



## CREDO

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

## April 2010 Steering Meeting

**President Sisler** opened this month's meeting

- Installation Picnic will be June 13 at Templeton Park [Blue Bird section] 12-5pm – eating around 2pm – there will not be a June Meeting
- A nominating committee for has been put together: Charlotte Preston, Barbara Gunn & Marilyn Berardo – if you're interested, contact one of them.
- Please don't scrape food off your plates into the sinks – can clog them AND when hosting, don't throw out leftover food, leave that for the people who brought it to do what they want to do with it
- A Black women's jacket & a Brown men's pilot jacket have been left behind – claim them please
- We need Co-hosts for July
- Since we don't really need it anymore and voted taken, we will be selling our speaker system

**Guest Speaker:** Maria Bennetti from Tre Viti Wines

**Guests this evening:** Frank & Noreen Ragland; Elliott & Eileen Ross; Mark & Ruth Fletcher [signing up tonight]

**Hosts:** Rich & Eileen Codling; Co-hosts: Barry & Linda Ross

**Treasurers Report, Rhonda Evans:** General fund \$1857.04 and the equipment fund \$630.80; Rhonda *also has member cards for people that don't have them. When writing checks, PLEASE remember to use the "MEMO" to identify what you're paying for.*

### **Raffle Ticket Sales:**

Tom Johnson sold the tickets – Rich Codling won the 50/50

### **Cellarmaster, Guy Callari:**

- Spoke about volunteering and applying for the open positions of officers
- There was a small bottling demonstration last month at Guy's home – the small pump's filter broke – more discussion on the status of our equipment on the next page.

**Assistant Cellarmaster, Charlie Rahilly:** *Not in attendance*

### **Cork master Greg Dietel:**

- Has 2 thousand corks on hand – if you need any, let him know.

**Brewmaster: Steve Sistler:** [For more Brew Stuff see Maria Goldman on the next page]

- Avila Beer fest on Saturday 5/29 – same day as Cal Poly's @ Madonna Center
- Chili Cook-off & Beer fest coming – more later.

**Event Coordinators, Cindy Blake & Johna DeBellis:** Working on the Installation picnic

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### OFFICERS

President:	Bill Sisler	226-0939
Cellarmaster:	Guy Callari	227-4448
Assistant Cellarmaster:	Charlie Rahilly	238-6189
Brewmaster:	Steve Sistler	434-2489
Assistant Brewmaster:	Rich Cruzen	466-9627
Event Coordinators:	Cindy Blake	227-0942
	Johna DeBellis	239-1724
Treasurer:	Rhonda Evans	434-0031
Glassmaster:	Richard Holmes	227-0623
Secretary/Newsletter:	Sharen Rund Bloechl	462-3489
Correspondence Secretary:	Nancy Mello	238-1447
Coffeemistress:	Sherry McCleary	237-2010
BBQ Team Leader:	Greg Dietel	286-7486
Badgemaster/Mistress:	Don & Karen Davis	239-9585
Cork master:	Greg Dietel	286-7486
Webmaster:	Sharen Rund Bloechl	462-3489

### BIRTHDAYS:

#### March

Penny Johnson, Martin or Patti Croad, Ron Johnson, Richard Holmes, Marian Wolff, David Knapp, Jeff Lewis

#### April

Dave Gunn, Lothar Stephan, Joan Shelby, Cathy McIntosh, Scott Oberg

*And, if your name is not on our birthday list & you would like it to be, please email Sharen Bloechl At: Phone: 462-3489 or email: [vonrund@pacbell.net](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net)*

### DIRECTORY CHANGES:

None

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

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

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

**Guy Callari:** When Guy brought up the small pump's filter breaking during its last use, a discussion followed

- It may cost \$50 to fix the pump
- Our equipment's getting old, starting to wear out – to buy any of this new is almost cost prohibitive - need to start looking at updating some of the equipment – keep an eye out for available used equipment
- We could use another bladder press [\$1k to \$1.5k easy] – do we want to look at renting the equipment we need?
- Should we impose a fee on equipment returned not cleaned/dirty?
- Do we need to raise our membership fees to help cover these costs?

### **Charlotte Preston: Selection Committee**

- The committee's still working on finalizing their list
- Charlotte brought up the idea of an Event Chair to work with other people on events rather than one person handling it
- They're still looking for people interested in applying for one of the Officers position [see column on front page for list of positions]

### **Maria Goldman: Additional Home Brew Comments**

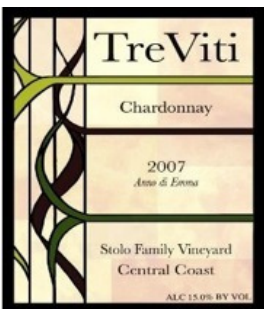
- Home Brew Competition – Mid State Fair doesn't have the form up & online yet
- Pour House in Paso Robles will give discounts to W&S Members – if you don't have your card, get one from Rhonda
- Dunbar Brewing in Santa Margarita – owner Chris Dunbar's doing special discounts – Maria would like to get a group together to go & visit – if you're interested, contact Maria
- The Renaissance Fair will be having a Home Brew Competition this year – July 16 & 17 at El Choro Park

**REMINDER: Home Winemaking Competition – Mid-State Fair:** Continuing with success of last year the competition will be held on May 6, 2010. Please note these important dates and mark your calendars:

- Grapes from Santa Cruz & San Benito counties can now be used as well as Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties
- Due to cutbacks, here is a **\$5 fee per bottle** submitted for the competition
- **All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on April 16, 2010.**
- All wines can be received from **Friday, April 23, through Friday, April 30, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.**

To minimize paperwork they are asking you to **fill out your form on line at the** fair entries website at the California Mid-State Fair web site <http://cmsfw.fairmanager.com/> or [www.cmsfw.fairmanager.com](http://www.cmsfw.fairmanager.com) . This can be done after March 15th. If this is not possible, you may still submit entry forms to California Mid-State Fair office or by mail. Forms are also available on our website. Please label your bottles. If you do not have a decorative label (for the label competition – see below), then place a plain label on each bottle before entering them. The bottle label should display your name, the varietals, vintage and any other pertinent information. ***The judging will be held May 6, 2010.***

**The label competition** will be a “people's choice” award. It will be based on ballots submitted by the public, at the display during fair time. If you do not have a decorative label ready at the time of the wine judging, you may submit a decorative label on a clean bottle at a later time, but before the bottles are placed on display.



**Guest Speaker, Maria Bennetti:** Don and Charlene Stolo purchased the existing vineyard and property in 2002 and created the wine label TreViti in 2004. Don's focus is primarily on the care and quality of Stolo Family Vineyard. Their daughter, Maria and son-in-law, Matt are responsible for TreViti's marketing and sales. Steve Dooley of Stephen Ross Wines has been TreViti's winemaker since it's inception. The family is determined to maximize the potential and uniqueness of their quaint vineyard location and create a quality, hand-crafted wine to share with others.

There is a belief that the quality of the wine is foremost an expression of the vineyard. The Stolo Family Vineyard is unique. Its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, less than three miles, sets our vineyard apart from almost any other vineyard in California. The ocean influence and cool growing conditions allow for a longer hang time for the fruit. This slow ripening enables the fruit to capture the essence of “place.”

Because of this unique geographic location, the grapes, and subsequently the wines, are different than any other you will experience. Maria and Matt Benetti TreViti Wines is a family run boutique winery producing approximately 300 cases a year from their small vineyard, Stolo Family Vineyard, located 2 miles east of the town of Cambria. The coastal 9 acre vineyard was planted in 1998 to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah. Our commitment is attention to detail in every phase of the winemaking process, from vineyard to bottle. Our goal is to create estate wines filled with passion for and expression of “place.”

TreViti Wines, Stolo Family Vineyard; phone: 866-212-7168; fax: 866-312-4885; [www.treviti.com](http://www.treviti.com)

**Upcoming IGGPRA Seminars:**

- ~~April 2 – Friday, 9am-noon: **Pest/Weed Management @ Robert Hall – Cancelled**~~
- April 22 – Thursday, 9am-12:30p: **Agri & Natural Resources – UCCE Pest & Disease** - \$10 fee – Mark Battany – non-IGGPRA event
- June & July – TBD: **2 Focus group/panel discussions**
- Aug – TBD – **CA Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance – Controlling Birds & Other Grape Eating Pests**
- Sept – TBD – **Post Harvest Irrigation & Fertilization**
- Jan 2011 – TBD – **Why We Prune**
- Feb 2011 – TBD – **Laws & Regs**
- Mar 2011 – TBD – **Frost Protection Strategies**

**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](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net)*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Earth Day; April 17, 2010** (Sat) 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM [www.earthdayfoodandwine.com](http://www.earthdayfoodandwine.com)
- **CalPoly Wine Festival, April 24, 1020** <http://www.calpolywinefestival.com>
- **Hospice du Rhone, 4/29-5/1, 2010** <http://www.hospicedurhone.org/index.php>
- **Roll Out the Barrels, 4/29-5/2, 2010** <http://www.slowinr.com>
- **Paso Robles Wine Fest, May 21-23, 2010** [www.pasowine.com](http://www.pasowine.com)
- **Avila Beer Fest, Saturday 5/29** <http://hospiceslo.org/beerfest/venue.html>
- **Strawberry Festival Fest, May 29-30, 2010 Arroyo Grande** [www.arroyograndevillage.org](http://www.arroyograndevillage.org)
- **Pinot & Paella Cook-off, June 6, 2010** [www.pinotandpaella.com](http://www.pinotandpaella.com)
- **Installation Picnic, June 13** at Templeton Park [Blue Bird section] 12-5pm – eating around 2pm
- **Atascadero Lakeside Wine Tasting, June 26** at Atascadero Lake
- **Central Coast Wine Classic, July 8-11, 2010** [www.centralcoastwineclassic.org](http://www.centralcoastwineclassic.org)
- **CA Mid-State Fair, July 21 – Aug1, 2010** [www.midstatefair.com](http://www.midstatefair.com)
- **Winemaker’s Cookoff – August 7, 2010** [www.winemakerscookoff.com](http://www.winemakerscookoff.com)
- **Paso Robles Olive Festival, August 21, 2010** [www.pasoolivefestival.com](http://www.pasoolivefestival.com)
- **Savor the Central Coast, September 30 – October 3, 2010** Events Throughout the County of San Luis Obispo  
Main Event: Santa Margarita Ranch October 2 – 3, 2010 10:00am – 5:00pm – for more info check out: <http://www.savorcentralcoast.com>

**April 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 W&S Steering Meeting – 6:30	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Earth Day
18	19	20	21	22 Agri & Natural Resources – UCCE Pest & Desease	23	24 CalPoly Wine Festival
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**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](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net) or fax: 805-466-5466 or call her 805-462-3489.

**May Steering Meeting**

When: 6:30pm – May 7

Where: American Legion Hall, Templeton

Hosts: Barry & Linda Ross; Co-hosts: Bridgitt Falkner & Dale

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 tableware 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****

- A-C Appetizers
- D-H Salads
- I-O Side Dish
- P-Z Deserts

**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.

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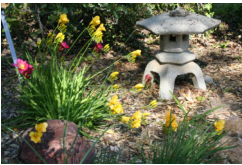
**This n' That**

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:

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

**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!**

*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*



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