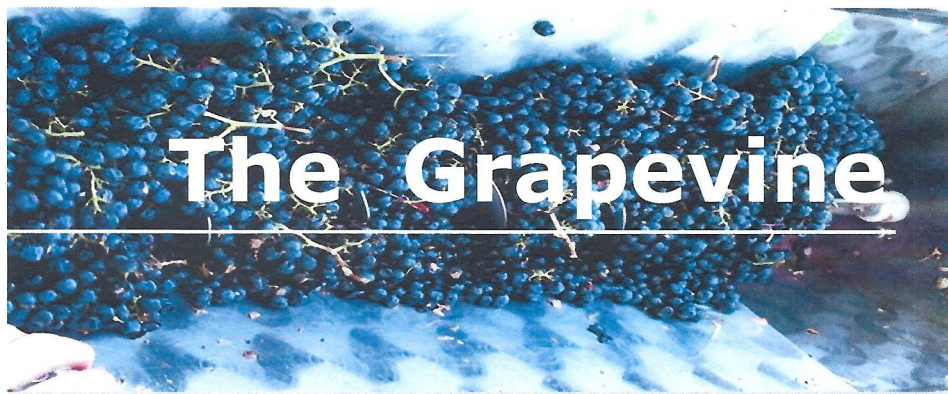




January 2019 Newsletter



Monthly Meeting— January 16th

Speaker: Scott Harvey

Join your fellow Home Winemakers on Wednesday January 16, 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.

Welcome to the New Year. Thank you for having me return as the Vice President for a second term. I hope to have educational, interesting and fun programs this year. I am always open for suggestions regarding the topics and speakers, just send me a message or talk with me at the meetings.

This month Scott Harvey from Amador County will be presenting. He will be speaking about Austrian Wines and have sample pours of different varietals. This should be an interesting and fun meeting.

Bring to bring two wines glasses and wine if you would like to share with others prior to the meeting start. 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

Winemaking 201

Starts January 26th

Two panels of expert home winemakers are ready to share their expertise with you along with our moderator, Donna Bettencourt.

If you've made wine for 3-4 years and you're wondering if you've covered the essential steps or question whether your wine could be better, this could be the workshop for you.

At WM-201, experienced home winemakers provide you with feedback to your questions. Panel #1 focuses on The Harvest and Initial Adjustments. Panel #2 shares the next steps in Cellar Operations and Ageing.

At this workshop, ask your "whys" and "what ifs".

Tickets are available for only \$10 and you can purchase them at the January 16th meeting. Participants need to have at least 3 harvests of wine making experience. The location will be at Two Rivers Cider, 4311 Attawa Ave., Sacramento starting at 9:00 AM on January 26. *Don't miss it!*



President's Message by Joe McGillivray



Greetings Sacramento Home Winemaker Members and Happy New Year! May all your dreams, resolutions and hopes for 2019 be realized. Once again, we have an exciting year ahead at SHW and I look forward to sharing this winemaking experience with you.

I want to give a big THANKS to the returning Executive Board members and appointees for continuing their service to the club and to the NEW Executive Board members who have committed to the Club. New to the Executive Board in 2019 are Mike Menard, Secretary, Angie Cassidy, Member at Large, Thad Rogers, Member at Large and Stephanie Wilson, Newsletter Editor. This club would not be the powerhouse that it is without our volunteers. Many thanks! I was at a winery in El Dorado recently and the owner/winemaker and I were talking about home winemaking clubs. SHW is recognized as the premier winemaking club in our region! We even have a few members who still belong to other

clubs but stay with SHW because of our programs and educational opportunities. To hear this from someone who isn't part of our club demonstrates the extent of our influence in the winemaking community. I'm pretty excited about that and find it AWESOME!

I'd like to thank all of those that volunteer their time and efforts to SHW for some of the lesser known tasks that occur. For example, hospitality snacks and set up, clean up after meetings, hosting an Executive Board meeting, hosting Wine-making 101, the Jubilee picnic, etc. When you stop and think of all the helpers, the list is quite long. Thank them when you see them. And that doesn't mean that the Club doesn't need your talents if you're not already involved. Think about what you can do; maybe look ahead to next year and seek out a Board position or chair a program committee. The club will need a new President and Vice President in 2020 and now is the time to start thinking about that. I've been doing this while maintaining a full-time job so it's something that can be done by anyone as I don't have any special talents. (I do have a supportive and loving wife though; that helps!) The club is a group effort and there's lots of help and resources already established so if you're daunted by the question; "Will I have the time?" Yes, you will, because you have the people and the resources. You don't have to tell jokes either, that's optional....

How about that Holiday Party eh? What an awesome event. The food was great, the wines were stunning, we had some great auction items that some of us scored BIG on. And we got to have Rex and Barbera at the event! How exciting to

witness the inaugural "Rex Johnston", Winemaker of the Year award. Folks, you witnessed history! Thank you, Rex for your graciousness and humble presence. For those of you that wish to reach out to Rex for winemaking advice or just to say hello, email him at rex4wine@yahoo.com.

Because of excellent planning last year at the annual Executive Board retreat, we have much of this year's programs and events planned out. So, we enter 2019 on a strong note and I feel like all we need to do is hang on for the ride because it's going to be fun and FAST. Before you know it, we'll be harvesting again and starting our 2019 vintages.

Finally, I'd like to thank Lynne, my wife of 15 years, for her love and support for me while I delve into this winemaking experience. It's comforting to know I have her behind me while the winemaking magic happens. Thank you, Lynne!



Results of the 2018 Sacramento Home Winemakers “Rex Johnston Home Winemaker of the Year” Award

As SHW’s Chief Judge I am happy to announce the results of the 2018 Winemaker of the Year Competition. The competition was fierce, as always, and SHW proved once again that our members are among the best home wine-makers in the world! Many thanks to Rex Johnston and Barbara Bentley for attending our Christmas Party and recognizing the accomplishments of our 2018 entrants.

Home Winemaker of the Year – David Blitstein

Total Score: 148.33



2nd Place – Paul and Nancy Baldwin

Total score: 146.66

3rd Place – Don and Gayle Koehler

Total score: 139.99

4th Place – Rob and Ester Pock

Total score: 130.95

5th Place – The Loomis Boys

Total score: 119.99



Congratulations to all of our applicants and happy winemaking in 2019!

2019 Membership Dues

Support Sacramento Home Winemakers by joining or renewing your annual dues.

The 2019 membership dues remain at \$50 per household (thanks to the generosity of members and a budget-minded leadership team) and are due January 1, 2019. Annual membership is effective from January through December in same year, regardless of when you join.

Membership perks are many including: a one-year six-issue subscription to WineMaker magazine; discounts at retailers and labs; “members only” benefits to SHW’s lab testing services, educational opportunities; access to the Club’s network of mentors; having your wines evaluated; and exposure to the collective wine making knowledge and experience of over 170 members.

Please use the membership form that’s included in this issue of *The Grapevine*. The form is also available at the SHW website: sachomewine.com. Membership questions can be directed to the 2019 Membership Co-Chairs: Christa Ring at cmring@citlink.net or 916 798-5982, and Gin Yang at ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com or call/text at 926 217-0294.

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. State-wide, home wine competition organizers are still shaking the New Year's confetti out of their hair, so look to this monthly column as more competitions are announced.

Bottle Shock Open Competition

The 6th Annual 2019 Bottle Shock Open Home Winemaking Competition is accepting entries from Monday, January 7, 2019 to Friday, February 15, 2019. The competition will be judged on March 6, 2019 in Lodi. For more information and to register wines on line go to: www.bottleshockopen.com

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 12-14th, 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

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 from May 1st up through the May 15th monthly meeting. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.

California State Fair Home Wine Competition

The California State Fair Home Wine Competition is accepting home wine between March 18th and April 26th. The competition will be held at Cal Expo on May 18th this year. For more information e-mail coordinators at home-wine@calexpo.com. Registration information will soon be available at 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.

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 4th. For more information and for rules and entry information go to www.eldoradocountyfair.org/homemadewine.html

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 pyramid-lake59@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.

**January 9, 2019
Wednesday**
Executive Board Meeting
Sacramento

**January 16, 2019
Wednesday**
General Meeting
Austrian Wines Speaker:
Scott Harvey

**January 26, 2019
Saturday**
Winemaking 201
9:30 AM – 1 PM
Two Rivers Cider

**February 6, 2019
Wednesday**
Executive Board Meeting
Location: TBA

**February 20, 2019
Wednesday**
General Meeting – 2018
White Wines Evaluation
Evaluators: Craig
Haarmeyer and Kurt Burris

Congratulations to the SHW 2018 Award Winners!

This year at our annual Christmas Dinner we once again recognized the SHW Members who made significant contributions to our organization and to our membership. This is not an easy task as so many members have contributed so much over the year.

This year, the "Bob Beck Memorial Award", for contributions to Wine Education and Guidance of Home Winemakers was presented to **Mr. Don Koehler**.

Don was extremely generous with his time providing vigorous responses to our new "Ask the Winemaker" feature on our website.

Don is a very skilled winemaker with a lot of experience and patients and he calmed the nerves of many of us on numerous occasions by providing us with sound advice and education in our time of need. Thank you Don!

The "Stu Shafer Most Improved Home Winemaker" Award was earned by **Mr. Gary Palmero**. Making wine for just a few short years Gary has become a prolific wine maker, making many different varietals and in 2018 Gary earned his First and Second Gold Medals as well as many Silver Medals. Congratulations Gary, well done!

The Hal Ellis Memorial Service Award has been presented by SHW for many years. This award recognizes volunteerism and is presented for "Service Above and Beyond the Crush"

This year the Executive Board unanimously voted to rename this award after our dear friend Henry Wilkinson, who left us much too early.

Henry epitomized volunteerism: He served for a number of years as Cellar Master, arranged many group buys, picked up grapes for others when they could not do so, for years he helped spearheaded winemaking 101, for years he led focus groups of beginning winemakers which included buying the grapes, educating them on the step by step process, crushing the grapes with the group in his driveway and having many follow-up mentoring meetings, as Henry loved to help the new winemakers and see them become skillful winemakers, he lead the Education Committee one year, served as Vice President on the executive board and led the volunteers at monthly meetings dur-

ing wine evaluation, he was the go-to source for help and information, and he made sure that each year he and his group-"The Donner Boys" would donate, as a fund raising auction item, an amazing home-cooked gourmet dinner for six with all the food and wine that could be consumed. Each year this was one of the most desired and sought after auction items and it helped raise many thousands of dollars over the years for SHW.

This is only a partial example of Henry Wilkinson's legacy in the spirit of volunteerism; he actually made many, many more contributions to SHW. Henry was loved by everyone and certainly epitomized "Service Above and Beyond the Crush".

The 2018 Inaugural "Henry Wilkinson Service Award - "For Service Above and Beyond the Crush" was presented to **Vickie Rosalli**.

Vickie coordinated the hospitality duties for the entire year, including monthly meetings and the Jubilee Competition, she also organized and promoted our very successful fundraising activities such as the silent auction and raffle.

Vickie's volunteerism did not stop there however as she was that "go-to person" throughout the year whom we could always "Count ON" and every time she was called upon she delivered.

Thank you Vickie for your demonstration of volunteerism, your commitment to the members of SHW and for your "Service Above and Beyond the Crush"!

The 2018 Rookie of the Year Award was presented to **Joe and Cori Morgan**. The very first wine they ever made and entered into a competition was a 2016 Zinfandel, which earned a Gold Medal at the 2018 SHW Jubilee Competition. WOW! Congratulation Joe and Cori!

SHW presented two Community Partner Awards for 2018:

Terra d'Oro Winery and Scott Harvey, both have provided significant support to SHW and to its Members. We very much appreciate their contributions and are very fortunate to have them as our Community Partners.

Thank you Terra d'Oro and thank you Scott Harvey!



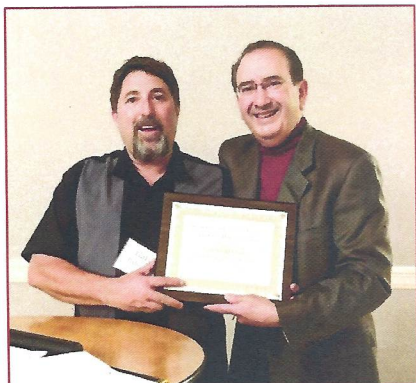
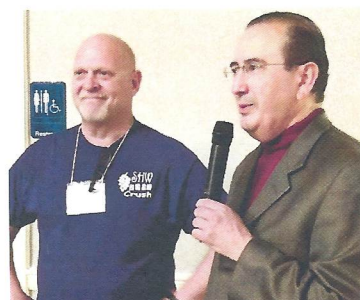
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS!

Over 95 SHW members and guests partied at the Club's annual Holiday Party on December 12.

Many thanks to the holiday party crews:

- **Vickie Rosalli, Melody Palmero and Fayne Boyd** for ensuring that the Club's only formal fundraiser was a success!
- **Joe Morgan, Cori Morgan, and Terry Piazza-Perham** for helping set up.
- **Sandy Sakata and Nancy Zarenda** for managing the registration table.
- **Fred Millar and Gin Yang** for coordinating the evening's dinner with the caterer and Turn Verein.
- **President Joe McGillivray, Board of Directors Chair Fred Millar, and Chief Judge Donna Bettencourt** for their official party duties.

SHW appreciates the generous support of donors and silent auction supporters. We couldn't do it without you!



Unified Wine and Grape Symposium Exhibits Passes

January 29-31, 2019

Sacramento Convention Center will again host the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium (<https://www.unifiedsymposium.org>). This event is the largest wine and grape industry trade show in North America with numerous sessions and events.

The 2-day vendor exhibits, January 30-31, is a gigantic toy store for winemakers and growers, both commercial and amateur alike. Roaming the exhibits is a fun way to learn about the latest winemaking tools and gadgets, chemicals, and help.

SHW is offering a limited number of “exhibit only” passes for \$10 each (funds go to SHW). Value for the “exhibits only” passes are \$35-70 (depending when one registers). The discount is for SHW members only, please.

If you'd like to reserve passes (NO guarantee of availability), please email Gin Yang at ginyangstachlin@yahoo.com to be added to the list. You'll be contacted as passes become available.

Big thanks to Blair Gould for making the numerous vendor contacts, and to Gin for coordinating. If you have a personal connection with any of the symposium's exhibitors, please contact them on behalf of SHW.

See below for
membership application

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