

Wisconsin Vintners Association
August 2006 Meeting Notice

The August 2006 membership meeting of the Wisconsin Vintners Association will be the annual picnic in Calhoun Park, New Berlin. Please see the flyer that is part of this newsletter for directions and an entry form.

If you are interested in subscribing to *Winemaker* magazine, here's a real deal, in my estimation.

Calendar of Coming Events

August 2, Wednesday. WVA Board meeting at Tim Larsen's home W1934 Potter Rd, Burlington 53105. 7 PM.

August 19, Saturday. Annual WVA Picnic in Calhoun Park, New Berlin. 11 AM.

September 13, Wednesday. WVA membership meeting at Clifford's. 7:30 PM. Program TBA

The normal subscription rate is something just over \$23. If we send in one list (over 10 names) and one check for the WVA, we get the subscriptions for \$11 apiece. Get a check for \$11, made out to WVA to Treasurer Tom Courtney. Tom would like to send in our paper work by the end of this month (and you were told this in last month's meeting notice). Tom lives at 10709 De La Warr Circle, Mequon, WI 53092. Please give him an indication that yours is a new subscription or a renewal.

As long as you are making out checks, dues are due in September. For the \$15 you could get a majority of it "back" with your subscription to *Winemaker*. In addition to that the club picks up half the cost of the Harvest Dinner and there are wine tastings at membership meetings and most of the time we don't charge for them. The beer at the picnic is paid for by the club.

Mary Howell was the winner of the wine raffle at the June membership meeting. If you have dinner at the restaurant before the meeting you are eligible for the drawing. The wine for the drawing in September will be a Carpineto wine called Dogajolo. It is described as "Made from Sangiovese grapes blended with a dash of Cabernet Sauvignon grown on dry farmed hillside vineyards in central Tuscany. Fruity and intense flavors, with hints of berry, coffee, vanilla and spice are matched with a supple tannin structure with along finish. This young "Super Tuscan" wine shows at its best with full-flavored dishes such as roasts, grilled meats, cold cuts and tomato based Italian specialties such as pizza and pasta."

We welcome Brian Marin from Menomonee Falls, Tim and Monica Harty of Muskego and Steve Franzoi & Cheryl Figg of Mequon as new members. Welcome aboard.

Winners lists and awards for the wines judged for the Wisconsin State Fair will be displayed at the fair in the Wisconsin Products Building.

Note from the president:

It was wonderful to see so many people at our third annual pot-luck cookout at the Lakefront Brewery on July 12. We had another perfect evening in terms of weather, food, drink and camaraderie plus a special tour of the brewery by our host, Russ Klisch. Thanks to everyone who donated a bottle of wine to fill the two cases we gave to Russ to thank him for his hospitality. We have another opportunity for another great social event at the annual picnic. (Please see the flyer in this month's and last month's newsletters.)

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe if your plans include travel. Joanne