

## Committee Commentary

This year's National Conference and Show reached such large proportions that the committee is now devoting a lot of its attention to revising the organisation of the show so that it can still be run by a few volunteers.

The thousands of forms and pieces of paper that must be handled constitute an enormous demand on the time of our officials and anything that can be done to simplify procedures and spread the load more evenly must be done.

One of the things that greatly increases the labours of the few, is unfortunately, the sheer carelessness of would-be exhibitors who make incorrect entries, send the wrong fees or don't post their entry forms in time. If the National Show is to continue, or continue to grow, it is vital that exhibitors should be careful in the making of their entries. The schedule for 1968 will embody changes in the arrangement of classes and changes in the rules to help to bring this about. As I have often said before, please read these schedules, cover-to-cover, and do your best to make sure that all your winemaker friends do so also.

Members of the National Association will be pleased to hear that all members will be eligible to enter the members' classes in 1968. Our Convenor of Judges will ensure that no conflict of interest arises.

Photographers are warned that their slides or film will have to be in the hands of the Entries' Secretary by the date set for the close of entries. This is necessary to allow adequate time for proper judging before the conference.

Member Circles and Guilds will be glad to hear that miniature blocks will be available shortly for use on their notepaper headings. It is expected that these will be available at 10/- each, refundable on return of the block in good condition.

All members and member societies are reminded that their subscriptions became due on 1st July, and if they have not already done so, they should attend to the matter without delay.

The Chairman's annual letter will have gone out by the time these words are read and we hope some thought will be given by clubs to the important question of nominations for election to the committee. We need a continuous influx of new people, people prepared to give freely of their leisure time for the common good and also people who are not prevented by the vagaries of geography or British Railways from attending at least a good proportion of committee meetings.

If you know a willing work-horse, make sure he or she is nominated and presented at our annual general meeting—having first obtained their consent!

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