

# BREEZING, BRACING

... was the venue for the 1980 Conference and Show of the National Association of Wine and Beermakers (NAWB). The Conference centre was the Imperial Hotel, and the Show was staged at the Winter Gardens. Friday afternoon and evening saw a torrent of some 4,251 entries, an increase for the third year in succession (4,117 in 1979).

These came from 436 exhibitors, compared with 398 last year. In the evening Alan Briggs briefed the IOI Judges and their stewards in the Imperial Hotel ballroom.

A social followed, which unhappily became too crowded for comfort; we later learned that the Committee had not been allowed the use of two larger centres as previously arranged.

## WINE QUEEN

During the evening five lovely ladies competed for the title of National Wine Queen for 1980, the judges' eventual choice being delightful Judith Lloyd of Norton Winemakers. The judges were Mr. Farrow, manager of the Imperial; his Conference secretary Miss Debbie Naylor; Miss Roberts, Head of Boots' Chemists Fashion Department; and Mr. Thornton, Manager of Peter Dominic's Blackpool branch.

## JUDGING

The Show judging commenced promptly at 9am on Saturday in the Winter Gardens Horseshoe area, and was comfortably completed by lunch-time. There was adequate space for judging, and ample natural light for most of the morning.

**Adrian Mallinson** of Huddersfield became the new winner of the NAWB Trophy, as the exhibitor gaining most points for wine and beer together; **Ken Barnes** of Wembley retained the Bournemouth Master Winemaker's Cup, and the Wilf Newsom Cup for the champion brewer went to **K. J. Barber** of Kent. The coveted "Amateur Winemaker" Shield was won by a club with just 10 out of its 12 members exhibiting, the Tyneside Nationals.

The Show opened for the afternoon with "Judges at the Bar", incorporating a new rule, that a judge could taste a wine with the entrant of that bottle, the



The charming 1980 Wine Queen, Judith Lloyd.

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## Smiles of Success

better to discuss the wine. On the landing outside the hall were several interesting trade stands, staged by Chempro, Itona, Muntona, "Boxes For Winemakers", J. & M. Trophies Ltd., Ritchie Products and Hambleton Bard, alongside what apparently was a very flourishing and profitable tombola.

### PAST PRESIDENTS HELP

Later in the afternoon members had the opportunity of having their wines assessed and discussed by a panel consisting of the President Leslie Stagg, Past Presidents 'Andy' Andrews, Ben Turner and Fred Bastin, ably assisted by Richard Brooksbank. This was a new venture, with much interesting and informative comment.

The richly decorated Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom was the setting for the Civic Reception and Dance. This was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Joan Hunt, JP, as the Mayor and Mayoress were detained by business commitments.

Happily, the Mayor, Councillor Robert C. Dewhirst and his wife the Mayoress were able to arrive shortly afterwards. Everyone enjoyed the buffet supper, the music and dancing, and were appreciative of the hospitality of the Mayor and Mayoress and Blackpool Corporation.

### TROPHIES

Sunday morning came, bright and sunny, and with it the presentation of trophies and awards in the Planet Room, with a remarkable attendance of over 400 enthusiasts. The Mayor presented the trophies, a task becoming ever more arduous as the list of silverware grows. The grand draw was then made by the Mayoress, the premier prize of £100 being won by Mrs. A. Simpson.

### SUB. UP

After a short recess, 320 individual members, Circle representatives and Federation card-holders attended the Association's AGM, chaired by Mrs. Sybil Hill.

Although the year had generally been a good one, the Committee moved a motion to increase the annual subscription by 50p and the joining fee by £1 per  
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## Wine Queen again from the North

**Charming Judith Lloyd, Treasurer of Norton Winemakers Guild, in the N. Yorks. and S. Durham Federation, was elected from five contestants as National Wine Queen 1980, during the social on Friday evening. Entrants were judged on winemaking experience as well as personality and appearance.**

Judith received her sash from president Leslie Stagg, and her tiara from the retiring queen, Ann Johnson of Beverley. Judith, who has daughters aged 7 and 10, is a radiographer and is married to a self-employed heating engineer, Barry, who makes lager. She is a keen winemaker and a badminton enthusiast. Five feet four inches in height, Judith is a trim eight stone twelve pounds and a brunette.

The new Wine Queen's address is: Mrs. J. Lloyd, 45 Lealhome Grove, Fairfield, Stockton, Cleveland, and her telephone number is Stockton 581730. Requests for her to attend functions should be addressed direct, not to the NAWB or 'Winemaker'.

## In the photos

**The Wine Queen and President Leslie Stagg share a toast.**

**Vernon Whitehouse, of South Devon, looks pleased with his NAWB Master Wine Maker.**

**He'll not be short of a good sup ... Ken Barber, of Kent, with the Wilf Newsom Cup, the Master Brewer award.**

**Ken Barnes of Southall with an armful of silverware - Bournemouth Master Winemakers Cup, Shaw Porter Cup, Southern Vinyards Trophy, and Itona Tankard.**



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head, to compensate for inflation. After some rather confused debate, the motion was carried by a large majority. The Chairman announced apologies for absences, notably from Mr. C. J. J. Berry and the "Winemaker" team.

She reminded members again that both the President and the Wine Queen were very willing to attend Circle and Federation functions, but whoever invited them must accept responsibility for the ensuing expenses. Mrs. Hill thanked the retiring queen, Ann Johnson, for her work during 1979, and offered her good wishes to the new Wine Queen, Judith Lloyd.

### RE-ELECTED

Alan Briggs and Reg. Budge retired from the Committee, and Mrs. Hill, the current NGWBJ representative, was re-elected, as were Messrs G. Christmas, B. Edwards, K. Hill and D. B. Ives. Mrs. S. Chiverton joined the Committee, as did Mrs. May Drysdale (Circles' nominee) and Mr. M. Morris (Federations). And to general applause, Mr. L. Stagg was elected President for a further year. Particular mention was made of Mr. Roy Butcher, who had been incapacitated two days before the show, and Mr. R. Budge who had stepped in at the last moment to substitute for the Awards Secretary, and done the job very well.

Other members of the committee are Messrs P. Awberry, J. Chettle, G. Christmas, N. W. Chiverton, M. Matthews, L. Drysdale and K. Bilham.

The President closed the meeting with a few well-chosen comments.



Meet the Master! ... Adrian Mallinson was the NAWB Master Wine Maker.

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## WHERE THE TROPHIES WENT

NAWB Trophy - (a hand-crafted scroll) (for most points, beer section and at least three other sections) **Adrian Mallinson**, Huddersfield.

Bournemouth Master Winemaker Cup (16 classes) **Ken Barnes**, Wembley.

Hill Cup (runner-up, 16 wine classes) **L. Williams**, Twickenham.

Cedric Austin Cup (Judge - white table) **T. Lang**, Nottingham.

"Amateur Winemaker" Shield (Circle with most points) **Tyneside Nationals**.

Nottingham Trophy (runner-up Circle) **Ace of Clubs**.

Marconi Club Trophy (Circle - 3 wines for dinner) **Nottingham**.

NAWB Beer Trophy (Circle - 3 bottles of beer) **North Humberside**.

"Chempro" Trophy (Federation - 3 wines for dinner) **North Humberside**.

Association of Federations Trophy (Federation - 3 bottles of beer) **Yorkshire**.

Vina Trophy (10 purpose wine classes) **L. Williams**, Twickenham.

Eric Malin Memorial Trophy (3 tablewine classes) **T. McArthur** and **A. Howard**.

Bastin Cup (dessert classes) **J. Moran**; **J. Cotter**; **E. L. Clarke**.

Roycroft Cup (dry aperitif) **N. M.**

**Dixon**, Brixham.

Bilham Tastevin (dry red) **T. McArthur**, North Shields.

Audrey Newton Cup (rosé table) **A. Howard**, Swanley.

Harold Beall Memorial Cup (dry white table) **J. E. Burgess**, Forest Row.

Turner Trophy (3 wines for dinner) **R. B. Brooksbank**, Nottingham.

Rankin Trophy (dry mead) **L. Rushworth**, Huddersfield.

Timmins Trophy (best sweet mead) **R. C. Jenkins**, Rainham.

Shaw Porter Cup (4 fruit classes) **K. Barnes**, Wembley.

Atcherley Trophy (dry red fruit) **Ken Barnes**, Wembley.

Andrews Cup (dry white or golden fruit) **G. Christmas**.

Heriff Trophy (sweet white or golden fruit) **Mr. & Mrs. M. W. Parsons**, Nottingham.

Southern Vinyards Trophy (dry red grape concentrate) **K. Barnes**, Wembley.

Loftus Cup (sweet red grape concentrate) **N. Chiverton**.

Hidalgo Trophy (dry white grape concentrate) **G. Sparrow**, Tyne & Wear.

Gordon Instone Cup (sweet white grape concentrate) **Mr. & Mrs. M. W. Parsons**, Nottingham.

Boots Trophy (4 kit wine classes) **B. M. Edwards**, Burbage.

Tom Caxton Trophy (kit bitter) **C. Clarke**, Yorkshire.

Wilf Newsom Cup (6 beer classes) **K. J. Barber**, Kent.

Temple Tankard (runner-up 6 beer classes) **T. D. Hopkinson**, North Shields.

Itona Tankard (lager) **J. K. Barber**, Kent.

Muntona Trophy (India pale ale) **T. D. Hopkinson**, North Shields.

Cordon Brew Trophy (barley wine) **K. Lovell**, Newcastle on Tyne.

Sweet 'n' Dry Cup (9 open classes) **R. B. Brooksbank**, Nottingham.

Tilly Timbrell Trophy (2 cookery classes) **Mrs. W. Mitchell**, West Yorks.

Sybil Hill Cup - **D. J. Turner**, Tyneside Nationals.

Yorkshire Federation Trophy - **N. Williams**, Twickenham.

*The next NAWB Annual Conference & Show will be held at Exeter, at the University, on March 27th, 28th and 29th 1980.*

## They did the work

Responsible for this year's Show were: President - **L. P. Stagg**, Chairman - **Mrs. S. Hill**, Gen Sec - **D. B. Ives**, Treasurer - **P. Awbery**, Awards Sec. - **R. Budge**, Convenor - **A. Briggs**, Membership Sec. - **J. Chettle**, Show Manager - **G. Christmas**, Entries & Schedule Sec. - **N. W. Chiverton**, Chief Steward - **M. Matthews**, PRO - **K. Hill**, Social & Programme Sec. - **L. Drysdale**, Fund Raiser - **B. Edwards**, Asst. Membership Sec. - **K. Bilham**, Local Lisison - **P. Clarke**.

The full results were not out in time for this issue but will appear in June.

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Judges hard at work in part of the show on Saturday morning.



No wonder they're smiling!: Tyneside Nationals Club were the champion club on aggregate, winning the "Amateur Winemaker" shield and all these other trophies.