



## June 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 – \$6 per, guests: \$7.50, \$10 day of picnic

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Guests this evening:** Charlie & Renee: Joey & Georgeanne Blachela – from LA – just planted 2,00 vines

**New members:** None

**Hosts:** Rich Codling & Bill Sisler stepped in for Brigette Faulkner; Co-hosts: Bruce & Nancy Pittman

*Note: Brigett's father passed away this week*

**Treasurers Report, Rhonda Evans:** Guy Callari, speaking for Rhonda said: General fund \$,1392.40 and the equipment fund \$900; 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.**

**She WAS NOT be at June's Meeting nor will she be at the picnic.**

**Raffle Ticket Sales:**

Johna DeBellis sold the tickets – Pajorac won the 50/50 and the 25/25; Tom Johnson won the 13/13 (we raffled off all the money from the raffle)

**Cellarmaster, Guy Callari: No Comments**

**Assistant Cellarmaster, Charlie Rahilly: no comments**

**Cork master Greg Dietel:**

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

**Brewmaster: Steve Sistler:**

- Home Brew - Steve has brochure – can also sign up online at [www.midstatefair.com](http://www.midstatefair.com) Firestone judging – submit between 6/29 & 7/2 at the fair

**Event Coordinators, Cindy Blake & Johna DeBellis:**

- Working on the Installation picnic
- Upcoming beer judging & chili cook-off

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

**WANTED** ladies black jacket left at meeting, will pickup, call if you have it Cathy 239-2921

**Note: This is Cathy Mac's jacket!**

## CREDO

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

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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:

#### June

Barbara Gunn, Sur Benitez, Jeff Weisinger, Alex Gerardo, Rich Codling, Dawn Stokes, Joyce Murray, Richard Placak, Soleil Malofy, Lucy Beery, John Walter

#### July

Vanessa Rispin, Charlie Rahilly, Stephanie Prokops, Ron Helgerson, Joy King, Shelby Harden, Bob Roots

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

## Wines & Steins Officers 2010/2012 to be sworn in at the picnic:

- **President:** Guy Callari
- **Secretary/Newsletter:** Vanessa Rispin
- **Treasurer:** Rhonda Evans
- **CellarMaster:** Tom Johnson
- **Assistant CellarMaster:** Guy Callari & Mentors: Hal Kempthorne, Mike DeBellis, Hank Donatoni & Charlie Poalillo
- **Brewmaster:** Steve Sistler
- **Assistant BrewMaster:** Rich Cruzen
- **WebMaster:** Ron Johnson
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Marilyn Berardo
- **Event Coordinators:** Johna DeBellis, Marilyn Berardo, Charlotte Preston, plus. . .
- **GlassMaster:** Ken Orgill
- **Bar-B-Q Team Leader:** Mike DeBellis and John Porajac
- **CoffeeMistress:** Sharon "Sherry" McCleary
- **BadgeMaster/Mistress:** Don & Karen Davis

## Bill Sisler: Steering Committee Meeting

- Since the 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday, Bill called for a vote to meet July 2 or July 9. People in attendance voted – the next **Steering Meeting** will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in July, **July 9<sup>th</sup>**!
- Bill reiterated the Wines & Steins dues have gone up, effective July 1, 2010 - In order to maintain our uniqueness and to ensure the purpose and history of this club supporting home wine and beer makers is maintained, we need more financial infusion in the club. Currently we have only one of each type of wine making equipment available for use – we need to upgrade this and we need the money to accomplish this. Bill put up charts showing the amount of money in and the expenditures. Based on this both the *one time equipment fee will go from \$25 to \$35*; and the *annual dues will go from \$15 per person to \$25 per pseron*, effective with our new fiscal year, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NOTE: The form for new members has been uploaded to the web page.**

## Maria Goldman: Central Coast Wine Challenge

All four Central Coast Counties [Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara & Ventura] have combined to create ONE Central Coast Wine Challenge – they will ALL be judged on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the PR Event Center. They are putting together a list of volunteers needed for this effort. *Maria Goldman* will be coordinating this. If you're interested, contact Maria – she also has "Friends of the Fair" forms – theses MUST be filled out if you want to be a volunteer.

## John Anderson:

Let everyone know that he's pouring his wines [St. Hillaire Vineyard] at Zoller Wine Styling, the only winery in downtown Paso, at 525 Pine – Friday – Sunday, 11am to 5pm. He also passed out cards for complimentary tastings at Zollers' where they have around 25 wines open for tasting.

John is also looking for a Swirlinator trap – give him a call if you know of one.

## Bruce Van Dyke:

Has new wine bottles available; some of the bottles are free; some are \$5 case – contact him for more info.

## Don Davis: Winemakers Cook-off

Heads Up – more info later or check out [www.winemakerscookoff.com](http://www.winemakerscookoff.com) – this is a GREAT fundraiser AND a fun filled day of wine, food, games. . .

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

## Upcoming IGGPRA Seminars:

- 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)*



**Wayne & Sharen Bloechl** Just a note to let you know what we've been doing. As of February we have been here 10+ years! We moved here when someone made us an offer we couldn't refuse on our house in La Selva Beach – the move forced Sharen to retire from Lockheed as a Computer Operations & Security Specialist [they wouldn't let her telecommute]. As we've said before, this is as close to "paradise" as it gets. Wayne's retirement [from selling Freedom Street Rods 3 years ago] got tiresome [he did paint the house] so he opened a new hot rod parts store [1010 Garage complete with web site & a 48-page catalog that Sharen maintains] with 'retirement' hours AND a place to keep a couple of cars out of the weather - he's also buying & selling cars and doing auto appraisals. In addition to being members of the Wines & Steins group, the Local Independent Grape

Growers, IGGPRA [we have 3 merlot & 3 cabernet sauvignon vines], and the Corkpullers wine group. We have been helping with crushing & pressing grapes as well as bottling wine — we get paid with wine – and we are wine judges.. Our family consists of our son Wayne [granddaughter Kelsea] and daughters Randi [& Butch Myers – grandchildren: Scott, Karren & Thomas] and Stacy [& Art Olmos – grandsons Zach & Travis (they have a Reggae & Ska band in the Roseville area called Simple Creation – on facebook & myspace). At 89 years young, Wayne's dad, Virg, is doing great, he loves riding around his San Jose neighborhood on his red scooter.

After 6 years as Webmaster and 4 years as Secretary/Newsletter, and as I pass these torches on, I would like to thank every one within Wines & Steins whom I've met and become friends with from the bottom of my heart.



**Charlie & Joyce Poalillo:** With the Paso Robles Wine Festival behind us, and in conjunction with Charlie & Joyce Poalillo's "Passing of the Torch" – their winery on to Susan [Poalillo] and Dave Garretson as well as passing on winemaking to their son Andrew, I thought it would be nice to say some words. Several years ago I wrote an article on local wine clubs. A nice portion of the article focused on Wines & Steins and Charlie & Joyce Poalillo - the following excerpts are from that article:

**Winemaking: Hands-on hobby** Of all the reasons to craft your own bottle of chardonnay — thirst, curiosity, a fascination with the art of the grape — there's one that takes precedent, says Paso Robles winemaker Charlie

Poalillo.

"There's a lot of ego involved in making wine," the co-founder of Poalillo Vineyards said with a laugh. "When someone says to his friend, 'Joe, try this wine I made,' and Joe says, 'Wow. This is amazing,' it's ego personified."

In an area where an ever-growing number of wineries produce some of the nation's finest vintages, some Central Coast wine lovers aren't content to taste the fruits of someone else's labor.

They make wine in their own homes and garages for personal pleasure — not for commercial consumption.

One countywide club, Wines and Steins, boasts 210+ members who rely on each other's expertise and shared equipment to create homebrewed batches of wine and beer.

"People are coming here for the wine," he said of San Luis Obispo County.

It's a far cry from the early days of wines and vines, said Poalillo.

When the winemaker and his wife, Joyce, moved to the Central Coast in 1973, there were just three wineries hugging the hills outside Paso Robles: Pesenti Winery, Rotta Winery and York Mountain Winery.

"The old gag was, 'What part of Napa is Paso Robles?' Nobody knew about Paso Robles," said Charlie Poalillo, who turned his Willow Creek grape-growing business into a boutique winery about two decades later.

The couple helped kick **off Wines and Steins in 1979**. Today, the club's 210 members meet monthly and participate in winery visits and pruning seminars, trading wine grapes, bottled vintages and a wealth of institutional knowledge. For a one-time equipment fee of \$25 (now \$35), members can rent crushers, de-stemmers, bottlers and other winemaking equipment that would typically cost about \$5,000.

As Poalillo explains, winemaking is a combination of art and science — the beauty of juicy grapes and aging, tasting and blending radiant liquids coupled with questions of chemistry and acidity.

"Winemaking is not exactly rocket science, but there's a lot of practical applications that are necessary," he said. "You're going to hear this over and over again: The wine is made in the vineyard ... Soil and climate. That's 90 percent of it right there."

**It takes all sorts** The process must be working for local home winemakers. "Our typical member is making commercial-quality wine," Poalillo said, adding that many members fare well at the California Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles.



**To Charlie & Joyce!** Its been a fun ride knowing you, bottling wine, sharing food & wine and experiencing life! *Sharen Rund Bloechl*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **7<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 – Aug 1, 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>

## June 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 W&S Steering Meeting – 6:30	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 W&S Installation Picnic – noon to 5	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Atascadero Wine Festival
27	28	29	30			

**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.

**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)

### NOTE the DATE for JULY's Meeting

#### July Steering Meeting

When: 6:30pm – **July 9**

Where: American Legion Hall, Templeton

Hosts: Bruce & Nancy Pittman; Co-hosts: Wayne & Sharen Bloechl

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

**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.

**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:

**Greg Dietel** has has his hip surgery – he’s doing GREAT!!!

**July 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 4th of July!	5	6	7	8 Central Coast Wine Classic	9 W&S Steering Meeting – 6:30	10
11	12	13	14	18	16	17
18	19	20	21 MSF Starts	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**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**



**WINES & STEINS**

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