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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE & BEERMAKERS (AMATEUR)

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NEWS AND VIEWS - OCCASIONAL

Dear Members,

As you will see from the new Executive Committee posts, it has fallen to my lot to take on the editorship of N & V O. Unfortunately, through things beyond my control, the emphasis is upon the 'Occasional' rather than the News and Views. This I hope to rectify in the future.

After a blank year in 1975 it was with a certain trepidation that the Executive organised the 1976 Conference and Show at Nottingham University. Happily the members responded enthusiastically and it turned out to be a triumph. As always, there were some minor difficulties - for example two talks were scheduled for the Saturday afternoon but, due to the fact that the whole Show was being held in the Sports Complex, it was found that the noise from happy winemakers in the Exhibition Hall made it very difficult for the speakers to make themselves heard. This type of problem will be taken care of should we return to Nottingham in the future. There were many attending members who would like to return there fairly frequently.

On behalf of the Executive I should like to thank all those who helped in any way, great or small, to make the 1976 Nottingham such a success - especially all the exhibitors.

Many distinguished members of the Committee have held the post of News Letter Editor and I think it is true to say that they all suffered from one complaint - that is that despite all their efforts they could not provoke the members into contributing any views to the News Letter. This reluctance to rush into print by the membership is hard to understand. I know that the Guild of Judges News Letter provokes many interesting letters. I know that my predecessor, Alan Smith, deliberately made some outrageous statements with a view to provoking some replies - but, alas, all to no avail. Having seen their failure to arouse you I am trying a different approach.

This is it. The Executive will give a prize of £2 (They don't know this yet!) to the writer of the most interesting letter received in time for the next issue of News and Views - Occasional. The Editor's decision will be final. The subject matter can be about Winemaking, Beermaking or the organisational side of the hobby. Come along - here's your chance to earn an easy £2. Please send all letters to Ken Hill, 18 Laxton Road, Liverpool, L25 0PQ.

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Mrs. Dobson Co-opted.

Congratulations and welcome to our two new Executive members, Messrs. Roberts and Mathews

REPORT ON FUND RAISING

Brian H. Edwards

Fund raising this year, due to inflation and the cancellation of last year's Conference and Show, has been of vital importance to your Association.

Three main activities have been held and briefly are detailed below:-

TOMBOLA

All our members and a selection of commercial organisations that have connections with our movement were written to requesting donations to the Tombola Stall. A first class response was received. Gifts of

all types were received which not only gave many members pleasure in winning but also added £150 to your funds. Your Committee would like to acknowledge their sincere appreciation to the following for their kind donations.

TRADE

Amateur Winemaker Productions Ltd.
Continental Wine Experts
Edme Ltd.
Foremost Press Ltd.
Itona Products Ltd.//Southern Vineyards
Unican Foods Ltd.
Viking Brews Ltd.
Vina Ltd.

CLUBS

Burton on Trent Wine Society
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Dagenham Cables Wine Society
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Grantham Wine & Beer Circle
Leeds Amateur Winemakers Club
North Yorks & South Durham Winemakers Federation
Nottingham Winemakers Association
Roniley & District Amateur Winemakers Society
Solihull Wine Circle
Three Rivers Country Wine Circle
Twickenham Amateur Winemakers Association
Wenbley Guild of Winemakers

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Mr. and Mrs. K. Hill
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin
Mr. and Mr. F. Scholes
Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. L. Stagg

RAFFLE

Our members took part in a raffle at the Conference on the Saturday night Social. Prizes were as follows:- Portable Television, Portable Radio Bottles of Brandy, Whisky, Gin, Rum, Vodka and wines, with glorious girls selling tickets with able help from us males. The tickets were sold as quickly as Cup Final Tickets. The nett profit was £145 to the Funds.

GRAND DRAW

The response was again first class and a credit to our members. Prize Winners were as follows:-

£100	A. Gregory, 6 Baulk Lane, Stapleford, Notts.
50	R. Brown, 13 Copfnan Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
25	Mrs. J. Thomas, 15 Newman Road, Northfleet,
10	Mitchell, 64 Windernere Road, Handforth.
5	Mrs. R. Hebbs, 41 Broadwalk, Heston, Hounslow.
Bottle Spirit	Shrives, 12 High Warberry, Galampton, Brixhan
"	" B. Whitchurch, Appletrees, The Street, Farnborough, Bath
"	" No. Name (Present at A.G.M.)
"	" G. S. Radford, 10 Millon Crescent, Arnold, Notts.

A profit of £434. went to our funds. A record for any fund-raising activity.

A.G.M. 1976

There was only one change to Rules which is as follows:-

From 1st July, 1976, the Annual subscription will be as follows:-

Individual members	£3
Circles	£3.50
Federations	£4.00

Don't forget to renew your membership.

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THE FORTHCOMING N.A.W.B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SHOW
WILL BE HELD ON 15/16/17th APRIL, 1977, IN THE SPA HALL.

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Once again members and friends rallied round and many donations were received for the Tombola stall at Nottingham. We are grateful to all who donated and to those who gave their support at the Show.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE AND BEER MAKERS (AMATEUR)

NOTTINGHAM, 1976 CHALLENGE TROPHY AWARDS

1. Marconi Club Trophy (Circle - 3 wines for Dinner)
T.A.S.T.E.R.S.
2. Eric Malin Memorial Trophy (Highest points in 3 Table Wine classes)
Mr. H. G. Barnetson, Dr. B. Dransfield, T.A.S.T.E.R.S.
3. Bastin Cup (Highest points in 2 Dessert Wine Classes)
Mr. J. Cotter, Mr. F. W. Howards.
4. Vina Trophy (Highest points in the 7 members classes)
Mr. D. S. Clements
5. Turner Trophy (Best 3 Wines for Dinner)
Mr. D. S. Clements
6. Atcherley Trophy (Best Dry Red Fruit Wine)
Mr. D. Ellis
7. Southern Vinyards Trophy (Best Red-Dry Grape Concentrate)
Mr. R. J. Woodley
8. Loftus Cup (Best Red-Sweet Grape Concentrate)
Mr. H. D. McEvoy
9. Andrews Cup (Best Dry White Fruit Wine)
Mr. L. Willians
10. Hidalgo Trophy (Best White-Dry Grape Concentrate)
Mr. K. J. Barns
11. Sweet'n Dry Cup (Highest points in the 5 Associate classes)
Mr. D. J. Roberts
12. Shaw Porter Cup (Highest points in the 4 Fruit classes)
Mr. J. Cotter
13. Gordon Instone Cup (Best White-Sweet Grape Concentrate)
Mr. A. J. Stride.

14. Harold Beall Memorial Cup (Best Dry White Table Wine)
Mr. H. G. Barnetson
15. Cedric Austin Cup (Judge with the highest points over
16 wine classes)
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Tubb.
16. Bournemouth Master Winemakers Cup (Highest points over
16 wine classes)
Mr. J. Cotter
17. Hill Cup (2nd Highest points over 16 wine classes)
Mr. D. A. Bowler
18. Roycroft Cup (Best Dry Aperitif wine)
Mr. D. A. Brown
19. Bilham Tastevin (Best Dry Red Table Wine)
T.A.S.T.E.R.S.
20. Wilf. Newson Cup - Master Brewer (Highest points over
6 beer classes)
Mr. T. W. Fogg. Mr. G. W. Newton. Mr. V. Whitehouse
21. Temple Tankard (2nd highest points over 6 beer classes)
Mr. R. N. Brooksbank
22. Tilly Timbrell Trophy (Highest points over 2 cookery classes)
Mrs. J. E. Bennett, Mrs. N. D. Robinson
23. Amateur Winemaker Shield (Circle with most points over 57
classes and sub-classes)
Ace of Clubs
24. Rankin Trophy (Most points in the 2 Mead classes)
Mrs. V. Dale
25. 'Itona Tankard' (Best Lager Beer)
Mr. V. Whitehouse
26. Home Beer and Winemaking Trophy (Circle - Best in 3 bottle
beer class)
Wakefield & District Wine Circle.
27. 'Chempro' Trophy (Federation - 3 wines for Dinner)
Yorkshire Federation
28. Association of Federations Trophy (Federation - 3 bottles of Beer)
Yorkshire Federation

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF WINE & BEERMAKING FEDERATIONS

Mr. John Toule, Chairman and PRO of the above body, informs me that they have been contacted by the T.V. Times. The Association have been asked to organise a National Wine and Beer Competition on a Federation basis, sponsored by the T.V. Times.

Look out for more information on this topic which is provisionally fixed for October, 1977. The federations which are affiliated to the Association of Wine and Beer-making Federations will be involved in consultation with the regional T.V. companies.

This will be a good advertisement for the hobby. I suggest that those Federations who are not members of the Association of Wine and Beer-making Federations should think again, so that they can be involved in this exciting project.

Mr. John Toule's address is -

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BRISTOL.