



August 2019

The Grapevine Newsletter



2019 SHW Calendar of Events

Executive Board Meetings:

Generally held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7ish PM; locations vary. Contact President Joe McGillivray at pyramidlake59@gmail.com for details.

General Meetings:

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

General Meeting– Vessels

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Executive Board Meeting– location TBD

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Monthly Meeting– August 21, 2019 Vessels

Come join your fellow Home Winemakers Wednesday August 21, at the Turn Verein 7-9pm located on 3349 J Street. There is parking in the back off I Street.

This month we have Ron Althouse sales manager at Tanks for Wine. Ron's area are the North Coast of Ca., Austin Tx and Allentown PA. We also have Dean Thompson who is a Branch Manager for Flex Tanks.

This is an informative show and tell in regards to the care and use of Flex Tanks. I think fellow Winemakers will appreciate what Ron and Dean have to say about their Flex Tanks.

So bring a bottle of wine to share and your glass and learn about Flex Tanks.

Help in setting up and cleaning up afterwards is always appreciated.

Please consume responsibly.

Contact Terry Piazza-Perham
SHW Vice President for questions 916 806-1621

It doesn't matter if the glass is half full or half empty, there's clearly room for more wine.



President's Message by Joe McGillivray

Greetings my fellow club members, I hope you have your grape sources secure and that you're getting ready to enjoy the upcoming harvest! I'm so excited to go through another wonderful fermentation! For those that are new to this, remember, if you need assistance or have questions about your wine, the Club has many who can help through the mentor program. There are many people available to ask questions and get advice. Depending upon your question you may seek out one person versus another based on their background or their skills.

Be sure to attend our August general meeting on August 21st. If you recall, last month the meeting hall was quite cool. There were two factors involved with that: first Turn Verein did have the air on and it had been running for several hours before we went into the room. The other is that we kept all the doors closed so we kept the cold air contained within the room. Let's be mindful as we come in and out of the hall to be sure to keep the doors closed.

It is hard to believe that we're almost halfway through August now; you can certainly tell that summer is waning because of the shortened daylight in the evening. Having grown up in Minneso-

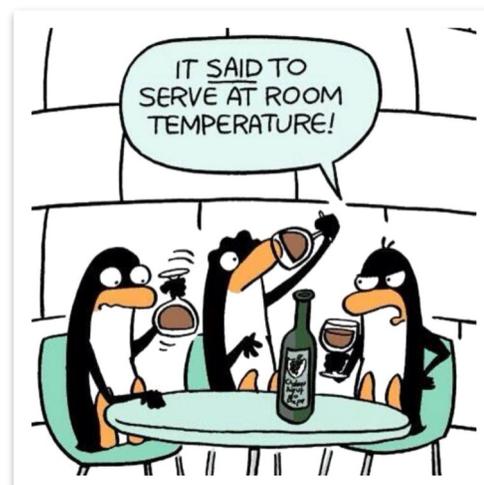


ta, I appreciate the warm days and cool evenings and being able to hang out in the outdoors. And no mosquitos! And the way last winter was here, I'm going to enjoy my summer nights as much as possible!

Thank you all for your support and contributions to SHW. We have a strong thriving club with a diverse membership. Your participation is appreciated and you are welcome to explore all of the fine opportunities to volunteer for club programs and events. I think you'll find the more you volunteer, the more club members you get to meet and your experience with the club will be that much more enriched.

Hope to see you all soon

Cheers, **Joe**



WINEMAKING 101 – July 27, 2019

It was a blazing hot day in late July – another Winemaking 101 workshop is on the books! New and about-to-be winemakers started the workshop with a vineyard walk led by Ron and Kathy Loder. We then launched into small learning stations that included tasting homemade wines, and concluded with thorough demonstrations on the safe use and care of larger winemaking equipment. (Additional photos on fb.)

Special thanks to Kathy and Ron Loder who continue to generously donate their Loder Vineyards home and winery for this core SHW event. The Club extends appreciation to the WM 101 volunteers for sharing their Saturday and wines: Cindie Gunderson, Jim Ring, Thad Rodgers, Terry Piazza-Perham, Bill Staehlin, Joe McGillivray, Dean Yomogida, Christa Ring, Joe Morgan, and Gin Yang.





THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS!

Your Club appreciates your extra efforts to help keep meeting and activities running smoothly. Sacramento Home Winemakers had a busy month! Thanks to:

- SHW members who brought to the July meeting their wine making gizmos and gadgets for show and tell;
- Members who helped with July meeting hospitality: Lyle Peddicord, Dick Racette, Maryann Racette, Olga Lukin, Robert Wharton, Darcy Wharton, and July Pinegar.
- Bruce Currie, Bill Staehlin, and Gin Yang for their State Fair California Classroom presentations promoting home winemaking and SHW;
- SHW volunteers at the State Fair's Home Winemaking booth: David Ichikawa, Joe Morgan, Marco Sguazzin, Pauline and Peter Buck, Donna Bettencourt, Al and Peggy Piccardo, Terry Piazza-Perham, Rob and Rhonda Hunter, Thad and Heather Rodgers, Chuck Page, Fernando Berton and Martha Gildart, Darcy and Robert Wharton, and Joe and Lynne McGillivray.
- Winemaking 101 Crew – see details and photos in this issue.
- Judy Pinegar for hosting the August 3 fruit winemaking workshop at her home winery.
- Chris and Jim Phelan for hosting the August 7 executive board meeting.



Notable Look...

California State Fair's 2019 Homewine Competition Top Awards have been earned by several Club members and SHW is proud of its most fierce competitors.



The board shown was posted at the fair's home winemaking booth...

3 Best of Show honors were awarded. One of them, Best of Show White was earned by SHW member Tom Ramme.

15 Best of Class honors were earned, and 5 of them went to SHW members:

Barbera – Terry Piazza-Perham

Bordeaux Red Varietal Blend – Thad Rodgers

Chadonnay – Kathleen Swanson & Michael McWilliams

Port – Robert Wharton

Tempranillo – William McDaniel

Congrats to all!

And the Winner is...