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To foster home wine and beer making and to learn to appreciate the finer points of beer and wine making.

May 2009 Steering Meeting

President Sisler opened this month's meeting – we had a great turnout for the meeting and the guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: Judy & Randy Kingsbury

Guests this evening: Nancy & Bruce Pitman, Judy & Randy Kingsbury, Dave & Barbara [Mikelonis] Gunn. ??????

New Members this evening: ???

Hosts: Wayne & Sharen Bloechl; Co-hosts: Ron & Liz Helgerson

Treasurers Report, Rhonda Evans: General fund \$2,823.15, of that the equipment fund represents \$55.80, and \$500 is a deposit being held and not cashed for the American Legion Hall in Templeton. **Rhonda also has member cards for people that don't have them. DUES are DUE!!**

Raffle Ticket Sales:

Judy Waddell was supposed to sell the tickets but she's out of town so Charlie Rahilly did. Jack Preston won the 50/50.

Cellarmaster, Hal Kempthorne:

- Remember, since more than one person may need the equipment at a time, email Hal at: hal_kempthorne@sbcglobal.net or call him at 239-8112 – please do not take equipment without checking since it may have been reserved
- Hal reminded everyone about the bladder press training Saturday the 9th at 9am

Corkmaster Greg Dietel:

- Has 3 thousand corks on hand – if you need any, let him know.

Brewmaster: Steve Sistler:

- Every Thursday, Firestone-Walker has an *industry night* with beer tastings, discounts and snacks
- Steve brought in some Belgian Ale for us to taste - he and Lee Ralston made it and are planning on submitting for judging at the fair.
- Beer entries for Mid-State Fair judging are due in by June 15 – applications are online at www.midstatefair.com

Event Coordinator, Guy Callari [not present]:

- Nothing to report

Lobster Feed - Sunday, May 24: If you want to go to this – get your money to Rhonda Setup and start cooking time is about 1:15pm with the lobsters ready to eat at 3pm. Stu does need helpers for setup, helping cook [Stu & Lee & Rich?] and cleanup. Please contact him if you can help with any of these. They're trying to keep the cost down – right now the cost is **\$35 per person** which includes 1 whole lobster w/butter, salad, roasted corn on the cob & garlic bread. You bring your own set up, e.g., dishes, flatware, utensils (pliers, shell breakers, whatever you need) and napkins/bibs/whatever plus an appetizer or dessert and of course your wine or beer. Send your check to Rhonda – as usual, your check confirms!

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OFFICERS

President:	Bill Sisler	226-0939
Cellarmaster:	Hal Kempthorne	239-8112
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Assistant Brewmaster:	Greg Wilt	461-9530
Event Coordinator:	Guy Callari	227-4448
Treasurer:	Rhonda Evans	434-0031
Glassmistress:	Marla Sol	239-8923
Newsletter:	Sharen Bloechl	462-3489
Correspondence Secretary:	Nancy Mello	238-1447
Coffeemistress:	Sherry McCleary	237-2010

June

Brad Massaker, Sue Benitez, Alex Gerardo, Rich Codling, Dawn Stokes, Richard Placak, Joyce Murray, Soleil Malofy, Lucy Beery, John Walter

July

Vanessa Rispin, Randy Dettmer, Charlie Rahilly, Craig Swetland, Stephanie Prokops, Ron Helgerson, Joy King, Shelby Harden, David Samuel, Bob Roots, Liz Helgerson

And, if your name is not on our birthday list & you would like it to be, please email Sharen Bloechl at: vonrund@pacbell.net or call her at 462-3489

Help our web to be the best, if you would like to link to our website or service send the information to our webmaster Sharen Bloechl.

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Pictures & Wine information are needed for our newsletter and our web - if you have pictures of a club event send them to Sharen to upload or bring a disc to her

Remember that there are more DWI spots showing up around the county, so drink responsibly

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Remember during the meeting members are NOT to be refilling their glass.

2009-2010 Officer Nominations

Dawn Stokes presented the list of nominees compiled by the committee members: **Rich Holmes, Dawn Stokes and Elaine Bender** – They are as follows:

President:	Bill Sisler
Cellarmaster:	Guy Callari
Assistant Cellarmaster:	Charlie Rahilly
Brewmaster:	Steve Sistler
Assistant Brewmaster:	Randy ?????
Event Coordinators:	Cindy Blake & Johna DeBellis
Treasurer:	Rhonda Evans
Glassmaster:	Rich Holmes
Secretary/Newsletter:	Sharen Bloechl
Correspondence Secretary:	Nancy Mello
Coffeemistress:	Sherry McCleary
Barbeque Master:	Greg Dietel
Cork Master:	Greg Dietel
Badges:	Don & Karen Davis

Jim Mehalick made a motion to accept the nominated names, Charlie Rahilly seconded – a show of hand votes ratified it. The new posts will be official at the Installation picnic.

Installation Picnic/BBQ Templeton Park June 14th 12-5 pm Cost: \$6 member \$7.50 guests last minute pay \$10, so get your \$\$ to Rhonda Evans [114 Via Robles, Paso 93446] by June 10th. The BBQ team will be cooking up a menagerie of chicken, top block & a surprise. Your responsibility bring: an appetizer, side dish or dessert and place setting. The weather will probably be warm so don't forget sunscreen, hat & lawn chairs. Club responsibility: keg beer You: wine to share, if preferred.

This n' That

This is a new section of the newsletter – it'll talk about what's happening with our members [old & current] – if you have something to add, please send me a note or an email:

- Charlotte Preston was one of 12 finalists [over 150 original entries] in the Idlers Apple Pie competition – if you tasted her pie at the last meeting you know how good it was – Congratulations Charlotte

Upcoming IGGPRA Seminars

- May *tba* Shipping Your Grapes/Wine
- June *tba* Contracts & Crop Ins.
- July *tba* Wine Making I w/John Anderson & Craig Swetland
- Aug *tba* Wine Making II w/John Anderson & Craig Swetland
- Sep *tba* Harvesting & Putting Your Vineyard to Bed

Badges: If anyone's still not badged yet - contact Don & Karen Davis to get one 239-9585 or ddavis@vinearts.net or ktd@vinearts.net

REMEMBER: Wear your name badges to the meetings and **make it a habit to check the lost and found.**

Guest Speaker: Randy and Judy Kingsbury - XpressFill



Vigneron Specialty Products was founded in 2004 by a Silicon Valley Engineer and Winemaker. Vigneron is currently under the ownership of Randy and Judy Kingsbury, who are actively infusing the business with technical expertise, fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Randy and Judy's backgrounds bring a vast spectrum of experience to the company and they share a common passion for customer service. Randy has 25 years of experience in engineering design and Judy's background includes 20 years in the restaurant and wine industries (she's head of marketing).

A complete redesign has been implemented on the Vigneron bottling machine, the XpressFill [*note: about a year ago, we saw this machine before the redesign*]. The accuracy rate is currently within 1.5ml on a 750ml bottle (0.2%). Vigneron's premium bottle fill systems are designed with the highest quality components to ensure long life and ease of application. Those customers who purchased a machine prior to the change of ownership will be very

pleased with the improvement in quality and precision. The latest models are equipped with **electronic controls** and are extremely user-friendly. In addition to the emphasis placed on improving the quality of the



XpressFill machines at Vigneron, Randy and Judy have put a tremendous amount of energy into improving the customer service as well. They are confident you will be happy with the changes we have enacted, and look forward to serving your bottling needs. NOTE: They offer a Wines & Steins member discount

2nd Guest Speaker: Steve Sistler - Beer As promised, Steve brought the Belgian beer that he and Lee Ralston made for us to sample – it was GREAT. Steve also had some samples of a Wailea Tropical Beer – made commercially for a short period of time – for us to sample. It was good, but for my taste buds, I wish I would have tasted the tropical beer first.

Cathy Johnson: Stepped up to the mic to talk about *FREE* stuff – she works for Cellar Wise / Baker Labs where they have different things, such as yeast that has expired but is still good that they will pass on to our members free (first come, etc). As different items come available, she will let me [Sharen] know and I'll pass it on with one of my email Blasts.

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June Steering Meeting

When: 6:30pm – **June 5**

Hosts: Ron & Liz Helgerson; Co-hosts: Bill & Dawn Stokes

BBQ team to start BBQ - YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: Be on time. **Bring a dish to share or an appetizer or dessert, something to BBQ, serving utensils, your own table-ware and a bottle of wine or a six-pack of beer per person to share – if you have guests, expand on this by the number of guests** – any leftovers go home with the host. **REMEMBER – if you want wine at your table, bring an extra bottle**

GETTING HERE: Templeton American Legion Hall is at: 805 S Main St., Templeton [at the south end of town]. Going North: Take US-101 N to the Vineyard exit; turn Right onto Vineyard to the signal light. At the Signal light [Main St] turn Left onto Main – the hall is about one block on your right. Going South: follow the same directions but turn Left on Vineyard. You can also get off at the Main St exit then follow Main to the south end of town past McPhee's and AJ Spurs – the hall will be on your left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wine Fest – May 15-17**
- **Lobster Feed – May 24** – at the American Legion Hall 1:30 start – 3pm eat
- **Pinot & Paella Cook-Off – May 31, 2009** check out www.pinotandpaella.com
- **Installation Picnic – Sunday, June 14** – Templeton Park, Blue Bird Section
- **11th Annual Rotary Winemakers' Cookoff** - Aug 08, 2009 (Sat) Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Cost: \$75/person; \$40 designated driver (attendees must be over 21 years of age) Place: **River Oaks Hot Springs**, 800 Clubhouse Drive, Paso Robles, CA 93446 - 877 686-8564
- **Harvest Wine Weekend - October 16-17, 2009**

Member Bios: *Want your "15 minutes of fame"? Send in your bios & pics - Email or give it to me at a meeting. Each month a new bio will be published. Email to me at vonrund@pacbell.net*

Thought You'd Like to Know. . . *If you have ideas on what you'd like to see on our web pages and/or in the Newsletter – please let Sharen know by email: vonrund@pacbell.net or fax: 805-466-5466 or call her 805-462-3489.*

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Classifieds: We have a one acre/435 vine capacity vineyard available for someone to manage and maintain in exchange for all grapes produced. The vineyard was previously planted in Merlot and Muscat and produced excellent wine. The infrastructure has been repaired and is in good shape. Approximately half the vines are still in place; some in a recovery stage some fully producing. It is located close to town on a well maintained property and is convenient to get to.

We are looking for a local person interested in completing the restoration/replanting; choosing the varietals for replanting and harvesting the product for their own use. Please feel free to call for more information. Dave: 805-610-5014; Barbara: 805-237-7577

MEMBER AWARDS, etc: *Did you get an award??? Let us know!*

Please note: additional copies of this month and prior month's newsletters can be found on our web site:
www.winesandsteins.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24 Lobster Feed at the American Legion Hall	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pinot & Paella						

June 2009

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Newsletter help needed!! As our club continues to grow we are losing the intimacy of knowing each other.

Please note: When one of our members asks me to send a "Blast" to all W&S Members requiring an answer – Please do not respond to me – reply to them. Also, if you don't want these "blasts" then just delete them – I only have one mailing list for ALL W&S – Thanks



<<<< From John Himes – Finally a wine glass that makes sense. . .

Do you have a recipe to share? And/or, was there something at the meeting that was yummy and want to know how it was made? Send me an email and I'll try to find the answer.....Sharen

At the November meeting: who made that great Ham & Swiss appetizer AND who made the other great Egg & Chilies Frittata? Appetizer? Care to share the recipes????

CAVEAT: Articles presented in this newsletter should not be construed as a recommendation by the author or Wines & Steins but rather a source of information!



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