Magazine. These can be read on www.wineassist.com.au





Member profile

Jack Van Reyem



I had the pleasure of interviewing Jack recently to compile his members profile.

Jack, accompanied by his wife Ann and their 11 month old daughter, migrated from Holland in 1952. They came here on, as Jack described it, a luxury plane flight of 7 days, stopping each night. Adelaide was picked as a destination after they had a chance meeting with a couple of tourists from Adelaide visiting Holland. Jack's first job was with Chryslers at there factory on Anzac Highway, now the Le Cornu furniture store.

Jack has had a long association with amateur wine making. He exhibited in the inaugural 1980 ANAWBS (NAWBS as it was called then) in the current vintage red wine class and then going on to win, or be placed in that class for many years, as well as being an enthusiastic entrant in many club competitions

Jack is a founding member of the Adelaide Club and has been associated with the BWBC since it started in 1978 and has been a member for many years.

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

After a long career in the engineering field, starting back in Holland as a ships engineer, Jack finished his working life as a quality assurance supervisor with Hills Industries.

What are your interests/hobbies?

Model ship making, photography, wine making, woodturning, sailing among many other things.

How did you come to join the BWBC?

Jack was a foundation member of the Adelaide club in 1972 and was on the committee in 1978 when a decision was made to set up more clubs, one being the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club. Jack joined the BWBC at a later date when he was introduced to the club by Phil Hicks.

If you have been in the Club for some time what have you gained from your membership of the BWBC?

Jack mentioned the friendship and attending the social functions particularly with his wife Ann.

How did you become interested in wine/beer?

As a 22 year old worker in Germany at the BMW factory, a beer trolley used to come around 3 times a day and the workers were allowed 5L a day. That was all there was to drink. Jack was introduced to wine by an Italian co-worker at Hills Industries who brought some fruit wine in for lunch. Jack decided to have a go and the first attempt was quite palatable. The next year he actually selected the fruit, not just the ones off the ground as previously, and produced 5 gallons of sink cleaner. From there it was experimentation, reading books, joining the wine club and slowly the wine making improved. Jack quickly found that you cannot make wine from pergola grapes, there is no acid.

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

Jacks favourite wine style is Shiraz and Old Riesling.

Do you have a favourite wine region within SA, Australia or the world, and if so why?

Mc Laren Vale, Coonawarra.

What is your most memorable wine/beer related experience?

Bowen Estate 1976 Shiaraz. First tasted it at the Coonawarra cellars, and was able to purchased a ½ case of 1976 and ½ case of 1977.

Jack mentioned that at around that time Prince Charles was presented with a case of Bowen Estate wine, so Jack reasoned that if it was good for Charlie it must be good. Jack kept his for 10 years and said it was "perfect".

Recently he opened a bottle of 11 year old Tim Knappstein Riesling – "perfect, beautiful, beats any red wine".

Are you part of a group or do you make your own wine and/or beer?

Jack has stopped making wine – he says he has enough in store His challenge is to now empty his extensive wine rack.



Compiled by David Tulloch whilst enjoying one of Jack's five year old reds.





Name Tags

If you have taken your name tag home can you please bring it along with you next time you come to the club or a function. Please remember to wear them at all BWBC functions

Interclub Beer Competition

This years competition will be hosted by the Amateur Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide at their meeting on July 7th. The beer style is open to any style.

Interclub Red Wine Competition

This years competition will be hosted by the BWBC at the meeting on July 15th. Please consider entering this annual competition, and help promote the interclub competitions.

ANAWBS Raffle

Your chance to win bottles of premium wine and beer by buying tickets in this years ANAWBS fund raising raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the January and February meetings or by contacting Ian Maxfield 8370 5400. 6 for \$5 or 14 for \$10. The raffle will be drawn at the February meeting.

ANAWBS 2015 Mash Paddle Style

The beer style for this years Mash Paddle competition is Oktoberfest/Märzen. BJCP style 3B. The style guide is available from www.bjcp.org
This is a full bodied beer with a rich German malt aroma, dark gold to deep orange-red in color.

ANAWBS 2015

Planning for ANAWBS 2015 has started. The judging and presentation will be held at The University of Adelaide, WAITE Campus.

The dates for this year's competition are

Entries close:

Interstate: Thursday 10th September at pickup point- see web site www.anawbs.org.au for details.

Local: Friday 18th at Winequip Newton or Tuesday 12 noon 22nd Sept at the WAITE

Beer Judging: Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September

Wine Judging :Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September

Presentation Day: 4th October 1pm

The competition relies on volunteers for its success. Please consider volunteering, contact the ANAWBS committee.

Full details are on the web site www.anawbs.org.au



Committee brew day

Committee Test Run New Beer

Making Equipment

Last Sunday some of the committee held a brewing day to test out the new BWBC beer brewing equipment. The beer style chosen was American Pale Ale.

Mash beer making is a rather long process, mainly waiting for the water to reach the required temperature in the urn, waiting for the grist to soak in the mash tun, sparging and waiting for the wort to boil, before chilling and putting it into the fermenter. However the equipment worked flawlessly, and while waiting it was a good chance to sample some beers and socialise.

At the AGM there will be a display and brief description of the equipment. It is proposed that beginners groups be set up to make a mash beer and become familiar with the equipment before it is available to be borrowed.

An excellent reference book for beer making is "How to Brew" by John Palmer. This book is now in it's 3rd edition but a free PDF copy of the 1st edition can be down loaded from www.howtobrew.com

The wine Cask turns 50.

It was invented by Thomas Angove of Angove's, a winemaker from Renmark, South Australia, and patented by the company on April 20, 1965. Polyethelene bladders of 1 gallon (4.5 litres) were placed in corrugated boxes for retail sale. The original design required that the consumer cut the corner off the bladder, pour out the serving of wine and then reseal it with a special peg. In 1967 Australian inventor Charles Malpas and Penfolds Wines patented a plastic, air-tight tap welded to a metallised bladder.

Managing director of Angove Family Winemakers John Angove was 18 when his father came up with the idea. His father kept on talking about the old goat skins and the flexible package that they used to have when Adam was a boy. It evolved from that, "well why don't we put it in a plastic bag? And if we could support the bag somehow, you know it might work". Happy birthday wine cask.

From ABC Rural - SA Country Hour and Wikipedia



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Members' Tasting Table

An area will be set up at each meeting for members to display their wine for tasting, pour out samples and talk to members about their wine. The committee will trial this system to allow more interaction between the winemakers / beer makers and the club members. If you are interested in being part of this tasting area please see the co-ordinators, John Callas or Des Williams, on arrival at the meeting. The club will still have other wine for tasting at meetings on a separate table.

Members' Duty Roster 2014

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive at 7pm to help set up for the meeting and then clean up afterwards. All members are asked to wash and dry their own tasting glass.

February	March	April
Philip Biggs	Andrew Bills	Mike Butcher
Jonathon Ferris	Lindsay Elliott	Ann-Marie Franklin
Phil Hicks	David Holliday	Ron Holmes
Barry Long	Chris Loveless	Mario Micarone
Roger Pounder	John Powell	Roy Pozenel
Jacob Van Eyk	Pat Vartuli	Andrew Veimul

* The hall needs to be set up with tables and chairs in groups for tasting session.

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

2014/15 Committee

President	Brian Ferris	8278 6227
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Treasurer	Steve Potiuch	8278 5718

Committee Members

Richard Blake	Deputy President	8278 5530
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David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Ian Maxfield	Membership	8370 5400
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Des Williams	Co-opted member	8370 2363
John Callus	Co-opted member	8278 9036
Glenn Snook	Competition Convenor	8370 3390
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Meetings

3rd Wednesday of each month
except December

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