



The Grapevine

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Sacramento Home Winemakers (SHW) monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 7 PM, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in midtown Sacramento. For more information on SHW meetings and activities, visit:

www.SacHomeWine.org

December 15 SHW Meeting Annual Holiday Dinner and Party

It's the most WINE-derful time, of the year!! December celebrates the season with the annual holiday dinner and party.

Debbie Moretton, your Party Coordinator, has been busy selecting your festive culinary delights, taking care of party planning details, and gathering the Grand Prize Raffle and Silent Auction Items. She is also seeking additional items from Club Members for the \$5 Raffle table. Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold at the party. All proceeds, from these exhilarating fund raising activities, will benefit the Club. For anyone who would like to participate, bring a gift valued at \$10 and take a gift home as part of the Holiday Gift Exchange. Have fun and be creative!! There are so many great gift ideas for everyone!

The party begins with appetizers at 6:00 PM, followed by our delicious holiday fare dinner at 7:00 PM, then decadent desserts and presentations. As in the past, attendees shared wines will make this event all the more wine-derful!!

Reservations for dinner must be made Friday, December 10, 2010.

The Annual Holiday Dinner & Party Announcement on page 5 in this newsletter has additional details and a payment form.

President's Message

Five years ago, I joined SHW because, as a rookie winemaker, I wanted to learn chemistry and style from winemakers with experience. I was lucky that what I was doing with wine at that point was working but I didn't know why. Two years ago, I became your President. I now have 17 ribbons so you/we must be doing something right! The SHW membership rewarded me with the rich

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2010-11 SHW Calendar

December 15
Wednesday

Annual Holiday Dinner and Party
See Announcement on page 5.



January 5
Wednesday

Board Meeting – All Members Are Welcome
*Location: contact Donna Bettencourt 916 454-5487
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January 19
Wednesday

General Meeting: TBA

Monthly meetings start at 7 PM on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month, upstairs at the Turn Verein, 3349 J Street, Sacramento. Show up at 6:30 PM with your wine glass and a bottle of wine and enjoy wine making camaraderie. Bring 2 wine glasses to evaluations. Thanks for helping set up and cleaning afterwards.

President's Message (continued from page 1)

experience and knowledge I sought. It is my hope that I was able to give back as much as you gave. Serving as your President was a great pleasure so IOU a big THANKS! Your club is fantastic.

Come celebrate friendships and mutual interests at the holiday party on December 15. I look forward to seeing and talking with each of you there. Let's share the vino and let the good times roll into 2011!

Cheers!

- Lynn Keay, 2010 SHW President

Do You Have Ideas for Meeting Programs?

If you have ideas or suggestions for programs for the upcoming year, please contact Vice President Elect Bill Staehlin at 916 216-1753 or bill.staehlin@sbcglobal.net. The Club's vice president is responsible for monthly programming and is interested in your suggestions.

These programming topics are being considered: wine chemistry with a hands-on approach for acid and free SO₂; closure and bottle presentations; and oak additive options. Please let Bill know if you'd like specific areas covered in these possibilities.

2011 Club Dues are Due

The Club's annual membership dues are due. Join or renew by March 1 to receive a one year 6-issue subscription to WineMaker magazine as part of your membership. 2011 dues remain at \$42 for a household membership.

An important addition to the form (revisions pending; continue to use the original 2011 membership form) is the addition of a liability statement for those members who use Club equipment. These members must have a signed statement on file prior to evoking Club equipment borrowing privileges.

The membership form can be found on page 7 in this newsletter or at the SHW website: www.sachomewine.org. Submit your dues to the Club treasurer either by mail or in person at the Club meetings.

For additional SHW membership information, please contact Membership Chair Gin Yang at ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com or 916 217-0294.

Good Eats!

In Germany and parts of Eastern Europe, a sweet soup is made by adding sugar and aromatics to red or white wine. Served with cookies, *Weinsuppe* makes a fun and unusual dessert. The following recipe was inspired by one in Spoonfuls of Germany: Culinary Delights of the German Regions in 170 Recipes, by Nadia Hassani (Hippocrene Books, 2004).



To make *Weinsuppe*: grate the rind of an orange and a lemon, then cut each fruit in half and juice it. Place the juice and rinds in a medium-size saucepan and add 2 cups of pinot noir (in Germany they would use a spätburgunder—German pinot noir, but any medium-bodied California red will do), 1 cup of water, ¼ cup of sugar, ¼ cup of dried cherries, 1 cinnamon stick, 1 whole clove, and a pinch of freshly grated nutmeg. Bring to a simmer, then add ½ cup of heavy cream. Let return to a simmer, then serve immediately.

*Thanks to Chief Judge D.D. Smith for this interesting recipe.
– Editor*

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Wine Legend

F = fruit; **I** = ice; **P** = port; **R** = red;
S = sparkler; **V** = viognier; **VM** =
vineyard management; **W** = white

Local Wine Events



Holiday in the Hills

December 11-12, Saturday-Sunday, 12-5 PM

Enjoy a leisurely weekend wine tasting in nearby Placer County!

Five wineries - Lone Buffalo • Mt. Vernon • Fawnridge • Dono dal Cielo • Vina Castellano – will be open with wine, local foods and crafts, holiday décor and a Christmas tree contest. Admission is free with a toy donation. Visit SHW members and supporters – Lone Buffalo Vineyards (www.lonebuffalovineyards.com), and Two Sisters Trinkets (at Lone Buffalo Vineyards on Saturday and Vina Castellano on Sunday). For a Placer County Wine Trail map and more information, go to <http://www.placerwine.com/events.htm>.

Unified Wine and Grape Symposium 2011



The American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) and the California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) joined forces to create the Unified Wine & Grape Symposium in 1995. It has become the largest wine and grape conference in the nation. Held at the Sacramento Convention Center, the next symposium is on January 25-27, 2011.

With over 600 exhibitors, the symposium's exhibit hall is like a Home Depot for winemakers and vineyard owners. Learn about new products, new applications, and new ideas! Visit their website: <http://www.unifiedsymposium.org/>.

Club Equipment

Club equipment can be borrowed by SHW members with reservations handled on a first come, first served basis with a signed liability statement on file.

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Please help keep Club equipment in optimum shape for everyone to use.

- Thoroughly clean and return equipment within 24 hours.
- Notify equipment coordinator of equipment malfunctions or damage.
- Provide your own paper filters for the filter.
- Schedule thoughtfully during peak season as several members may need to borrow the equipment on the same day.

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Sacramento Home Winemakers

Annual Holiday Dinner & Party



Turn Verein Main Hall
Wednesday, December 15, 2010
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM



Please bring wine for your table or wine to share with other Club Members!!

Catered by Calyn McKnight



Appetizers ~ Served during Social Hour

Meatballs, Stuffed Mushrooms, Shrimp Cocktail, Gourmet Cheese Selection

Dinner:


Prime Rib Carving Station with Horseradish and Au Jus, Stuffed Chicken Breast with Wine Sauce, Winter Medley Salad, Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes, Assorted Freshly Baked Rolls
Served with Fruit Punch and Ice Tea

Dessert:

Assorted Pies and Cheese Cakes, Coffee

\$ 36.00 per person

Please make your reservations early!



Holiday Gift Exchange! ~ Bring a gift valued at \$10
and take a gift home!

No worries if you've been naughty or nice this year!



Grand Prize Raffle (Tickets are \$10 each)

To be Announced Soon!!

Silent Auction Items Secured To Date (Tables Open 6 PM – 8PM)

Private 4-Course Greek Dinner for 6, Prepared by Judy Pinegar and Tacia Carroll

Lone Buffalo Vineyards Private Wine Tasting for 10 with Appetizers and Wine

Beautiful Handcrafted Wood Punch

A Collection of 4 Wine Movie Posters (Laminated and Wood Mounted)

Regional Wine Packages from Lodi, El Dorado, & Amador AVAs

A Wine Adventure with Mike Dunne, Food/Wine Critic

Silver Oak, Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

2011 SHW Membership

Donated by Club Members and friends of SHW

\$5 Raffle

Gift Baskets, Wines and other Items

Donated by Club members and friends of SHW



Grand Prize and \$5 Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Holiday Dinner & Party



2010 Annual Holiday Dinner & Party ~ \$36 per person

Submit payment no later than Friday, December 10, 2010

Attendee(s) First/Last Name(s) _____

Number of Persons for Holiday Dinner _____ x \$36 = \$ _____

Make check payable to: Sacramento Home Winemakers
Mail check to: P.O. Box 894
Gold River, CA 95741

Questions? ~ Please contact Debra Moretton, Party Coordinator
at 916-296-1115 or dem1019@sbcglobal.net

2011 SACRAMENTO HOME WINEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Your Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Email Address(es) _____

(SHW communications are primarily through newsletter and emails)

___ Yes ___ No Share my phone number, city and email addresses with SHW members. (Note: street addresses will not be shared.)

___ **New Membership** - \$42 per household (calendar year). Join by March 1, 2011 to receive a one-year subscription to Winemaker Magazine or extend existing subscription.

___ I currently do **not** subscribe to WineMaker Magazine

___ I currently subscribe to WineMaker Magazine and the subscription is under (exact name)

_____ and the Expiration Date is _____

___ **Renew Membership** - \$42 per household (calendar year). 2010 members who renew by March 1, 2011 will receive a one-year extension to their existing WineMaker magazine subscription. Subscription is not extended when renewing after March 1, 2011.

Save valuable resources by having the monthly newsletter delivered to your email addresses above. If you want USPS delivery, please indicate here: ___

To assist SHW in developing programs:

- I plan to make: ___white___red___fruit___port___sparkler___dessert
- I am a new winemaker. I'm interested in Winemaking 101 (Basics)
- I am a novice winemaker. I'm interested in Winemaking 201 (Basics +)
- I am an experienced winemaker. Years making wine: _____
- I plan to start a home vineyard: size/ number of vines _____
- I own a home vineyard: size/ number of vines _____
- I hope to go commercial: ___winery___vineyard
- No winemaking for me, learning wine appreciation
- I have been a SHW member since _____

Program topics you're interested in or why I joined SHW: _____

Please make check payable to "Sacramento Home Winemakers"
and mail membership form with check to:
SHW Treasurer - P.O. Box 894 - Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Let us know how you'd like to help with SHW meetings and activities.

C = I'm interested in Coordinating

V = I'd like to Volunteer

Indicate on items below with a **C** or **V**

Jubilee Wine Competition

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Judging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Chef |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cellar Help | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clerk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clean-Up | <input type="checkbox"/> | Logistics |

Home Winery Tour

- Home Winery Destination
- Chef
- Logistics/Clean-Up

Holiday Dinner & Fundraiser

- Logistics
- Secure Donations/Donate Items

Monthly Hospitality

- Bring snacks (reimbursable)

Club Project

- Find grape source and participants

Winemaking Mentor

- Resource for members

Club Equipment Manager/Storage

- Help with Club equipment logistics

Assistant Cellar Master

- Help pour at meetings

Programming Committee

- Assist VP with monthly programs

Other Activities (tours, tastings, etc.)

- Specify:

2012 Leadership Interests

- ___ President
- ___ Vice President – Programs
- ___ Treasurer
- ___ Secretary
- ___ Membership Chair
- ___ Cellar Master
- ___ Web Site Manager
- ___ Newsletter Editor
- ___ Chief Judge
- ___ Mentor Coordinator
- ___ Other (please specify):