

Some of Your Letters

N.A.W.B. Rejuvenation Due

Chairman of the National Association of Wine and Beermakers (N.A.W.B.), Maurice Matthews, sends this open letter to members – and prospective members! Anyone considering joining the N.A.W.B. may contact the membership secretary, J. Chettie, 45, Oak Tree Drive, Gedling, Nottingham.

Dear Wine and Beermakers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and friends a very Happy Christmas, and a vinous New Year.

For some time now, there have been rumblings of discontent about the performance of the N.A.W.B. and I am one of the first to agree.

For an association to be active, beneficial and popular with its present and prospective members, it must follow their interest and wishes.

A sub-committee is being formed, to be chaired by Peter Awbery, consisting of some of our most eminent and active winemakers, with the object of advising on how we can re-structure membership, and make our Association truly national.

Prices for accommodation and entrance fee at the National, in Nottingham, 1984 have been kept to an abso-

lute minimum, and we look forward to a gathering of as many winemakers and friends as possible to support us at both the Friday and Saturday evening dances, where the accent will be on lots of fun.

On the Saturday afternoon, there will be an open forum, with committee members on the panel, when I hope that we will be inundated with questions and with ideas of how we may improve our service to you all. I do assure you that all ideas and suggestions will be given due consideration.

To encourage more people to enter classes this year, we are going to try, for the first time, to give a written report on each bottle entered.

The presentation, after the AGM will be very special, with what the Lady Mayor of Scarborough in 1982 described as "the most splendid array of Trophies" she had ever seen, being presented by our president, Mr C. J. J. Berry.

I look forward to Nottingham '84 as a turning point in our hobby.

**Sincerely,
Maurice Matthews.**

