



# BWBC

news

*It's Vintage Time*

March 2012

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.



## Bus Trip 2012

28th & 29th July

This year's two day bus trip will be a chance to visit parts of two wine regions close to Adelaide with an over night stop at the lovely river town of Mannum. If you would like to be on board please contact Steve Potiuch 8278 5718

## Wine Sales

### SAUVIGNON BLANC

The committee has been able to obtain a small quantity of Scarpantoni 2011 Sauvignon Blanc. This fresh, crisp and fruity wine shows all the characteristics of a very good Sauvignon Blanc.

This wine will be on sale at the March meeting and represents very good value for money.

Club price \$85 per doz.

Please promote it to you friends and colleagues.

### SHIRAZ

The Scarpantoni Shiraz that was bottled on the 9th September is still available at \$85.00 per dozen. The club still has 21 doz to sell.

Please promote this excellent wine to all your friends and colleagues.

## Membership Subscription

2012/13 Membership Subscription now due

Only \$20. Please contact Steve

## 2012 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Presented to the Annual General Meeting,*

*Wednesday 15th February 2012*

My report on the Club's activities for 2011 is my 9th consecutive President's report to the AGM of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. The aim of this annual report is to acknowledge outstanding contributions of individual Club members, to put on record key events conducted by the Club during the year and to provide a picture of the general health of the Club.

### Membership

In 2011 membership again increased slightly, with 58 paid up memberships (up from 54 in 2010). By the end of the year the number of life members had grown from six to eight with the awarding of richly deserved life memberships to David Lewis and David Tulloch. The size of our membership has been fairly constant for a number of years now and it would appear to be very appropriate for the meeting venue. We also have had sufficient numbers to allow our competitions and social functions to run successfully.

### Committee

During 2011 the BWBC Committee offered me great support and worked as a very cohesive group. Attendance at the monthly Committee meetings was again well over 90%. Brian Ferris and Ian Maxfield hosted our meetings at their homes at various times during the year.

## Next Meeting Wednesday March 21st 7.30pm

Members discussion re their progress, successes and problems with this year's vintage.

**No competition this month**

Chris Bills, Brian Ferris, Steve Potiuch, Ian Maxfield, David Tulloch, Glenn Snook and David Lewis all made significant contributions to different areas of the Club's activities. All have put themselves up for re-election to the 2012 Committee.

#### **Finances**

Steve Potiuch again held the prime responsibility for management of the Club's finances. He was very ably supported by Roger Pounder and Ian Maxfield at different times during the year. Management of the Club's finances is no small task when one takes into account an income and expenses total in excess of \$115,000. It was due entirely to the work of Steve with support from Roger and Ian that the books balanced and received a favorable report from our auditor, Richard Winkler.

#### **Wine sales**

Wine sales continued to provide the major source of income for the Club in 2011. Two bottlings were undertaken – one at Heidenreich in the Barossa, the other at Scarpantoni in McLaren Vale. Both of these events were well attended and had an important social component to them. The Club was also fortunate to obtain two pallettes of a bottled Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon at a very reasonable price.

#### **Social Events**

The committee planned a well-balanced social program during the year which received strong support from members. The film/dinner evening at Mitcham cinemas, the dinner at Racquets Social Club, the October bus trip to Lobethal/Woodside, the apple crush at Geoff Trenorden's property at Summertown and the Club's annual presentation function at the clubrooms of the Blackwood football Club all went off very well. All committee members were involved in the organization of these events.

#### **Speakers**

The program of speakers was again varied. The participation of Club members was again a feature. The evening at which ANAWBS trophy winners presented their wines for tasting was a highlight again.

#### **Competitions**

Our wine and beer competitions were again strongly supported. I must acknowledge the voluntary efforts of the judges for these competitions. The effort of Glenn Snook and Trevor Ward in organizing entries and recording results was a major factor towards the success of these events.

#### **ANAWBS**

BWBC members again held a number of the key positions on the 2011 ANAWBS committee. Ian Maxfield (treasurer), Trevor Ward (secretary), David Lewis (wine convenor), Bob Morton (wine judges), and Glenn Snook (trophies) all made valuable contributions to the show. Jane Boroky of the Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide again chaired the committee. Other members of the BWBC also made important contributions to the ANAWBS on judging days and at the presentation function. Access to the facilities of the Waite Campus of the University of Adelaide for judging and presentation days continues to be a massive bonus for the Show. Our prospects for holding the event at Waite into the future appear very good.

#### **Club Secretary**

Our jovial secretary, Chris Bills, has again drawn on his considerable reserves of interpersonal skills and good humour to cope with his secretarial duties. These mainly involved the recording of the minutes of both Club and Committee meetings with little complaint (except the occasional cursing of his computer). How he managed to summarise some of our wide-ranging discussions is nothing short of remarkable.

#### **Newsletter**

Our editor, David Tulloch, continued to improve our monthly newsletter throughout the year. Its value as our main vehicle of communication cannot be underestimated.

The huge contributions of David Lewis, Brian Ferris and Ian Maxfield to Club activities must again be acknowledged. They have been great team members and their skills have proven invaluable to the work of the committee.

I wish to finish by saying that it has been a privilege to serve as Club President during 2011. The great support I have received from members and committee has led me to nominate for the position for 2012. I really do value the friendships that I have formed during my fifteen plus years at the Club. My wife, Judy, has also enjoyed many friendships from her participation in the Club's social activities. Finally I wish all members and their partners a happy and prosperous 2012 and a bumper vintage!

Bob Morton  
President  
Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.



# Member profile

## John Plate



*John receiving an award from Bob Morton*

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

General Insurance Industry for over 40 years. Gave up work 15 years ago.

### **What are your interests/hobbies?**

Wine and beer – gardening – community service over many years via Rotary, Apex and Kiwanis (20 years)

### **How did you come to join the BWBC?**

When I retired I decided to get back into brewing. I had made beer in the 70's. I learnt of the Blackwood Club, turned up and after time noticed most members

were making wine. I started by making fruit wine in 1998. Picked first grapes 2nd March 1999 (7 buckets).

### **How did you become interested in wine/beer?**

Started with beer, however on joining the Club my interest turned to wine.

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

Coopers Pale Ale

1. Shiraz
2. Cabernet Sauvignon
3. Merlot
4. Durif

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

McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills & Barossa Valley – as we source our grapes from these regions they have to be the favourites.

### **What is your most memorable wine/beer related experience?**

(ie enjoying a 25y/o Grange at 50th Birthday, quaffing Champagne on Sydney Harbour etc)

Still awaiting that experience

### **Are you part of a group or do you make your own wine and/or beer and if so how much do you normally make? If part of a group, which group is it?**

Started with my wife, however my friend and neighbour Gus Harvey joined me the following year and our production increased over the years. The Plate Harvey Syndicate has entered 2-3 bottles in ANAWBS each year. We have around 20 Medals and a number of Trophies. Our Cabernet Sauvignon (McLaren Vale) has always done very well.

When I joined the Club we were lucky to have 10-12 members present. Each gathering there would be cheese and biscuits and the “old” cask would be taken from the cabinet and we would enjoy the “cabinet aged red”. We rarely had a Guest Speaker at our meetings back then. New members today get a good start by having the “New Members Group” get them started. Shortly after joining the Club I was asked to join ANAWBS where I spent 3 years. For many years I was Property Officer for the Club.

## Nova Twist Caps

There are still about 1000 caps available for sale.  
30c ea  
Contact David Lewis 8277 5053 for more details.

## Property Officers

The BWBC has two new property officers.

**Bill Neubauer Ph 8278 8866**

**Roger Pounder Ph 7220 4985**

If you need to borrow club equipment or gain access to the club storage room please contact either of the property officers. The club has a significant number of items available to members to help with your wine making activities.

## Members' Duty Roster 2012

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive a little bit earlier to help set up for the meeting and clean up afterwards. **All members are asked to wash and dry their own tasting glass.**

March	April	May
Peter Bach	John Benda	Gary Bettison
Joa Dos Santos	Tony Iaccarino	Lindsay Elliott
Ron Holmes	David Lewis	Arthur Ingram
James Lay	Paul Rogers	Michael Lineage
Ross Robinson	Harry Van Borg	Andy Saunders
David Tulloch		Jacob Van Eyk

## 2012/13 Committee

President	Bob Morton	8278 5916
Secretary	Chris Bills	8370 6279
Treasurer	Steve Potiuch	8278 5718

### Members

Brian Ferris	Deputy Chairman/ Wine Sales	8278 6227
David Tulloch	Newsletter	8270 1907
Glenn Snook	Competitions	8370 3390
David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Ian Maxfield	Membership	8370 5400

Property Officers	Bill Neubauer	8278 8866
	Roger Pounder	7220 4985
Library	Ron Holmes	8278 8056

## Life Members

**Chris Bills, Bill Ekins, Ron Head,  
David Lewis, Bob Morton, Steve Potiuch,  
Glenn Snook, David Tulloch.**

# 2012 Social Events



Proposed social events for 2012.

Full details and changes will be in following newsletters.

Apple Crush	May
Film Night / Dinner	May
2 Day Bus Trip	July 28th & 29th Overnight Mannum
Bus Trip	October
ANAWBS	September/October

## 2012 Program

The committee is always looking for ideas for club meetings and events. If you have an idea for a topic for a monthly meeting, a guest speaker that would be of general interest to club members, an idea for a bus trip, either a one day event or a weekend, please let the committee know. The more ideas presented gives the committee more to draw on to help present a varied and interesting program for 2012.

## 2012/13 Subscriptions NOW DUE

Only \$20. Please contact Steve

## Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

**Postal Address** PO Box 755 Blackwood SA 5051

**Web site** [www.bwbc.org.au](http://www.bwbc.org.au)

**Meetings** 3rd Wednesday of each month  
except December

**Venue** Blackwood Memorial Hall  
21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood  
7.30pm.

### Newsletter Deadline

2nd Wednesday of each month.  
Contact David Tulloch  
[davidt@internode.on.net](mailto:davidt@internode.on.net)



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