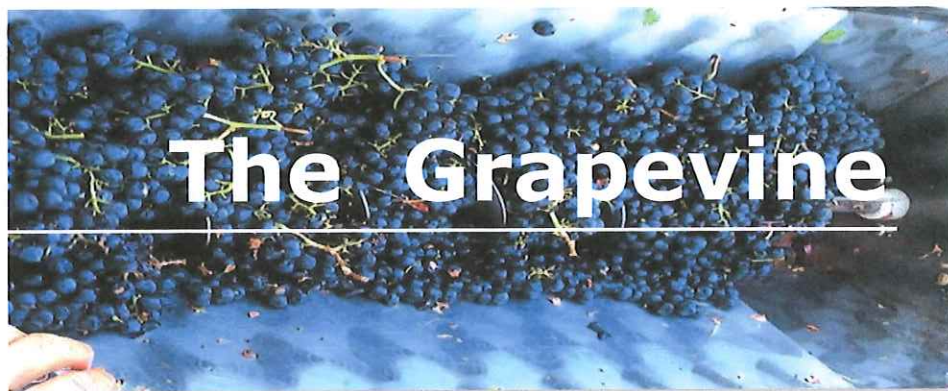




## February 2019 Newsletter



### 2019 SHW Calendar of Events

#### **Executive Board Meetings:**

Generally held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM; locations vary.  
Contact President Joe McGillivray at [pyramidlake59@gmail.com](mailto:pyramidlake59@gmail.com) for details.

#### **General Meetings:**

Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month unless otherwise noted, starting at 7 PM upstairs at the Turn Verein meeting hall located at 3349 J Street, Sacramento.

#### **Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

General Meeting – Austrian and German Wines Speaker: Scott Harvey

#### **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

Executive Board Meeting Sacramento

#### **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

General Meeting - 2018 White and Rose Wines Evaluation Evaluators: Craig Haarmeyer and Kurt Burris

#### **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

Executive Board Meeting Folsom

#### **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

General Meeting – Red Wines Roundtable Discussion

### Monthly Meeting– February 20th Speaker: Scott Harvey

Our January meeting was rained out, but the good news is that Scott Harvey will be at our February meeting! Join your fellow Home Winemakers on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 7pm for our Monthly program upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in Sacramento. There is additional parking in the back.

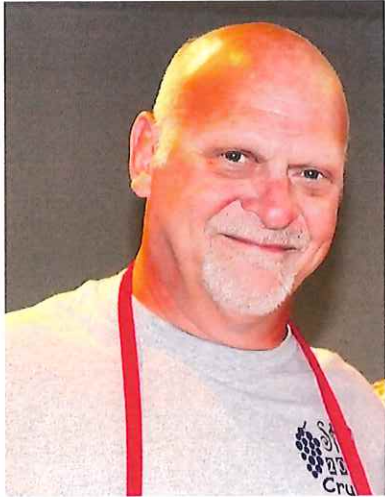
This month our guest speaker is Scott Harvey. Scott Harvey has spent time in Austria and Europe learning to make wines with Central Europe's unique grape varieties and Terroir. Scott is bringing wine from Austria for Members to taste. Bring 2 glasses for tasting and wine if you would like to share before the meeting, club glasses are for guests. There will be a \$15 Fee for non members. Remember to always drink responsibly. Your help in setting up and cleaning up at the meeting is always appreciated.

Cheers  
Terry Piazza-Perham  
Vice President SHW

If you have suggestions for newsletter articles, please email the Newsletter Editor, Stephanie Wilson, at [wilssteph@gmail.com](mailto:wilssteph@gmail.com)



## *President's Message by Joe McGillivray*



Winter! Something to either love or despise. But necessary for our world to exist and let's face it, our grape vines need it! But it can be a pain the neck! As evidenced by the cancellation of January's exciting meeting with Scott Harvey. The good news is that Scott is coming in February! So, we've just skipped ahead a month. Two years ago, we had Randall Graham drive over from the Santa Cruz area, in a STORM. He was late to arrive because of the STORM and then had his presentation cut short by a power outage. Then, the staff at Turn Verein explained we had to vacate the building because it was going to be several hours before power would be restored. Some of you may have been there. The predictions of the STORM on the night of our Jan. 2019 meeting were pretty threatening and I felt it was necessary to cancel the meeting for the safety of everyone. Scott has a

distance to drive to get to downtown Sacramento and many club members have to travel some distance as well. We didn't need to be driving in a STORM after having sampled Scott's line up of wines. I apologize if anyone showed up; we tried to get the word out by email and blog so I'm hoping we got most of the membership.

If any of you attended the Winemaking 201 class put on by Education Chair Bruce Currie and company, you got a special treat. Donna Bettencourt served as Moderator and mentioned the amount of years of winemaking the combined Panelists had together. Staggering. The info was perfect for those of us that are still fairly new to winemaking and are looking to up our game. Thanks to Vince Sterne for allowing us to hold the program at Two Rivers Cider Co. The tour, stories and future plans for the cidery and the building were great to hear. There's a lot happening at Two Rivers with live music, cribbage, food trucks and excellent ciders that really demonstrate a unique product in our fermenting world. If you get a chance, you need to check out Two Rivers Cidery. Their web page is a great place to start. Thank you, Vince!

Did you know that SHW is now 45 years old? Yes! The Club was started in 1973. That means that 2018 was our 45<sup>th</sup> year. That's quite an accomplishment and I find it rewarding to be part of it. What were you doing in 1973? I was thirteen! Ha. Can you imagine that, Joe, with hair, at thirteen? Maybe I'll show you a picture sometime... In the meantime, Happy 45<sup>th</sup> SHW!

Now is the time to start to thinking of how you can volunteer for the club. An area that's really helpful is in the meeting set up and clean up. Vickie Rosalli is our Hospitality Coordinator so you'll want to see her to get signed up and pick what month you can help out. We all enjoy the snacks, paper towels, dump buckets and pitchers of water on the tables during our meetings but they don't just magically appear there. It takes time and little effort to set this up. Equally so is the clean-up. And this year we've encountered something new with our contract with Turn Verein; they want us to take our trash can out after the meeting and put it in the dumpster. We have the elevator we can use so that won't be a problem getting it out there, it's just going to be a nuisance because someone will have to take out the trash. Whoda thunk?! On the plus side, we have the room till 10pm and we can use the ice machine and refrigerator. And they let us in on a secret to keeping the room cool in the summer; keep the doors and windows closed. But you'll hear me talking about that at the meetings and soliciting volunteers to help out.



## *President's Message by Joe McGillivray, con't*

We're going to need new officers on the 2020 Executive Board; a new President, Vice and Treasurer. If you have any interest, you could attend some of the board meetings now to see how the program operates and become familiar with the business end of the club. It has been a rewarding experience for me to serve as club President and it will continue to be an enriching experience for anyone willing to put a little thought on how to help move the club forward and serve your fellow club members. And it's not a lifelong commitment. You have a beginning and end (Two-year terms) so you know what to expect going in. I can't believe I'm in the second year now and it's already February! Time goes fast.

Thank you all for being club members. Remember to pay your dues by March 1 to get the Winemaker Magazine subscription.

**Hope to see you soon, Joe**



## **Fiction Books About Wine and Winemaking**

Here is a list of fictional books that are centered on wine and winemaking. Something to do while you are waiting for malo-lactic conversion to complete.

**Donna  
Bettencourt**

**A Long Finish** – Michael Dibdin

**The Winemaker** – Noah Gordon

**A Vineyard in Tuscany** – Ferenc Mate

**Sideways** – Rex Pickett

**A Good Year** – Peter Mayle

**Proof** – Dick Francis

**The Winemakers** – Jan Moran

**The Ripening Sun** – Patricia Atkinson

**My Grape Year** – Laura Bradbury

**The Winemaker's Daughter** – Timothy Egan

**Eight Hundred Grapes** – Laura Dave

**Murder Uncorked** – Michael Scott

**The Secret of Santa Vittoria** – Robert Crichton

**The Dark Vineyard** – Martin Walker

**Saving Grapes** – J.T. Lundy

**The Vitner's Daughter** – Kristen Harnisch

**Autumn in the vineyard** – Marina Adair



## Competition Corner

**Chief Judge Donna Bettencourt**

**Get your engines running!  
The home wine competition  
season is beginning.**



Bear in mind that if you wish to enter the Sacramento Home Winemakers Rex Johnston Winemaker of the Year competition for 2019, you must have entered at least two separate and distinct wines (as far as variety and harvest year) in both the 2019 Sacramento Home Wine Jubilee Competition and the California State Fair, and one other recognized 2019 home wine competition. The deadline for entering WOY is November 30, 2019.

### California State Fair Home Wine Competition

The California State Fair Home Wine Competition is accepting home wine between March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. The competition will be held at Cal Exp on May 18<sup>th</sup> this year. For more information e-mail coordinators at [home-wine@calexpo.com](mailto:home-wine@calexpo.com). Registration information will soon be available at [www.castatefair.org](http://www.castatefair.org). SHW will be involved once again in assisting with the pick up of entries, so look for details about the date for accepting registered wines at our regular monthly meeting.

### Winemaker Magazine International Amateur Wine Competition

Entries must be received in Vermont by March 15, 2019. \$25 entry fee; 1 bottle. Wines will be judged April 12-14<sup>th</sup>, with results announced at the WineMaker Magazine Conference in Michigan on May 18, 2019.

For online entry, and for more information, go to [www.winemakercompetition.com](http://www.winemakercompetition.com)

### El Dorado County Fair Home Wine Competition

Forms and entries must be received at the El Dorado County Fair office in Placerville between April 1 and May 1, Monday through Friday, 9am - 4 pm. Judging is Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information and for rules and entry information go to [www.eldoradocountyfair.org/homemadewine.html](http://www.eldoradocountyfair.org/homemadewine.html)

### Orange County Fair Home Wine Competition

Entries are being accepted between April 8 – May 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [www.ocws.org](http://www.ocws.org) after April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Most likely Brewmeister in Folsom will once again serve as an entry drop off location.

### Sacramento Home Winemakers Jubilee Competition

This year, the competition date has been set for June 1st, with the annual picnic scheduled for the next day. Entries will be accepted at the April meeting and at selected drop off locations. Look for details, including deadlines, in upcoming newsletters.





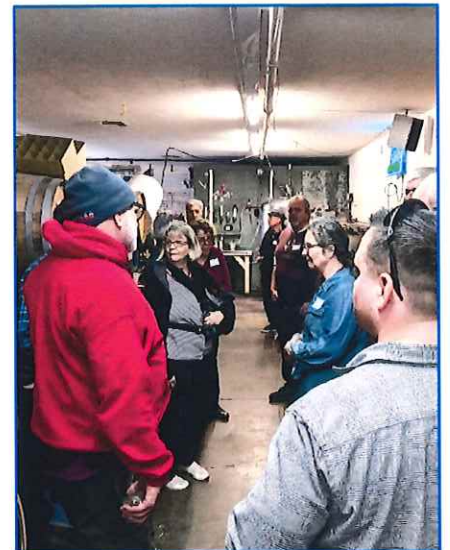
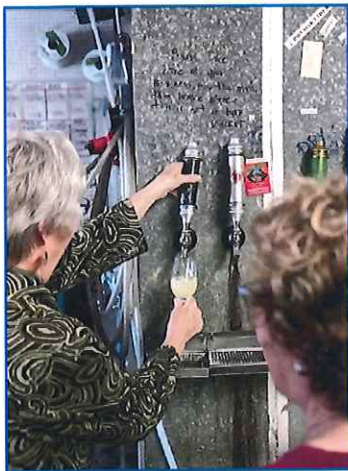
## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS!

Sacramento Home Winemakers didn't have a meeting in January but wasn't short on wine making educational events.

The Winemaking 201 crew coordinated an informative day in an iconic Sacramento location. The Club is appreciative of unwaivering support from its volunteers and supporters:

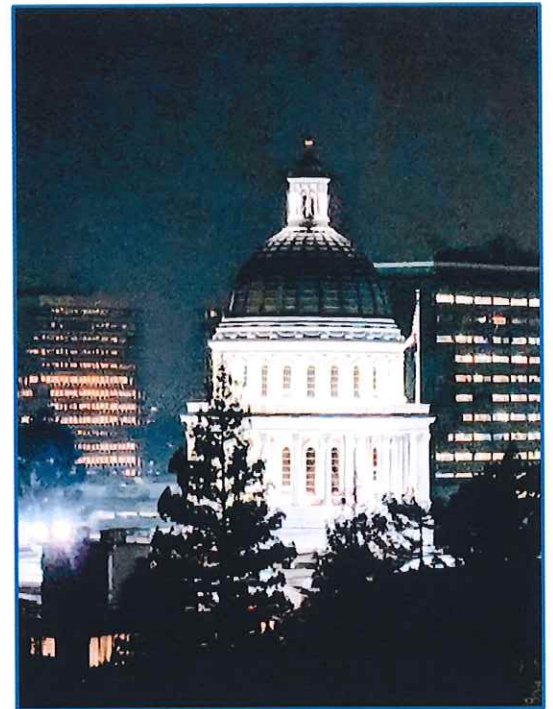
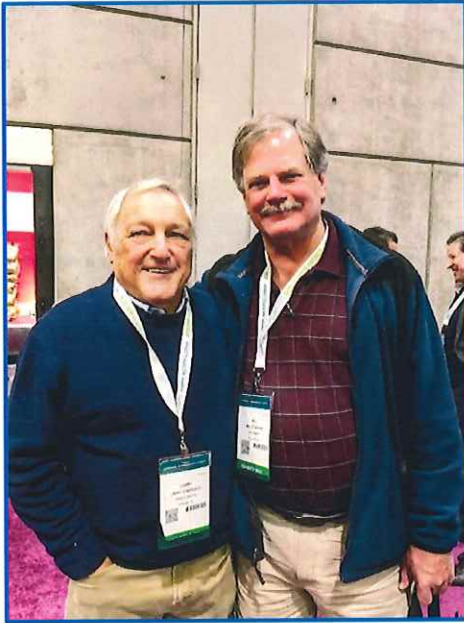
- **Vincent Sterne** who generously donated his Two Rivers Cidery tasting room and gave us a historical tour of the cidery's production facilities including hard cider tasting;
- Panelists who shared their experience and knowledge plus their wines: **Don Koehler, Steve Barrett, Sue Summersett, Tom Ramme, J.D. Phelps, Gin Yang, David Blitstein, and David Hicks;**
- Chief Judge **Donna Bettencourt** for moderating the sessions;
- Education Committee Chair **Bruce Currie** for steering the ship;
- Education Committee members **Linda Clevenger, Christa Ring, and Seth Brunner** for their program support.

(Photos courtesy of J.D. Phelps and Gin Yang.)





Sacramento hosts The Unified Wine and Grape Symposium every year in late January. Access to the symposium's exhibits are due to the generosity of vendors and to Club members **Blair Gould and Gin Yang** who contact the vendors and distribute the passes to members. The trade show includes regional wine tastings, and hospitality events with a lit up view of the State Capitol.



## 2019 Sacramento Home Winemakers Dues are Due

Thanks for joining or renewing your Club dues. The 2019 membership form can be found in this issue of *The Grapevine*. The Club's website, [www.sachomewine.com](http://www.sachomewine.com), lists the many Club membership benefits. Join or renew by March 1 and you'll receive a one-year 6-issue subscription to WineMaker magazine.

Questions regarding membership? Please contact Membership Co-Chairs Christa Ring at 916 798-5982 or [cmring@citlink.net](mailto:cmring@citlink.net) or Gin Yang at 916 217-0294 or [ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com](mailto:ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com)

# Sacramento Home Winemakers (SHW) – 2019 Membership Form

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

(SHW communicates primarily through SHW website blog posts and emails. If you also prefer the newsletter by USPS, check here: \_\_\_\_)

☐ Do Not share my street address with SHW members.

☐ **New Membership** - \$50 per household (January 2019 – December 2019). Join by March 1, 2019 to receive a one-year subscription to WineMaker Magazine mailed to your address.

How did you learn about SHW? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Renew Membership** - \$50 per household (January 2019 – December 2019). 2018 members who **renew by March 1, 2019** will receive a one-year extension to their existing WineMaker magazine subscription.

*Subscription is not extended if renewing after March 1, 2019.*

☐ Opt out of WineMaker magazine subscription (check box).

## Tell us about you:

☐ I have been a SHW member since \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am making wine. Years making wine: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'm interested in learning to make wine.

☐ I belong to another home winemaking club. Which one? \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanks for supporting SHW. Choose the 3 volunteer activities where you can best help:

**Leadership:** ☐ President ☐ Vice President – Programs ☐ Treasurer ☐ Secretary ☐ Membership Chair ☐ Cellar

Master/Assistant Cellar Master ☐ Web Site Manager ☐ Newsletter Editor ☐ Chief Judge/Assistant Chief Judge

☐ Competition Coordinator ☐ Education Committee ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Host a board meeting** on the first Wednesday of the month. Which month is best? \_\_\_\_\_

**Jubilee Wine Competition and Picnic:** ☐ Judging

☐ Cellar Help ☐ Clerk ☐ Chef ☐ Logistics

**Harvest Dinner:** ☐ Coordinate ☐ Find corkage-free restaurant

**Holiday Dinner and Fundraiser:** ☐ Coordinate

☐ Logistics ☐ Secure Items ☐ Donate Items

**Mentor:** ☐ new winemakers ☐ home viticulture

☐ wines/styles (reds, ports, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Hospitality:** meeting snacks, set up & clean up: ☐ Coordinate ☐ Bring Snack

**Fundraising:** ☐ Coordinate ☐ Committee member

☐ Obtain donations ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Equipment Manager/Storage:**

☐ Destemmer-Crusher ☐ Press ☐ Filter ☐ Scale

**Home Winery Tours:** ☐ Coordinate ☐ Destination

**Commercial Winery Tours:** ☐ Coordinate ☐ Destination

**Grape Sourcing/Group Buys:** ☐ Procure ☐ Manage

Varietals: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/meeting topics you're interested in or why you joined SHW:** \_\_\_\_\_

## As a condition for membership, I/we agree:

1) to comply with SHW's by-laws and rules; 2) to promptly pay or reimburse SHW for any fees or other expenses incurred, e.g., bank returned checks; 3) if I or my guests consume alcoholic beverages at a SHW meeting or event, that we will do so responsibly (SHW is not responsible for transportation but may assist in obtaining a ride as a courtesy); 4) if I or my guests bring wine or other alcoholic beverages to a SHW meeting or event, the item must contain only ingredients commonly found in wines or other alcoholic beverages, and does not contain illegal substances, hallucinogens, psychoactives, medicinal substances or herbs; and 5) consent to having photos of me/us on the SHW website and communications including social media.

Signature of Person Applying for Club Membership

Date Signed

Please make check payable to "Sacramento Home Winemakers" and mail with membership form to:

Bob Peake, SHW Treasurer | P O Box 691 | Folsom CA 95763

Membership questions? Contact Gin Yang at ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com | 916 217-0294