

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE & BEERMAKERS (AMATEUR)

NEWS & VIEWS OCCASIONAL

August, 1976

Dear Members,

You will be receiving this News Letter hard upon the heels of the last issue, which was regrettably much delayed. I don't doubt that you all noticed the 'deliberate mistake' in the last issue? The venue for the 1977 National Conference and Show will be held at Scarborough, Yorkshire. More about this in a moment.

With the last issue having been only just received there has not been a chance to ascertain the result of my plea for letters of interest on wine, beer, or other articles appertaining to the National movement. The offer still stands and a Prize of £2 will be forwarded to the writer of the best letter that arrives in time to be adjudicated before the next issue of News & Views in approximately three months' time.

The National Executive Schedule Sub-Committee have met and their policy has been approved by the Executive. There are a number of major changes in the schedule for 1977, so please read this News Letter carefully to avoid disappointment.

19th Amateur Wine & Beer-makers National Conference and Show. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 15th/16th/17th April, 1977.

Venue: Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough.

Schedules will be available from November, 1976. All last year's exhibitors and all NAWB members will have theirs forwarded automatically as soon as available. All others should apply to Mrs. L. Stagg, 145 Manor Road, Verwood, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 6DX. Please enclose stamped, addressed envelope.

How much will it cost?

Please note that tickets for entry to Show must be applied for in advance, as there will NOT be any sale of tickets at the door. There will not be any charge to fully paid up members of NAWB, but they must apply for their tickets. Non-members will be charged £3, which will give them temporary membership, but will not confer full membership rights. (e.g. they cannot enter members classes, etc.) Full members of NAWB may apply for Temporary Members Ticket for their spouse (if not a member) at the privilege rate of £1.50.

All applications to Alan Briggs, 4 Suffolk Avenue, Carlton Grange, Batley, WF17 7AN. Please enclose s.a.e.

No tickets will be issued after 9th April, 1977, so please apply early.

PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY, 16th April, 1976

11.0 a.m. to 12.noon "CALL MY BLUFF" in the Ocean Room
2.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Judges at the Bar - Exhibition Room
2.45 p.m. Talk : by Mr. S.W. Andrews, Past
President of NAWB, Chairman
of AWNGJ.
3.45 p.m. Exhibition by Mrs Tilly Timbrell,
past Committee member of AWNGJ.
Both talks in Ocean Room
5.15 p.m. to 5.30 Circle of Federation representatives
meeting in Ocean Foyer.
8.0 p.m. Civic Reception and Dance.

The Civic Reception will include a Cabaret and Buffet Supper, which will be plated and served during the reception.

Entry to the Civic Reception and Dance will be strictly by Civic Reception ticket only.

There are only 900 tickets available so early application is required.

For full members to be sure of a Civic Reception ticket they must apply before 31st January, 1977. After this date they will be dealt with in rotation.

JUDGES

No Judge will be given any travel expenses but each Judge will be given a free weekend ticket including a Civic Reception ticket. Judges who are members of NAWB will also be given two engraved wine glasses.

GENERAL STEWARDS

General Stewards who perform duty as required by the Roster will be made Temporary Members for the Conference weekend.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Corks: The new composite cork WILL be accepted.

Classes 36, 37, 38 and 40 from 1976 Schedule have been cancelled. These are: Winemakers Display; Useful Winemaking Equipment; Bottle of Home-made Wine for Presentation; and photographic slides. All these classes have been cancelled due to lack of support in previous years.

Class 38: Wine label has been changed to allow only hand drawn labels. Printed labels are now ineligible.

Members classes 10 to 31 now excludes Groups, Circles & Federations.

Entries: All entries to Alan Briggs, 4 Suffolk Avenue,
Carlton Grange, Batley.

Closing date for entries: 14th February, 1977.

To enter Members classes the exhibitor must be a fully paid up member of NAWB by 10th January, 1977.

ACCOMMODATION

This year it will be the responsibility of all attending to arrange their own accommodation. There are two Caravan Parks and any amount of Hotels and Boarding Houses. For details write to:- The Tourist Information Centre, St. Nicholas Cliff, Scarborough (Tel: Scarborough 72261).

DETAILS - VARIOUS

A Cafe in the Spa Complex will be open during the major hours of the Show.

Glasses, for the evening reception on Saturday will be provided.

On the Friday evening the Mezzanine Bar will be open for the sale of alcoholic drinks.

Points to Remember

Full Conference ticket to paid up NAWB members free.
Temporary membership for spouse of member £1.50
Non-Members can become temporary member £3.

Membership to NAWB must be completed by 10th January, 1977, to be eligible for members classes.

Closing date for all entries 14th February, 1977.

Application for all Conference tickets to Alan Briggs.
No entrance without a ticket - no payment allowed at the door.

For a member of NAWB to be certain of getting a Civic Reception ticket they must apply before 31st January, 1977.

As you can see, things are well in hand for Scarborough, 1977. Don't be caught napping! Ensure that your membership is up-to-date. Nottingham was a great success and Scarborough appears to be well on the way to being even better.

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As I write this letter the long hot summer is drawing to a close and thoughts reluctantly turn to the future, which is winter and Christmas, always an expensive time of the year. If you are lucky you may be one of those who are going to get a little financial help this year. Our Fund Raiser, Brian Edwards, has organised a pre-Xmas Draw. There is £90 to be won and the Draw will take place in November. Draw tickets accompany this News Letter. Why not try your luck and buy some tickets? You may get a windfall just ready for Xmas.

Unfortunately everyone who gained an Award at our 1976 Show has not yet received their Prize Cards, but I am assured that they will soon be with you. Extra details have been added to this year's card describing the style of class the Award is for.

Now for some Federation News: since my last missive there has been a change at the top in the Association of the Federation John Toule has relinquished the post of Chairman but still continues as P.P.O. The new Chairman being Claude Chambers of Coventry, very well known in the Midland area. Claude no doubt will be ably assisted by his wife, Iris, whose health I am happy to say, is improving.

Members:

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lucas, 9 Apple Tree Grove, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9LA.

Mr. Ben Turner, St. Jude, 27 Ladygate Lane, Ruislip, HA4 7QT.

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Lees, 71 Stroud Road, Shinley, Solihull, W. Midlands.

VIEWS OCCASIONAL

It will soon be time to be buying my damsons to make danson liqueur. I wonder what the crop will be like this year? Unfortunately, although sunshine is good for fruit it is no good without sufficient rain. I fear it may be a poor crop. Everyone seems to make danson liqueur and I never came across any other fruit being used. I keep meaning to try the same recipe using raspberries, blackberries or blackcurrants as a substitute, but each year I never remember when these various fruits are in season. It would be interesting to hear from anyone who has tried these variations.

For anyone who has not tried, here is the recipe:

Into a screwtop sweet jar pour 1 bottle of Vodka and 1-lb of sugar. Stir until dissolved. Take 1-lb of ripe juicy damsons, wipe clean with damp cloth, prick the skins with a fork and put into the jar, screwing on the top. Leave for approximately three months, when it will be ready for drinking. Gin can be substituted for Vodka if you prefer that flavour.

Despite the lack of rain the English grape growers are expecting an above-average quality from this year's grapes. 1976 could well be the best English vintage to-date. For those members who like to venture into tasting "commercial wines" a few bottles of English grown wines could come as a pleasant surprise. The greatest selection is available from Merrydown Wine Company, Horon Manor, Horan, Sussex.

GUILD/CIRCLE POINTS POSITION 1976 ANNUAL SHOW

67 Wine Circles had one or more members winning one or more of the 360 Awards of the 1976 NAWB Annual Show.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Circle</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Circle</u>
1	129	Ace of Clubs	19	14	York, Mid Cheshire,
2	128	Nottingham			Towers Kennington,
3	78	Wenbley			Reading, MEL, Tyne-
4	75	Twickenham			nouth
5	63	Wakefield & District	20	12	Winemakers of Hert-
6	49	TASTERS	21	11	ford, Woolwich
7	48	Beverley	22	10	Basingstoke
8	43	Southend on Sea	23	9	Solihull
9	40	Taverners (Bradford)			St. Albans, Leyton & District, Farn-
10	38	Northampton	24	8	borough, Winchester
11	37	Derby, Three Rivers County	25	7	Dagenham Cables, Bishop Auckland
12	31	Bexleyheath			South London, Heathfield, South
13	28	Rainham (Kent) Sawtry			Wales, Birmingham, Southall, Henel
14	27	North Tees			Hempstead, Sandhurst & Crowthorne,
15	23	West Penwith			Misbourne
16	19	South Devon Crosby	26	6	Luton
17	17	Massey-Ferguson	27	5	Kenilworth, Ringwood, Chelmsley Wood, Midland Brewers
18	16	Cleveland			

<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Circle</u>
27	5	Perivale 23/25 Federation Epson Downs Bognor
28	4	Coventry Kimberley
29	3 3	New Town (Crawley) Liphook Barnet
30	2	British Radio Corporation Poole and District
31	1	Hoddesdon Bury Bournemouth North Gawber (Yorks) Coulson and Purley Peterborough

There were 15 exhibitors shown as unattached to any wine circle.
These unattached collectively gained 114 points.