



## November 14, 2007 Program

The November 14 SHW Club meeting is designed to electrify your senses.

First, arrive on a timely basis since this meeting is also the Club's annual meeting when Club officers are elected for the following year. It's important to be there, because, who knows, you might be elected to something if you aren't there (just kidding-- or not!).

Following the annual elections, we'll have the honor of tasting Club members' wines that placed first in 2007 wine competitions. This includes golds, double-golds, best of class and best of shows. So, if you struck gold this year,



please bring in 2 bottles of your esteemed wine for tasting.

Then, you'll be treated to a pairing adventure in Chilean wines and foods. Christian Ruz, a newer club member is a total foodie and will be sharing "his" Chile with us: the wine history, the geography, the climate, the different grapes, the wine styles, the culture. We'll taste Chilean wines and sample a few Chilean dishes prepared by Christian. Come with a partially filled tummy so that you'll have room to enjoy some tantalizing tastes.

Please note that the November 14 meeting is on the **2nd Wednesday of November**. We'll meet upstairs in the Turn Verein, starting at 7PM.

## Exec Board Meeting, December 5, 2007

The December board meeting will be at Gary Young's home. We will have snacks first, but the meeting starts at 6:45PM promptly. For directions contact Gary.



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## President's Message

We are moving into a time of rest for our wines. I know there are a few of us out there that still have some wine fermenting, but most of us have put everything to bed for now. We always seem to have a couple weeks of quiet time at the store during the first part of November. We were all excited and ready for the picking to start in August-September, but by the time the last grapes are pressed, a break is well needed!

This past month we held two separate events aside from our normal meeting. One was the Winery Home Tour. Thank you to our winery hosts: Lili and Carl Brust, Don and Gayle Koehler, and John Lewis and Lucy. Chefs were Judy Pinegar, Linda Skinner, and myself. We also had our Annual Harvest Dinner. More than fifty members attended each of these events. Thank you, Gin and Judy, for all your work coordinating each event respectively.

Remember this month's meeting is for our club winemakers to bring those gold metal wines to show off to the membership. Congratulations to all of you that were awarded golds this year for your wines! Some of the most satisfying times at Morning Glory Fermentation come when we see the names of our customers listed on the awards pages of the wine and beer competitions.

This month's meeting we will be taking a trip to Chile, thanks to Christian Ruz! Wine, foods and some history on the Chilean wine region. Boy, last year we got a taste of Argentina, thanks to Judy Pinegar and John O'Dell. Now, this year, Chile. Hey, any of you world-travelers (lucky retired ones) making a trip to, say, New Zealand or maybe Australia this next year?? Just a thought -- hint, hint.

This month we will also be nominating new officers and the elections will be held. How does that saying go...be there or be elected...

Remember the Christmas Party is coming fast. Our Super Party Girl, Linda Skinner, is lining up another great event for us this year! Call her to lend a hand. I know she is looking for a few more gift baskets to be made to auction off. There will also be a press for auction this year, one that was used just this past year as the rental for our shop. Also a few Big Bottles of wine. So, bring your check book or a lot of fives and tens for Raffle tickets. All money goes to support our club! Remember, too, that you must sign up ahead of time for this event.

See all of you at the meeting **and** the party!

Mike **SHW President, 2007**

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## Club Meeting Protocol

Many thanks to members who help setup and break down the physical arrangements at Club's monthly meetings. Your help with the tables, chairs, water pitchers, spit buckets, paper towels, and hospitality, in addition to sharing your wines and welcoming new members and visitors is very much appreciated.

Cleaning up your space before you leave the meeting, disposing of your empty wine bottles, and depositing the club wine glasses back in the box stem down helps facilitate the clean up. The club's wine glasses are available for guests (and yes, every month a couple of volunteers carries the boxes of glasses downstairs to their cars, takes them out of the cars, puts them in the dishwasher, reloads the cleaned glasses back into the box, loads the glasses into the car, and drags the clean glasses back to next month's meeting) so please remember always

**Bring your own wine glasses to Club Meetings**

## Annual Holiday Dinner and Party– Wednesday, December 19, 2007



Instead of a regular Club meeting in December, SHW celebrates the season with a catered holiday dinner and party. The party starts with appetizers at 6 PM, with dinner

starting at 7 PM. Wine is supplied by all attending, so please bring a bottle or two.

For those of you who are looking to complement your winery equipment, here's your chance. Mike and Debbie Touchette, owners of Morning Glory Fermentation in Diamond Springs, have generously donated a slightly used grape press for the party's silent auction. Just think, no more calling your winemaking friends to see if you can borrow their press – hey, this could be a holiday present to yourself!

Reservations for dinner **MUST** be made by Friday, December 7, 2007.

## 2007 Winemakers Dinner

The season's crush was "put to bed" for most SHW winemakers and it was time to celebrate. Over 60 SHW members and their guests found themselves at the Club's annual Winemakers Dinner on a warm November 4 evening at Aioli's Bodega Española, a Spanish restaurant in midtown Sacramento.

The bright flashes of wine glasses and bottles, plates of hot and cold tapas (this is really shark?), and an inviting atmosphere provided opportunities to catch up with each other or get to know newer members better. We overheard conversations about this year's crazy crush rush, the construction of new home wineries, and the inability of home winemakers to resist the abundance of available wine grapes.

Thanks to Judy Pinegar, this year's event coordinator, for a great evening!



## 2007 Home Winery Tour

Mother Nature was in one of her best moods on October 20; she gave us a perfect autumn day for the Club's 2007 Home Winery Tour. Amidst swirling leaves, blue skies and bright fall foliage, over 50 SHW revelers tasted and ate their way through Loomis and Granite Bay. The food was fantastic, the wines smooth (especially Carl and Lili's sparklers, Fat Cats' Breakfast Blend, and John Lewis' big bottles), home wineries were unique, and friendship overflowing. This was a leisurely time to meet, reacquaint or better know Club members and guests who all enjoy wine.

Our heartfelt thanks to the home wineries and chefs who dedicated hours of shopping, planning, preparing, cooking and cleaning for this annual event: Lili and Carl Brust with Chef Judy Pinegar; Gayle and Don Koehler with Chef Linda Skinner; and John Lewis and Lucy with Chef Mike Touchette.

And thanks to all of the event attendees who brought their wines and side dishes to share. What an array of delicious salads from all of you great cooks! Many of you asked for Linda

Skinner's "dried tomato and something appetizer" that she served at the Koehlers (described as lasagna without the pasta). Look elsewhere in this issue of the



Grapevine for the recipe.

Home Winery Tour chefs/host, barrel tasters and vineyard philosophers

## October 17, 2007 Meeting Notes

The October Club meeting was a treat for the taste buds. The evening started with the evaluation of members' fruit, dessert and port wines by Gerald Cresci. The candidates ran the gamut - from bing cherry to grapefruit! SHW members continue to be adventurous in their winemaking!



Then, Gerald educated us on the pairing of three dessert wines – a fruity New Zealand reisling, a Sonoma/Napa cabernet sauvignon and a Portuguese Tawny Port

with three cheeses, four chocolates and three nuts (as in walnuts, pecans and almonds). It was amazing how the different foods highlighted certain characteristics in each of the wines. Consensus: when in doubt, get Port - almost everything went well with it.



Our thanks to Gerald for an informative evening and his long-time support of SHW.

## Keep Your Recipes Coming

We loved your appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts at last month's home winery tour. We'd like to collect these and other recipes for the future SHW Cookbook. Please



submit your favorites to the SHW Cookbook Committee: Linda Skinner, [Linda.skinner@hp.com](mailto:Linda.skinner@hp.com); Lili Brust, [lcburst@garlic.com](mailto:lcburst@garlic.com); or Mary Abbott, [sm.abbott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sm.abbott@sbcglobal.net).

## 2008 Unified Wine and Grape Symposium

The 2008 Unified Wine and Grape Symposium is again at the Sacramento Convention Center and runs from January 29-31. Jointly organized by American Society for Enology and Viticulture and the California Association of Winegrape Growers 11 years ago, the goal of the symposium is to provide current and breaking news, as well as information and research that shape the future of grape growing and winemaking.



Universities at Fresno and Sonoma; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Family Winemakers of California; University of California, Davis; Wine America; and Wine Institute.

Almost 500 vendors are represented at the trade show, a gigantic resource for anything and everything wine grape growing and winemaking at any level. Discounted registration is available (even for the trade show only) until January 14, 2008. For more information, go to [www.unifiedsymposium.org](http://www.unifiedsymposium.org).

The program is developed in cooperation with the American Vineyard Foundation, California State

### Sacramento Home Winemakers - 2007 Program Calendar

Date*	Meeting Topic/Event	Speaker/Panel/Committee
<b>November 14 NOTE date change</b>	Annual Meeting; Gold Medal Winners Tasting; Chilean Wine and Food Tasting	Club Members who won 1st place in wine competitions this year. Christian Ruz
October 3, 7:00PM	Board Meeting	Judy Pinegar's Place
December 19	Holiday Party*	Linda Skinner, Coordinator See article in his newsletter to order tickets
* Holiday Party Committee members needed; please contact Linda at <a href="mailto:linda.skinner@hp.com">linda.skinner@hp.com</a>		
* Monthly meetings are held at the Turn Verein, 3349 J St, Sacramento, on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, at 7PM unless otherwise noted in the latest newsletter.		
<b>Reminder:</b> Participants at monthly Club Meetings should bring their own wine glasses to use for wine tasting. Club wine glasses are provided for guests.		

### Nearby Wine Area Events



**Holiday Open House ~ Calaveras Winegrape Alliance** --Christmas in Calaveras... with yummy treats, colorful decorations, music in the air, a visit from Santa Claus... and WINE! To celebrate the holiday season, the nineteen wineries of the Calaveras Winegrape Alliance will hold their annual Holiday Open House from 11:00AM until 5:00PM on Saturday, December 8th!

Enjoy special wine tastings, food & wine pairing and recipe ideas that you can share with your family and friends. You can do your Christmas shopping in the quaint Murphys shops in-between visits to the various tasting rooms. Downtown Murphys at Christmas is a treat for the eyes, ears and palate. Grab your Christmas spirit and come join the fun!

*P.S. - Santa and Mrs. Claus will be checking to see who's been naughty and who's been nice!*



**Taste for Free at Participating Sonoma County Wineries** – Have the unbelievable tasting room charges hindered you from going wine tasting in Napa and Sonoma counties? Here's an opportunity that might change your mind, at least in Sonoma County. If you hold a VISA Signature card (as in the credit card), you can receive two complimentary wine tastings at 50 Sonoma County wineries. Cardholders may also receive a discount on wines and other winery items. So, if you find "Signature" on your VISA card, go to [visa.com/signaturefood](http://visa.com/signaturefood) for a list of participating wineries. The offer is valid through the end of this calendar year.

**Sacramento Home Winemakers**  
**Annual Holiday Dinner & Party**

Turn Verein Banquet Room  
Wednesday, December 19, 2007  
Social Hour 6:00 PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM

Catered by: Calyn McKnight

The Big Raffle

2 Large Bottles Wine  
2007 Club Membership  
(Tickets are \$5 each)

\$1 Raffle

Wines and Gifts donated by:  
Club members and friends of SHW  
(Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5)

Silent Auction

Grape Press (#40 - slightly used)  
Donated by: Morning Glory Fermentation Supply

Door Prizes



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**2007 Annual Holiday Dinner & Party**

**\$35 per person**

Please make your reservations and submit payment by  
**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Make check payable to: Sacramento Home Winemakers

Mail check to: Sid Abbott  
5142 Chicago Avenue  
Fair Oaks, Ca 95628

Attendee(s) Name(s)

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Payment Enclosed: Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_


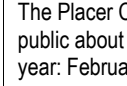

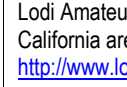
Donations for door prizes and raffles are welcome.

Please contact: Linda Skinner at (916) 652 5235 or  
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## Linda's Dried Tomato and Something

<p><u>Ingredients:</u>          16 oz cream cheese          9 ounce jar sun dry tomato spread          8.5 ounce jar pesto spread          8.5 ounce jar julienne cut tomatoes, well drained          1 cup salted, roasted pistachios, roughly chopped</p>	<p>On plastic wrap, spread half of the cream cheese into a rectangle no more than 1/4 inch thick. Wrap in plastic and repeat with remaining cream cheese. Refrigerate until chilled. Place 1 layer of cream cheese on a serving plate: smooth spread evenly on top. Spoon half of pesto over spread. Place second layer of cream cheese on top. Spoon remaining pesto evenly over cheese. Top with tomatoes. Loosely press pistachios around the sides. Chill and serve with crackers. Makes 18-24 servings</p>
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## Neighbors – Home Winemaking Clubs

	<p>El Dorado Home Winemakers Club (EDHW) is an organization of amateur winemakers who enjoy the making and drinking of wine. The Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Sequoias Restaurant in Placerville. For club information, see their website at <a href="http://www.edhwm.com">http://www.edhwm.com</a>.</p>
	<p>The Placer County Wine and Grape Association (PCWGA) is a non-profit organization committed to informing and educating the public about Placer County wines, wineries, grape growers and grapes. PCWGA meets on the second Wednesday six times a year: February, April, June, August, October and December. For more info, check out their website <a href="http://www.placerwineandgrape.org">http://www.placerwineandgrape.org</a>.</p>
	<p>The purpose of the Amador Winemakers Association (AWA) is to organize, conduct, and/or attend discussions, lectures, field trips, experiments, and demonstrations regarding all aspects of grape growing and wine making. The AWA meets monthly on the third Thursday. Additional information can be found at <a href="http://www.amadorwinemakers.org">http://www.amadorwinemakers.org</a>.</p>
	<p>Lodi Amateur Vintners Association (LAVA) was founded in January 2001 for the purpose of promoting amateur wine making in the Lodi, California area. The Club generally meets the third Thursday of every month at the Lodi Wine and Visitor Center. Their website is <a href="http://www.lodiamateurvintners.org">http://www.lodiamateurvintners.org</a>.</p>