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What's Happening?

 **Happy Holidays!!** 

Winter Social (postponed until next year)

Next Meeting – Pinot Noir - January 22 at the Masonic Lodge
(Please see announcement page 3)

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President's Corner...

Time to wrap up another year and oh how quickly they go by. It's election time so please consider nominating yourself or someone you'd like to see in a leadership position in the club. I've agreed to continue as club President even though I'll be doing the job from Bristol England where I expect to be working for most of 2009. If I can do it from Bristol, one of you can surely take on the Wine VP job from Puget Sound. I think it's actually one of the most enjoyable jobs of the club. Each month you get to put on a wine tasting for a bunch of enthusiasts and we give you the money to buy the wine. It's always a fun time so please consider it.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, hope your travels go well, and your libations are exceptional.

Cheers -

Mick Pegg

2009 Officer Elections... Please Read:

BEWBC Members,

As you are aware, a call for 2009 Executive Board nominations (i.e. volunteers) went out at the beginning of the month. We are extremely pleased and appreciative to have the following volunteers as nominees:

President: Mick Pegg

Vice President - Wine:

Vice President - Beer: Mark Emiley

Secretary: Zach Bernson

Treasurer: Paul Woodward

You will notice that the above list is not complete. That's right, the office of Vice President - Wine is still unoccupied and very open. Unfortunately, the Nominating Committee was not able to identify any candidates that were willing to accept this position. Time is running out and we really need to find a volunteer who will serve in this capacity.

Please give some serious thought to volunteering for this position. If you are a winemaker in the club, if you have ever attended Winefest or a club wine meeting, then you have benefited from the efforts of the Wine VP and should consider taking your turn. The position is not as demanding as you might expect. Sure, there is a certain level of effort required, but this is not the most time-consuming job in our club. You would have the help of the Wine Activities chairperson as well as many others on the Board and in the membership who have volunteered to help with activities (we even have a list of names!). There are usually people willing to take on a monthly meeting if that's your preference (e.g. January 2009 is already 100% covered).

We challenge you to consider whether you would be willing to serve in this position. This job is flexible enough to allow you to take it to the level you desire, whether maintaining current operations or developing new directions and emphasis for the club. If you would like to volunteer yourself or nominate a fellow club member, please contact one of the members of this year's Nominating Committee below or any of our current Executive Board officers. Our club is a cooperative effort, which takes a lot of coordination to manage at our level, but the effort is quite manageable when we all chip in. We have all benefited from the past efforts of our volunteers.

Please respond by December 22. Assuming there is no more than one nominee per position, they will be declared elected at the January club meeting. If there is more than one nominee in any position, then that position will be handled by special email ballot.

Thanks for your help in making BEWBC one of Boeing's most successful clubs! We look forward to hearing from you.

Your 2008 BEWBC Nominating Committee,

Dean Sprayberry

Joe Sikora

Kevin Neal

January Membership Meeting:

PINOT NOIR! PINOT NOIR! PINOT NOIR!

January 22th, 2008
7PM., Tukwila Masonic Lodge
13034 41st Ave S, Seattle

Pinot Noir! The noble red grape of Burgundy. The Sideways grape. Oregon's grape. The January meeting will feature Pinots of the world. We'll sample and discuss the different styles of Pinot from Oregon, France (Burgundy region), California and New Zealand, possibly others – including some from our own vineyard sources. We'll look at the stylistic differences of these Pinots, including how they are influenced by the location, vintage and winemaking styles. AND, more importantly, the goal is to have an interactive discussion on Pinot Noir winemaking tips and techniques. Pinot Noir has a reputation of being finicky and difficult to grow and make – we'll address some of the issues behind this reputation, as well as debunk some as myth.

Please let us know if you have a Pinot that you made that you would like to include in the tasting.

Joe Sikora

Brad Sherman

Recap of November's Meeting

BEWBC November Wine meeting.

We had a nice gathering right before the thanksgiving holiday. We had a nice turnout of members and some friends and relative that were in town. The theme was the lighter side, so we tried a nice Pinot Noir for the pre-meeting warm up. The first part of the meeting was to do a tasting of Marks experience with Sangiovese wine made from each crusher's. This was a very interesting tasting and there were some distinct differences with half the group liking one and half the other. The second part of the tasting will happen at the winter social, so you have one more event to give your input. Mark will then summarize the results in the new year.

We then went on to some serious blind tasting and evaluations.

Since we just did a sangiovese tasting, we had a club and purchased Sangiovese to compare. The club wines were much darker and bolder wines than the California Sangiovese.

Next was the first white which was a 1983 Sancerre (Sauvignon Blanc) wine from France. It has a deep yellow color and did seem to have some oxidation, but held up pretty good for 25 years. The cork did not look very pleasing on the outside but was clean on the inside. Many thought it was a chardonnay.

Below is the Wikipedia extract on Sancerre:

Sancerre is an [Appellation d'origine contrôlée](#) (AOC) for [wine](#) produced in the environs of [Sancerre](#) in the eastern part of the [Loire valley](#). Almost all of the appellation lies on the left bank of the Loire, opposite [Pouilly-Fumé](#). It is regarded as the spiritual home of [Sauvignon Blanc](#), making wines of great purity and elegance.

We then tried a couple of rose' wines, a club Malbec rose' and commercial white merlot. These both were very nice wines, with the Malbec being my personal favorite as it had a lot of fruit and spices for a rose. We then moved onto a pinot Gris with the finally being a raspberry wine from Hoodspout winery. The raspberry wine was a sweet desert wine and nobody had difficulty telling it was raspberry, even with it being a blind tasting.

This will be my last meeting, as I have served my two year maximum. I hope you have like the wine meetings that we have I have hosted, as I have tried to run the gambit to cover the different styles and varieties of wines. If you would like to be the next VP of wine, please let the board know before the Year end social.

Thanks,

Brad Sherman

Homebrewing Tip of the Month: The Seven Beer "Ich"

A problem that comes up with a lot of new brewers is the seventh beer "ich." You'll be getting started brewing on your new equipment and making some good beers. Then, suddenly, several batches in, their beers just start going, well, meh. They taste just a bit off and slightly funky.

For a lot of people, this comes down to two issues. First, we've gotten comfortable with brewing and start relaxing on sanitation practices. As we let down our guard, all sorts of microbes can finally sneak their way into our brews and start picking apart our flavor profiles. It is important to always keep religious sanitization practices in mind and get them engrained in your processes.

The second issue revolves around plastic equipment. If you got started with plastic fermenters, after several batches it is time to replace them. They are easy to scratch and with those scratches come homes for microbes. Plastic hoses present a similar problem. These items are relatively cheap in the overall homebrewing picture so spend the money and get new plastic. Or upgrade your bucket to a carboy. As long as you are careful with them (I haven't broken one in 10 years) they will make up your investment quickly. Your bottling bucket can be another source of contamination (in particular the spigot). Take the time to replace these. Your beer will thank you.

Thanks,

Mark Emiley

Commercial Wineries Boeing Wine and Beermakers Club Members (Past and Present)

- ALIA Wines** Started commercial production in 2005, Bordeaux and Rhone varietals ~ 250 cases
John* and Kathy Olsen Snohomish 425.324-5409
www.aliawines.com aliawines@comcast.net
- Austin Robaire Vintners** Wines of suavity and character, astonishingly good considering their modest prices (*in hiatus*)
Ron Yabut* Woodinville 425.266.8826 www.austinrobaire.com wines@austinrobaire.com
- Cadence Winery** One of the most admired of the Boeing alums, whose wines routinely score high in blind tastings ~
2300 Ben Smith and Gaye McNutt Seattle (S.Park) 206.381.9507 www.cadencewinery.com info@cadencewinery.com
- Cedar Ridge** Now in commercial production Richard
Fairfield Snohomish 425.377.8538 www.CedarRidgeWinery.com Wineryduck@yahoo.com
- E.B. Foote** Host to one of Seattle's few winery tasting rooms. Founder one of BEWBC charter members ~ 2200 cases
Eugene Foote (retired) Burien 206.242.3852 www.ebfootewinery.com
- Eagle Haven** Chuck as winemaker since 2004 making estate grown, fruit and red wines from E. Wa grapes ~ 800 - 900 cases
Sedro Woolley 206.679.6992 www.eaglehavenwinery.com info@eaglehavenwinery.com Chuck Jackson*
- Griffins Crossing Winery** Third release in 2007. ~ 300 cases
Max* and Jen Jensen Lake Stevens 425.315.5068 www.griffinscrossing.com max@griffinscrossing.com
- Major Creek Cellars** Producing Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir and Rose wines ~200 cases
Steve Mason * Portland 503.860.8713 www.majorcreekcellars.com
steve@majorcreekcellars.com
- Mas de la Lionne** Doug brings with him experience from Washington and a deep passion for wines of the Rhone valley.
Douglas Graves Sorgues France 04 90 39 50 32 www.masdelalionne.com info@masdelalionne.com
- :Nota Bene Cellars** Narby sticks to traditional red-wine formulas while pushing the flavor envelope with juicy blends of fruit from Washington's finest vineyards. ~ 1000 cases
Tim Narby* and Carol Bryant Seattle (S.Park) 206.459-2785 www.notabeneccellars.com
- Pleasant Hill Winery** Superb food wines, soon from a new building. ~ 1500 cases
Larry and Birgit Lindvig Carnation 425.333.6770 www.pleasanthillestate.com
- Queen Anne Winery** Now serving in selected city restaurants ~ 150 cases
Ben Ridgway Seattle 206.284.9428 www.queenannewinery.com QueenAnneWinery@comcast.net
- Soos Creek Wine Cellars** One of the most experienced and admired senior winemakers in the state
Dave Larsen Kent 253.631.8775 www.sooscreekwine.com.
- Willis Hall** Named Best New Winemaker in WA in 2006 by Seattle Magazine. ~ 2500 cases
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BEWBC Calendar 2008				Updated 12/10
<i>(Changes are <u>UNDERLINED</u>)</i>				
	Date	Activity	Event or Planned Meeting Program	Website, or other info
Jan	24	WINE Program	Wine Maker's Forum	Masonic Lodge in Tukwila
	26, 27	BEER Event	Strange Brewfest – Water Street Brewing, Port Townsend	www.waterstreetbrewing.com
Feb	28	BEER Program	Beer Faults Analysis & Wild World of Wheats Selection	Pyramid Brewing @ Safeco Field
	6 - 8	Wine Event	WAWGG Conference in Yakima	www.wawgg.org/
	7 - 10, 14	Wine Event	E.B. Foote Winery - Wine and Chocolate	www.ebfootewinery.com
	23	Beer Event	13th Elysian Winter Beer Fest	www.elysianbrewing.com
Mar	Fri 28	WINE Program	March Madness	Masonic Lodge in Tukwila
	1	Wine Event	Phinney Assn. Wine Tasting	www.phinneycenter.org/events.shtml
	21	Beer Event	Homebrew Fair @ Larry's	www.homebrewfair.com
	22	Beer Event	Cask Beer Fest at the Seattle Center	www.washingtonbeer.com/cbf.htm
	29	Wine Event	Tim Narby's :Nota Bene Release Party 1-6	www.notabenececellars.com
	27 - 30	Wine Event	30 th Anniv E.B. Foote– 1st winery by a BEWBC member	www.ebfootewinery.com
Apr	Thur, 24	BEER Program	Belgian Brew at Elliott Bay Brewery	www.elliottbaybrewing.com
	5	Beer Event	Museum of Flight Hops & Props	museumofflight.org/Display.asp?Page=hopsandprops
	5, 6	Wine Event	Taste Washington' @ Bell Harbor	www.tastewashington.org/
May	22	WINE Program	Sideways – NOT Merlot – The Washington Wine	
	3	Beer Event	National Homebrew Day – Big brew at Larry's!	www.beertown.com/events/bigbrew/
	2, 3	Beer Event	HopScotch Tasting	www.hopscotch tasting.com/
	1 - 4	Wine Event	Spring Barrel Tasting at E.B. Foote Winery	www.ebfootewinery.com
	10	Wine Event	2 nd Saturday tasting at :Nota Bene (current employee and member Tim Narby) and Cadence (former member Ben Smith)	www.ssaw.info
	12 - 18	Beer Event	American Craft Beer Week	www.beertown.org/events/acbw
	20	Beer Event	WAHA (Wa Homebrewers Ass'n) @ Elysian w/ Dick Cantwell 7p.m.	www.elysianbrewing.com
	Wed 28	Beer Event	Puget Sound Pro-Am Competition Entries Due @ Larry's	www.larrysbrewsupply.com/contact.html
	Sat 31	Beer Event	Puget Sound Pro-Am Competition	www.bewbc.org/pro-am/index.htm
June	26	BEER Program	Kegging basics	
	7	Beer Event	Cascade Brewers Cup Competition	cascadebrewersclub.org/
	8	Wine Event	Taste Washington - Spokane	www.tastewashington.org/
	13, 14, 15	Beer Event	Wa. Brewers Guild Father's Day Brewfest – St. Edwards Park	www.washingtonbeer.com/wabf.htm
July		Club Event	Summer Social in Kent was on Summer vacation this year	
	4 - 6	Beer Event	Seattle International Beerfest Seattle Ctr. Mural Amphitheatre	www.seattlebeerfest.com
	19	Beer Event	Phinney Assn. Beer Fest 4-10 <i>Shakesbeer in the parking lot</i>	www.phinneycenter.org/events.shtml
	24 - 27	Beer Event	21 st Oregon Brewer's Fest Portland's Waterfront	www.oregonbrewfest.com/
Aug			Washington Wine Month	www.washingtonwine.org/
	Fri 8	Club Event	WineFest Preliminaries at :Nota Bene	
	Sun 10	Club Event	WineFest finals & potluck @Karen Beattie Massey's	
	3, 4	FYI	Evergreen State Fair acceptance	www.evergreenfair.org/
	16	Beer Event	Puyallup Fair Entry acceptance	www.thefair.com
	9, 10	FYI	Evergreen State Fair judging	www.evergreenfair.org/
	24	Beer Event	Puyallup Fair Entry judging	www.thefair.com
Sept	1st–30th	Wine Event	No meeting-Just grape pickin', deliverin' & CRUSHIN'!!	
	5, 6	Beer Event	Great Canadian Beer Festival - Victoria	www.gcbf.com/
	12, 13	Beer Event	2nd Annual Wash. Beer Comm. Oktoberfest @ St. Edwards	www.washingtonbeer.com/oktoberfest.htm
	20	Beer Event	WAHA Mead & Cider Clinic at Larry's Brewing Supply	BEWBC website
	19 - 21	Beer Event	Fremont Oktoberfest	www.fremontoktoberfest.com/
Oktobr	Fri 17th	BEER Event	Oktoberfest potluck with the Impaling Alers at Larry's	www.larrysbrewsupply.com/contact.html
	9 - 11	Beer Event	Great American Beer Fest in Denver	www.beertown.org/events/
Nov	Friday 21	WINE Program	Wines on the lighter side	Masonic Lodge in Tukwila
	1	Beer Event	Teach A Friend To Homebrew Day	www.beertown.org/events/teach/
	1	Beer Event	Novembeerfest at Larry's	http://impalingalers.org/
	8	Beer Event	Phinney Assn. Beer Taste 7-9:30	www.phinneycenter.org/events.shtml
	Sat 29th	Wine Event	Harvest Open House at :Nota Bene 1-6 p.m.	www.notabenececellars.com/pages/contact.html#
	30	Club Event	Officer nomination deadline	
Dec	5, 6	Beer Event	4th Annual Winter Beer Festival @ Hale's Paladium	www.washingtonbeer.com/wbf.htm
	4 - 7	Wine Event	12th annual E.B. Foote Winery -Open House	www.ebfootewinery.com
	Sat 13	Wine Event	2 nd Saturday tasting at :Nota Bene (current employee and member Tim Narby) and Cadence (former member Ben Smith) , in addition to the other 6 South Seattle Artisan Wineries	www.ssaw.info
Jan 2009	TBD	Club Event	Annual Winter Social variant tasting and club elections	
	24, 25	BEER Event	Strange Brewfest – Water Street Brewing, Port Townsend	www.waterstreetbrewing.com
Feb		Program		
	4 - 6	Wine Event	WAWGG Conference in Kennewick	www.wawgg.org/

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F. Y. I.	Programs:	3rd or 4th Thursday of most months, 7:00 p.m. <u>Location and date varies - See the Press or Club Calendar for details.</u>
	Dues & Address Changes:	Full time employee/contractor \$30, Retirees \$20. Pro-rated quarterly. Payable to BEWBC by March 31. Send dues and address/MC changes to Richard Klep 5X-4H.
	Newsletter:	Distributed the first week of each month. Ads and article submissions welcome. Send to David Hauck. Deadline is the 25 th of the prior month.
	Store /Library/ Storage:	The Library has over 170 books and other media for checkout – Refer to \\fil-nw01-10\BEWBC\Library\Library_List.xls for items available; e-mail David Buhr and he will leave your request in a box on top of the library cabinet in the Kent Rec.Center
		*The Club Store no longer has assigned hours, but has a small assortment of essential supplies for events such as crush. Call Jack Randles about your supply needs, or go to Larry's Brewing (www.larrysbrewsupply.com/ , 7405 South 212th St. # 103, Kent 253-872-6846) and mention BEWBC for a discount. The former store space is available for seasonal storage needs, such as crush.
	Equipment:	Items for checkout issued <u>as coordinated by the equipment manager</u>
	Website:	http://www.bewbc.org
	Everett Club:	http://www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/livorno/829/index.htm
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