

NAWB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Please note that membership fees are due on 1st July each year.
A Standing Order form is available on reverse if required.

INDIVIDUAL OR JOINT APPLICANTS

Names: please include Title, Forename & Surname (Please give member nos. if known)

1st person Membership No.

2nd person Membership No.

Address

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County Post Code

Telephone numbers

e-mail address

Club/Circle/Guild Fee enclosed £

Cheques & Postal Orders payable to NAWB: £12 Single : £20 Joint Husband&Wife/Partners

CIRCLES AND FEDERATIONS

Name of Circle or Federation Membership No.

.....

Details of Representative (for all NAWB correspondence)

Name

Address

.....

County Post Code

Telephone numbers

e-mail address

Representatives Position..... Fee enclosed £

Cheques & Postal Orders payable to NAWB: £12 Circles and Federations

Notes: The fees quoted are annual amounts. Life membership is available at ten times the current annual fees for single and joint memberships only.

Existing members who require a receipt should enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

New members please enclose 50p for post and packing.

All Membership correspondence and payments to be sent to the Membership Secretary

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NEWS & VIEWS

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

In order to save time and cost for your Association, and your own time, we strongly recommend that you use this standing order mandate for your annual membership payments. Please fill in the form below and send it to **your** Bank or Building Society, and notify the membership secretary that you are paying by this method.

Please fill in the areas as indicated. Thank you for using this method.

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To: The Manager,**Bank/ Building Society****Branch****Please pay:****Beneficiary's Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, Llandudno Branch****Sort Code: 16-24-14****Name: National Association of Wine & Beermakers****Account Number: 11857449**The sum of Quote my Membership Number:

Date of First Payment

and annually thereafter on 1st July.

Please debit my account: Sort Code:

Account Number:

Name of Account Holder(s):

Signature(s).....

Date

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FRIDAY NIGHT TASTING

Once again we will have wines and beers supplied by members for you to taste on the Friday evening at the National. Most of the suppliers are regulars but we thank the following for their offers (styles listed are provisional and may change) for this year.

Wines: Peter Robinson (White wine, possibly stone fruit)
 Dave Pulley (Apple Wine)
 Charles Shelton (Sweet Red)
 Joe Lee (Dry Red)
 Mick Norman (Sweet White)
 Charles Hill (Dry White, possibly gooseberry)

Beers: Kevin Martin (Saison)
 Peter Robinson (Ruby Mild)
 Colin Tweed (Belgian beer)
 Richard Baldwin (American beer)
 Peter Lawrence (Stout or Porter)
 Charles Hill (Light Lager)

ANNUAL SHOW ENTRIES REMINDER

I hope you are all starting to think about your entries for the forthcoming show and will be sending them, together with your conference booking forms, to Elaine as soon as possible.

Make sure you do this before the closing date – March 7th 2015. An administration fee of £2 may be charged for entries received after this date.

Please remember to include the postage fee of 75p with your entry money. Also, please complete **all** relevant parts of the entry and conference booking form.

Closing Date for Entries: March 22nd 2014
But there is no need to wait till then
PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT MEAL PRICE
NOTED ON PAGE 11 (£14 per head)

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

I find myself writing this chairman's chatter when the last one has only just been published. This is of course because we are off to New Zealand for 6 weeks shortly so I need to get it done beforehand. I am beginning to think we must be almost the only NAWB members to have not visited New Zealand before. It must be the wine connection! Anyway, thanks to all of you who have kindly provided us with advice, information and literature to aid our planning. I must say I shan't be sorry to miss Xmas – the commercialisation gets more ridiculous each year. We have just had the one event I enjoy of the festivities – our local Ware Dickensian evening, where we run a very successful mulled wine stall. Every year we make more and sell out earlier! This year we dispensed 23 gallons in just over an hour and a half. There was almost rioting in the streets when we sold out. It could be something to do with the fact that we charge £1 a cup compared with £2 or more charged by other stalls, but we like to think ours is just better.

So, what can I find to write about? One topic that seems to have concerned some of our members recently is the absence of white grape juice from the supermarket shelves in recent months. I blame all you cheapskates who have been shopping in Aldi and Lidl. The result will be less choice and probably in the long run higher prices (certainly for grape juice). We are indebted to James Smith who has energetically pursued Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Lidl and Aldi on this topic. I have also been in touch with Tesco and received a phone call from a very pleasant lady, but the outcome was to confirm that the product has been discontinued. The only hope appears to be Asda who claim to be changing supplier and have promised that the product will be in their shops soon. Outside of that, it is down to Waitrose (for the rich amongst you) which charges an extortionate £1.75, although when you look at the price of concentrate these days maybe that is not so bad. One of our club members has tried the Schloer sparkling grape juice as it is on offer – we shall see what that turns out like. Failing that, you will just all have to join those of us who grow our own grapes!

I see from the Wales and West schedule that they have also introduced some additional beer classes as well to encourage us to brew some of the popular, American and Continental style beers. Hopefully this will help us to forge links with the Craft Brewers Association. I have

recently joined this organisation myself, although it was not easy as they seem to be short of a membership secretary currently. My own brewing group visited a pub with a microbrewery recently and we had an interesting exposure to a variety of American hops, some very interesting, and others a bit overpowering we thought. I have had to make my beers early this year to get them all bottled (except the lager) before we go away. It will be touch and go as some of them have been a bit slow fermenting. I will probably still be bottling as Elaine is packing the suitcases.

It is gratifying to know that some of you actually read my column as I have had a bit of feedback recently. I would like to pass on that one of our member clubs downloads the PDF version of the newsletter from the website and then circulates it to their membership by email. It may be that some of you already do this, but I would suggest that it is a good way of enabling most of your members to have access to News and Views easily.

I think everything is in order for Hull. Make sure you book the hotel by 1st February to qualify for the NAWB rate. We have also sorted out the contract for Coventry 2016 and the good news is that they are holding all prices at the 2014 rates. Good to see that one organisation realises that we are in a low inflation environment.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Hull.

Cheers

Peter Robinson

INSURANCE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As explained in the November issue of News & Views e-mails or letters have been sent out asking for a commitment to take out insurance.

The response to date has been good but there are still a small number of replies outstanding. If your circle or federation has not yet responded please do so as soon as possible. NAWB cannot pay premiums for circles or federations that have not given a commitment to the scheme so you could be left uninsured.

Kate Edge

regional manager with Ansaphone. In later life, as we all probably know to our cost, he sold and promoted magnetic healing products.

He married Barbara in June 1956 and in due course had two children Gareth and Joanne. In 1957 he and Barbara bought a caravan and for 4 years drove with family and other friends to Spain's Costa Brava. Subsequently he bought a static caravan in the Lake District and with the family had many holidays which included sailing, water sports and walking.

He was a keen winemaker in his younger days, becoming a serious one around the early 80's. He and Barbara enjoyed many wine tours to Europe and South Africa with Kendal Wine Circle and particularly enjoyed trips with Judith Irwin to France and Rioja. He had many successes in competitions at Club, Federation and National level, which included Master Winemaker at NAWB, North West, Yorkshire, Wales & West Federations. He was chairman of Bolton Wine Circle for many years and was driving force behind the Circle's prominence and success.

Ray was a very positive, naturally enthusiastic and a likeable person as evidenced by around 200 people who attended the service celebrating his life. He delighted to mix with people and share experiences at the many competitions he attended. He never complained about his illness and over the past 3 years bore all his treatment for prostate cancer with great stoicism.

He will be sadly missed by all who came into contact with him, particularly his wife Barbara, children Gareth & Joanne, his four Grandchildren and Bolton Wine Circle.

Andy Warburton

HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR THE NATIONAL

If you haven't already booked your accommodation for the National do it now (see pages 8 & 9 of the Show Schedule (blue cover)).

70 rooms were pre-booked by NAWB but these would only be reserved until 1st February, so please act now

RAY HAMER. 1931-2014.

Ray was born into a loving family in Salford. At the age of 5 along with his sister aged 3 they moved to Prestwich, Manchester. He was mad on football and tennis and played at centre forward for local teams, playing at Wembley in 1948 in the amateur cup final.

On leaving school at 14 he started work at H. E. Nunns, the main Ford Dealer, in the stores. At 18 he was called up for National Service with the RAF. Ray ever willing to serve his country in foreign fields was disappointed to be posted to Warton, near Blackpool just 35 miles from home and remained there for the rest of his service.

On leaving the RAF he returned to Nunns as a car salesman and a very good one he turned out to be. He spent many years with Nunns and also as a

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE AND BEERMAKERS (AMATEUR)**57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH 2015, 10:00 am AT HULL

AGENDA

- 1) Opening of meeting – President**
- 2) Apologies for Absence**
- 3) Minutes of 2014 AGM**
- 4) Matters Arising**
- 5) Chairman's report**
 - a) Presentation of Committee**
 - b) Report**
- 6) Treasurer's report**
- 7) Membership**
- 8) Election of Executive**

Elaine Robinson, Pauline Pearce and Colin Hotham retire by rotation, all have agreed to serve another term. Chris Jones has agreed to join the committee, all have been proposed and seconded by members to remain on the Executive Committee.
- 9) Any Other Business**
- 10) Date and Venue of next Conference 2016**

The 58th annual show will be held at The Britannia Royal Court Hotel, Tamworth Road, Keresley, Coventry from Friday 11th March to Sunday 13th March 2016
- 11) Close of Meeting – President**

**.National Association of Wine & Beer makers (Amateur)
Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting.
Sunday 6th April 2014 at
The Royal Court Hotel, Coventry**

Chairman Peter Robinson commenced by asking the President Charles Shelton to open the meeting.

1. President's Address: Charles opened the meeting by having a moments silence to absent friends. He then thanked the committee and everybody that helped with the show. He was very grateful for all the help given to run the show on this excellent weekend. He went on to say that he had been to the show since 1988 and this was the best show ever. He said Bernard Lamb did an excellent job of the wine tasting again and thought Bernard should do it every year. Charles then passed the meeting over to Peter Robinson.

2. Apologies: The following apologies were received: Dave & Maggie Pulley, Mick & Kath Norman, Daphne & Tony Grant, Derek & Irene Thornton, Kelly Muir, James Smith, John & Celia Scottow.

3. Minutes of the 2013 AGM: The minutes were accepted as a true record, this was proposed by Audrey Atwell and seconded by John Parcell

4. Matters Arising: There were None

5. Chairman's report: A) Presentation of Committee

Peter Robinson commenced by introducing members of the committee outlining their skills and the challenges they had faced during the year. Because of Elaine's workload during the show, Jan Nangreave made a cameo appearance to assist with trophies, ably assisted by Wendy and Bob, which was much appreciated. He concluded by thanking all the Committee for their hard work over the past year.

B) Report

I make no apologies for this sounding very much like what I said on Friday night, but I wanted certain messages to be received by most of the attendees at this weekend. I am delighted to report that in most aspects, NAWB is in a good way this year. Our membership is up, with several new members having joined during the year. The number of attendees is also well up this year, justifying our decision to try a venue in the middle of the country, and the bottle entries were also well up. With this additional income and the good deal we got from this hotel, our finances are also in a healthy state. This is beginning to sound like Prime Minister's question time isn't it? The

MEAL PRICES FOR NAWB SHOW

In a recent communication with the Mercure Hotel, it transpires that the cost of meals on the Friday and Saturday evenings is £14 not £12 as we have stated in the schedule.

We apologise for this error but we must ask people for the full price of the dinner. The cost of £14 applies to both members and non-members

When sending in your show entry and conference booking form please include remittance for the full cost of your Saturday evening meal at £14 per head. Thank you and please accept our apologies.

**A PLEA FROM PAULINE
YOUR FUNDRAISER**

I am so very grateful as NAWB fundraiser for all the help I have received since taking over the job; **would you please continue to be so very generous as I really need the prizes for the Tombola stand.** I can hardly believe it but I am coming into my 4th year!

Could I also please rely upon your help on the stand for the Saturday morning whilst I am judging. So here we go, any unwanted Christmas presents, or anything that you would like to donate to either the Tombola or the Raffle would be most appreciated. Could you please bring the items with you and look out for me on the stand. **Yes I am once again on the scrounge!** But please remember it is all in a good cause, to keep our hobby alive and well.

Look forward to seeing you all in Hull.
Regards.

Pauline Pearce

10. Any Other Business

Bernard Lamb pointed out an error in the News and Views. It stated that he wrote an article on Sparkling wine, in fact it was Bernard Lucas who penned the article. This had been spotted, Bernard Lucas has received an apology and an amendment will be put into the next N&V

Derek McArthur advised that Scottish Amateur Winemakers have now disbanded.

Mike Davey pointed out that the Craft Brewing Association was introducing new beer types, What are the thoughts of NAWB? The beers are judged according to the National Guild of Judges handbook. If changes are made to the handbook then NAWB would accommodate these amendments, although it would be difficult to accommodate more classes. The question is, do we replace existing beer classes with new ones? Peter Robinson said this is something which is under active consideration. Wales and West has introduced Belgian Golden Strong Ale for their 50th Anniversary.

A comment was made reference the new Ladies Trophy as being sexist. As males are normally the beermakers and put in the most entries, it was decided to have this trophy for the lady with the most points, to give ladies more encouragement.

Chris Jones raised the topic of venues, which are very difficult to find without massive corkage. Although this year was a good venue he felt it would be the wrong move to put all our eggs into one basket. While we have two venues it is better to keep it that way.

11. Close of Meeting

Peter Robinson called on Alan Eldret to close the meeting. Alan thanked the partners of the committee, the committee and the members for coming to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home. The meeting closed at 11.00.

only concerns are the shortage of judges for this venue and our lack of committee members. We are losing two more people this year and we cannot go on without getting some reinforcements. We have already lost the Essex and Yorkshire shows this year, due at least in part to the lack of volunteers to run them. It would be a great shame if we lost the National for this reason when we have good support for this weekend. You will notice that there is no date and venue for next year on the agenda. I can tell you that provisional dates are 20-22 March. We have had problems getting a response out of Hull, but I did finally get an email from them this week with an offer for next year. However we are not yet committed to the venue, and given the success of this year, we might want to consider whether to come back here again. I'd welcome any thoughts on this from the membership. We will contact you all as soon as this is decided.

6 Treasurer's report: Joe Lee presented full accounts for the year 2012/2013 which were printed in the January 2014 News and Views. The total assets are £12,096.73, of which £9,368.02 is in the High Interest Account accruing £123.13 interest in the last financial year. It is planned to make the high interest account up to a minimum of £10,000.00 at the end of this financial year. There were no questions and the accounts were proposed by Joyce Lawrence and seconded by Bernard Lamb and accepted unanimously by the members.

7. Membership: Joe Lee reported 28 new members with 12 not yet paid their subscription. The full account is 250 members made up of 159 individual members, 15 Honorary, 42 circles, 11 federations, and 11 life. Joe thanked Wendy and Brenda for their help putting trophies in boxes. If there are changed contacts for News and Views please let Joe or Charles know.

8. Election of Executive: Dave Pulley, Peter Robinson and Kate Edge retire by rotation, Dave and Peter have agreed to do another term Kate has agreed to do one more year, this was proposed by Mike Davey, seconded by Audrey Atwell, and agreed unanimously.

9. President & Vice President

Alan Eldret was presented with the President's badge by Charles Shelton. Alan thanked the committee for all the work and support, and presented a past president's badge to Charles. Audrey Atwell the new Vice President received her badge of office from Alan. Audrey thanked everybody and said she was very honoured to receive it.

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NAWB Accounts for the period 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014
Income and Expenditure Account

2012-2013	Income	2013-2014	2013-2014	Expenditure	2012-2013
£ 1872.50	Membership	£ 2,083.85	£ 709.50	Committee Travel	£ 598.15
£ 544.00	Advance Membership	£ 99.00	£ 175.04	Committee Lunch/Subsistence	£ 155.11
£ 1,453.00	Conference Tickets	£ 2,200.00	£ 1,647.48	Show & Conference	£ 795.00
£ 492.83	Conference Entries	£ 541.15	£ 845.25	Committee Show Expenses	£ 839.00
£ 51.75	Conference Entries Postage	£ 73.90	£ 875.89	Trophies, Glasses, Rosettes, Engraving	£ 595.08
£ 343.70	Fundraising	£ 448.54	£ 105.00	Fundraising	£ 86.07
£ 495.00	Show Tastings	£ 0.00	£ 300.00	Show Tastings	£ 298.18
£ 13.50	Donations	£ 0.00	£ 218.37	Post & Phone	£ 388.21
			£ 22.25	Photocopy	£ 133.40
£ 22.59	Easy Fundraising	£ 96.83	£ 141.04	Stationery	£ 61.02
£ 123.21	Bank Interest	£ 93.63	£ 32.40	Website	£ 21.60
£ 5,402.50	Insurance	£ 2,703.15	£ 2,041.62	Insurance	£ 11,193.70
£ 160.00	Insurance Admin	£ 50.00	£ 597.53	Miscellaneous	£ 70.18
£ 97.58	Supplies	£ 116.00	£ 85.58	Supplies	£ 151.98
			£ 267.50	News & Views	£ 130.30
£ 47.50	Miscellaneous Income	£ 597.53	£ 500.00	Future Show	£ 500.00
£ 1,308.00	Saturday Dinner			Saturday Dinner	£ 1,284.00
£12,427.66	Total Income	£ 9,103.58	£ 8,564.45	Total Expenditure	£ 17,397.92
£ 4,970.26	Excess Expenditure over Income	_____	£ 539.13	Excess Income over Expenditure	_____
<u>£17,397.92</u>		<u>£ 9,103.58</u>	<u>£ 9,103.58</u>		<u>£ 17,397.92</u>

Balance on Accounts

Balance on accounts at 1/7/2013	£ 12,096.73		
Excess Income over Expenditure	£ 539.13		Balance on Accounts at 30/6/14
	<u>£ 12,635.86</u>	£ 12,635.86	

Estimated stock in hand (incl labels, pouches, Conference badges, certificates, glasses etc)	£ 565.09
Bank Balances	£ 12,070.77

Total Assets	<u>£ 12,635.86</u>

For improved legibility these accounts have been retyped for News & Views from the original copies presented by Treasurer, Joe Lee and certified correct by Auditor, M Bell ACMA, GCMA, BA(Hons) Every effort has been made to ensure they have been transcribed correctly but in the event of any disputes the original signed copies held by the NAWB Officers will be referred to.