

WOW! Howard Hasselkus entered 14 wines in the Homemade wine competition at the Vilas county Fair. He received 9 Firsts, 2 seconds and 3 Thirds along with Best-of-Show for his fortified Raspberry wine. There were 54 entries in 26 classes of which 4 classes were grape and the rest fruit and berry.

Al Krueger, our member in warm Florida, entered the Indiana State Fair competition and won a gold award for his Pineapple-coconut wine and a Bronze for his Elderberry Blossoms wine.

Mary Uthemann reports these results the recent Home, Wine and Beer Trade Association competition: Robert Lemanczyk won a Bronze for his 2004 Niagara and a Silver for his Burgundy-Banana-Elderberry.

Henry Gutmann won a Bronze for his Black Raspberry.

Jeff Stanislawski won a gold for his 2004 Primitivo/Syrah.

Mike Potratz won a Bronze for his 2004 Black Cap Raspberry.

Mary and Jerry Uthemann won a Silver for their 2005 Wildberry/Shiraz, Bronzes for their Chilean Malbec, their 2003 Super Tuscan and their 2004 Strawberry.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you.

Our October membership meeting will, in addition to the topic of the evening, be our opportunity to collect fruits, vegetables and grapes for the 2008 Dinner-Dance Potpourri wine. Ken Skotzke, winner of Best-of-Show at our Club judging will make the potpourri wine for the 2008 Dinner-dance.

Dues are due in September. Please send your check for \$15 to treasurer Tom Courtney, 10709 De La Warr Circle, Mequon, WI 53092. There is a dues payment form included with this newsletter.

On Tuesday, November 14, 2006, we will begin a four-week course on the components of Wine. The course will provide instruction on how to identify the primary components of wine and when they are in balance, and how to identify the aromas of wine and wine faults. There is a flyer and registration form attached to this newsletter that provides details of the course, dates, times, location, cost, etc. Please note the registration deadline is September 30th. If any member would like to contribute a wine that is exhibiting a wine fault, please contact Len Montalbano at 262-639-7718.

Note from the president:

About 60 people spent an enjoyable day in Calhoun park at our annual WVA Picnic August 19. A big thank you to Bill and Karen Schneider for organizing everything, and to everyone else who helped including George Scovronski with all the games, Tim Larsen and Dave Brandt for getting the corn and chicken. The weather and socializing were great!

Mark your calendars for our annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 5th at Clifford's Restaurant. This is a great member benefit because the club subsidizes half the cost of the dinner. Watch for a separate flyer in future newsletters. Our October potpourri wine will be made by Ken Skotzke this year so think about what you can contribute in terms of fruit or juice at the October meeting.

Please keep the Betlej family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with Barb's breast cancer recurrence and treatment.

Erv Herman's wife, Bobbie is recovering in a long hospital stay. I'm sure cards would be appreciated by both Barb and Bobbie.

Joanne

Your Corresponding Secretary,

John Rauenbuehler