



AWOnews

A forum for the exchange of news and opinions on home winemaking in Ontario

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INTRODUCING THE NEW

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Editor's Note:

My name is Gary Collins and I have been a member of Amateur Winemakers Ontario for about 15 years.

I am also an active Judge in Wine Judges of Canada. Editing our newsletter is new to me, so any help you can give will be more than welcome. If you have any suggestions on content or articles you would like included, special projects your club is working on, or planning on working on but need help with, please pass them on to me. Something wine related going on in your neighbourhood that would be of interest to other members can also be published.

Going for Gold in Calgary!



The best wines from the best amateur winemakers in Ontario are going to the Amateur Winemakers of Canada's National Competition being held September 15-16 in Calgary!

Thanks go to Patti Polfuss and Carole Frankow who worked non-stop from 10:00 to 6:00 earlier this month (helped by a few glasses of wine) and Patti's poor husband, Peter the designated volunteer, who did all the proofing and initial checking and sending of the database.

They created a database for the Amateur Winemakers of Canada competition. It was tough going as they worked from several documents, the most important having just arrived that morning.

Many winners in Ontario had chosen not to enter the AWC competition - in fact, initially only 55 wines were put forward by their makers, and it took a lot of calling, emailing, and a little arm twisting to persuade the next eligible winemakers to participate. They were determined to send on as many of the 80 allowable entries from Ontario as possible and ultimately 74 entries were gathered.

The good news is all the bottles had arrived safely from various drop off points across the province to the final location in Waterloo (and on time). After the paperwork was logged, 66 bottles were carefully packaged, wrapped, boxed and recorded (the rest were shipped direct by the winemakers). Shredded paper, plastic bags and green masking tape were everywhere. Thanks to the inventive packing job, all the bottles arrived in Calgary intact. Even better news is that all the paperwork balanced!

Good luck to all who have entered the National competition. It will be quite an accomplishment to be named the best winemaker in Canada! Cheers!

Opportunity Lost?

It was disappointing to see how many potential National medal winners refused to send their wines on to the Amateur Winemakers of Canada competition. Here was the perfect opportunity to have wines judged professionally against the rest of Canada's best.

The past reputation of AWC may have had something to do with this. Misinformation regarding use of non-qualified judges, poor documentation, and a high rate of breakage when sending wines across Canada created poor reception in Ontario upon being told that a wine was eligible to "go on" to the National level.

Hard work and care to ensure qualified judges and better shipping practices and documentation have improved dramatically in the past year.

The AWC, made up of directors from the participating provinces, has pulled together and put together an excellent competition. They have a new website (www.amateurwine.ca) and better communication than ever. Ongoing discussions regarding the medals should ensure that they will remain cost effective while reflecting the merit of the wines judged.

Our winemakers should be proud to have this opportunity to compete nationally.

Patti Polfuss, AWC Liaison



the UnCONvENTiOnAl CONVENTION... Déjà Vu

June 7-8, 2013

UnCONvENTiOnAl

un-con-ven-tion-al a: not according to form or custom (Webster)

Welcome to AWO FESTIVAL '13

Well, you loved us back in '07 and it's taken us only 6 years to recover from THAT Unconventional Convention and agree to host (you guessed it!) the "2013 Unconventional Convention...Deja Vu!"

The Cambridge Club, Corkscrew Society & K-W Winemakers Guild, older, wiser, just slightly creakier, but still as crazy as ever, invite you to join us at Conestoga College in Kitchener June 7-8 for an educational & fun-filled Festival.

Unfortunately, the health inspector ruled out the Roadkill Café & the liquor inspector put the kibosh on the Country Pub Crawl but you can bet we still know how to be unconventional!

Watch your mailboxes for more info in the very near future...and remember...

TURKEYS ARE TACKY And LOONS are... hmmm LOONIE!



ExPect the UnExpecTed...Again!

Bring the special loonie to Kitchener & win a prize!

Amateur Winemakers of Ontario
the UnCONvENTiOnAl CONvENTion — KiTcHeNeR 2013

www.makewine.com/festival

2012 AWO CLUB SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for participating in our recent survey of AWO Clubs! We were very pleased to get 15 replies from the 32 clubs surveyed, an excellent rate of return. Many of you provided very thorough answers & we will be planning a course of action over the summer. Stay posted & if you want to help, let us know! We can use you!

In the meantime, here are some of the results in no particular order. Remember that many of these suggestions can be undertaken as a club project or as a joint venture with AWO. We can't do it all for you.

MEMBERSHIP:

1) Is your club taking new members? Y – 14 N – 1

2) Is your club actively looking for new members? Y – 8 N – 7

3) How can we best attract new members?

- better support for new winemakers who are intimidated by members with high skill levels but no desire to mentor
- have programs for beginners
- need strong educational program
- keep website current & fresh & make sure it comes up when doing a Google search
- need to increase website's hit rate when looking for "wine clubs"
- need media attention (articles in the paper, radio interviews etc) on AWO competitions, activities & events – get coverage in the What's Going On section (local clubs would have to be involved)
- club wine tastings at local fairs & public events (again, local involvement)
- advertise in winemaking shops, word of mouth
- email blasts
- promote use of both amateur sources & commercial wineries

4) If you've had members leave recently, why? Circle as many that apply.

a. Issues in the club? b. Issues with AWO? c. Personal reasons? d. Lost interest?
e. Other reasons?

- personal, family / life changes
- skills have advanced to where they no longer needed assistance from peers
- clubs are educational tools, not just a place to drink wine
- moved away
- lost interest & quit winemaking
- health reasons

ACTIVITIES:

- | | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| 5) Do your members compete with their wines? | Y – 15 | N – 0 |
| 6) Do your members attend the Annual Festival? | Y – 10 | N – 5 |
| 7) Would regional seminars, workshops etc appeal to you? | Y – 12 | N – 2 |
| 8) If you've answered NO to any of these activities, why not? | | |
| • distance too far | | |
| • very small club | | |
| • no interest | | |

RESOURCES:

- | | | |
|--|--------|-------|
| 9) Do your members use the AWO website? | Y – 10 | N – 5 |
| 10) If not, why not? | | |
| • only use it for competition results | | |
| • are other places to get good info on wine & winemaking | | |
| • haven't looked to see what's on it | | |
| • need more entry level info & access to resources | | |
| 11) What would you like to see on the website? | | |
| • info on how to start a club | | |
| • links to other clubs & technical sites | | |
| • info on Festivals or local workshops | | |
| • tips for sourcing grapes & equipment | | |
| • step by step info on transitioning from kits to juices & must | | |
| • in-depth articles & photos featuring a different club every 2 months | | |
| • food & wine matching, wine recipes | | |
| • tips on blending, winemaking & interesting articles from 3 rd party sources | | |
| • place to buy / sell equipment | | |
| • safety measures | | |
| • Scott Labs handbook | | |
| • feature experts talking about winemaking in Ontario | | |
| • it's not practical to try to duplicate other sources – instead have more Resource links to other sites | | |
| 12) If we provided your club with its own page on the AWO website, would you use it & keep it updated? | Y – 7 | N – 8 |
| 13) Do your members participate in the online WineTalk forum? | Y – 9 | N – 6 |

14) If not, why not?

- fear, insecurity, low confidence level about technical skills & ability
- too time consuming
- not familiar with it
- information overload
- didn't know about it
- just don't get around to it
- haven't ever looked at it

15) How can we make WineTalk more relevant to you?

- it's fine the way it is
- people in winemaking fields should send in responses to members' interests
- it's only as good as those who use it – need to encourage more use
- don't feel confident in commenting
- change to an internet forum rather than an email based one
- it's usually technical but for new/young members, there's a need for simple beginner questions & answers

GENERAL:

16) How can we rejuvenate existing clubs?

- need new generation of winemakers
- situation is endemic in all organizations – it goes in cycles
- need to be relevant & appealing to younger people
- strong educational element is key to gaining new & keeping old members
- need to motivate new members & mentor them
- AWO is an excellent entry point for new winemakers but the novelty wears off after a few years – clubs lose older people because they're not learning anything new
- preferred pricing from grape, juice, kit & equipment suppliers
- advertise via posters in related stores like CCWA, Vin Bon, Wine Kitz, etc – blanket all stores in Ontario & advertise our pride in our wines
- encourage club projects, regular meetings with tastings, & participation in Festivals
- senior club members should back off to advisory roles & let younger members take the lead
- try spousal BBQs, club projects, bus tours, potluck dinners
- mini conferences locally
- we are not a wine tasting organization; we should be making wine or beer

17) Would you like more contact with & assistance from AWO?

Y – 6

N – 7

18) How can we best help you?

- promote public profile of home winemaking as a fun & valid leisure pursuit
- get GTA clubs to take their turn hosting Festivals or have AWO host in a central location
- better communication from AWO to each individual member
- you're taking the first step with this survey
- promote the validity of Wine Judges of Canada
- get some co-op advertising from suppliers
- advertise the suppliers of the gold metal winners & whether they were from grapes, juice or kits
- get the Niagara region involved – you promote us, we promote you
- organize events like bus tours to different areas, technical visits to wineries & tutored tastings, so AWO is more than just judging wines & holding Festivals – expand into other areas
- advertise & assist with Festivals & workshops
- consider webinars, blogs, & online discussions on winemaking tips

19) Should we look at using social media to broaden our horizons? Y – 11

N – 4

Again, thank you for participating in this survey. If you want to comment, please email us at board@makewine.com.

In appreciation, there will be a random draw from all surveys received back by **MAY 15** for a very special prize to be presented to your club at the 2012 Festival in Peterborough June 8-9.

Thank You
The AWO Board of Directors

The winners of the Survey draw were.... “Humber Valley Vintners”, a Premium wine kit donated by Simply Fine Wine

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Don't let children watch too much TV...

The pastor of this Baptist church had called all of the little children to the front of the church, dressed in their cute Easter outfits and had them sit around him. He said "Today is Easter and you all look so handsome and beautiful. Today we're going to talk about the resurrection. Does anyone know what the resurrection is?"

One little boy raised his hand, and the pastor said "Please tell us what the resurrection is". The young lad stood up, proud that he knew the answer, answering in a clear loud voice...

"When you get one lasting more than four hours, you gotta call a doctor!"

It took a solid 10 minutes before the pastor could speak and there was so much laughter going on that his sermon was probably forgotten.

But that boy's voice won't be.



Geographical rearrangement of clubs into 4 regions –The idea is each region will be responsible for hosting the Festival every 4 years, making it less work since there will be more clubs in each area to become involved. What do you think? Hit the link and give us your opinion! board@makewine.com ←

<u>Club</u>	<i>Current Location</i>	<i>New Region</i>
Aurora Wine Circle	North	Central
Brampton Winemakers	North	Central
Georgetown Vintners	North	Central
Central Toronto Wine Guild	Toronto East	Central
Pickering Wine Guild	Toronto East	Central
Scarborough Winemakers	Toronto East	Central
Humber Valley Vintners	Toronto West	Central
Lakeview Wine Club	Toronto West	Central
Press Agents Winemakers Club	Toronto West	Central
West Toronto Vintners	Toronto West	Central
Vin Bon Wine Club	Toronto East	Central
Growwine	Ontario East	East
Kawartha Krushers	Ontario East	East
Prince Edward County Wine Club	Ontario East	East
Bytown Vintners	Ottawa	East
Capital Amateur Winemakers	Ottawa	East
Rideau Tay Wine Guild	Ottawa	East
Niagara Vine-to-Wine Circle	Niagara	South
Niagara-on-the-Lake Amateur Vintners	Niagara	South
Burlington Wine Guild	Hamilton / Halton	South
Other Hamilton Wine Club	Hamilton / Halton	South
Peninsula Vintners	Hamilton / Halton	South
Wentworth West Zymologists	Hamilton / Halton	South
GreyT Fermenters	North	West
K-W Winemakers Guild	Ontario Mid-West	West
Paris Winemakers Wine Club	Ontario Mid-West	West
South Coast Winemakers Guild	Ontario Mid-West	West
The Cambridge Club	Ontario Mid-West	West
The Corkscrew Society	Ontario Mid-West	West
London Wine Pros	Ontario West	West
St. Thomas Grapebusters Wine Club	Ontario West	West
Winemasters London	Ontario West	West

AWO Annual General Meeting
June 9, 2012
Peterborough, Ontario

Attending from the Board of Directors

President	Burton McClland
Vice President	Steve Quast
Secretary	Clive Woolner
Director/ AWC Rep.	Patti Polfuss
Director	Jim Lloyd

Club Representatives

By Town Vintners	Mike Charlebois
Capital Amateur Wine Club	Richard Clark
Growine	Paul Ward
Kawartha Krushers	Burton McClland
Vin Bon Wine Club	Karen Mandryk
NOTL Amateur Vintners	Alan Johnson
Other Hamilton Wine Club	Werner Lichtenberger
St. Thomas Grapebusters Wine Club	Bill Thornton
The Cambridge Club	Patti Polfuss
The Corkscrew Society	Clive Woolner
Humber Valley	Ellen Kareckas
West Toronto Vintners	Steve Gunning

Adoption of 2011 AGM Minutes

Motion: To accept the AGM 2011 Minutes as written
Moved by Bill Thornton, Seconded by Patti Polfuss
Carried

1) Reports from the Board:

Membership Director`s Report

Membership continues to decline with the loss of 1 Club and loss of an additional 18 members.

Treasurer`s Report

The loss was a result of increased meeting expenses and an advertising program being undertaken in WineMaker magazine. The board had 8 meetings and attendance was very high. It was discussed and agreed that the board will see if any lower cost alternative can be found.

Statement of Income and Expenses

Revenue	\$11,611.02
Expenses	<u>\$12,624.32</u>
Net Loss	\$ 1,013.30

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 5,749.44
GICs	\$25,000.00
Liabilities	<u> \$0.00</u>
Total Equity	\$30,749.44

Motion: To accept the Financial Report

Moved: Steve Quast, Seconded by Steve Gunning

Carried

2) Judging Co-ordinator`s Report

See Attached

Motion: To accept the judging Coordinator`s report

Moved: Ellen Kareckas, Seconded by Patti Polfuss

Carried

3) Old Business

Membership development

AWO must work to increase its membership. New clubs should be encouraged and we should sell the sizzle of the AWO benefits and amateur winemaking.

AWO will update its website in the next year.

4) New Business

Club Survey Results were present to the membership. See attached summary

Division of clubs into regions was explained

Changing Date of Convention

A brief discussion was held and the result is that is no perfect time. Holidays, children in school all impact the members. It was decided that the host club has the latitude to determine the convention date

Other new Business

5) Retiring Directors

Ellen Kareckas, Burton McClelland and Steve Quast

6) Elections

5 positions are open (one was left empty due to lack of a nomination)

Nominees are

Clive Woolner

Jim Lloyd

Steve McDonald

Karen Mandryk

Nominations from the floor: no nominations from the floor

All nominees are elected by acclimation.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Gunning, all in favor

Adjournment

2012 JUDGING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

For Amateur Winemakers of Ontario & Wine Judges of Canada

Another successful year of AWO Club Competitions concluded on March 25 & once again I want to thank all the Judges for giving generously of their time & expertise. I also appreciate the efforts made by the club reps & competition hosts to make these events run smoothly.

A brief summary for both organizations (my advance apologies to those of you who wear more than one hat since you'll be hearing this several times):

- Historically, our hobby has thrived in recessionary times but many clubs have been unable to attract new younger members to carry on from the older members who no longer want to make much wine. Unfortunately, Kingston has closed but a number of clubs do have new members this year, a good sign. We need to look at encouraging & assisting organizations like Vin Bon & Wine Kitz to set up their own clubs (or join existing ones) within AWO, as the quality of their products & wines is steadily improving. The AWO Board of Directors has a mandate to expand our membership & will be filling you in at the June AGM in Peterborough & elsewhere.
- Steve McDonald, our Chief Steward, did an excellent job & was a big help as always.
- 28 AWO clubs were judged between February 12 & March 25 & 1 chose to hold its competition last fall, for a total of 29 of the 33 clubs. Nine Members at Large competed this year (the most ever) 4 of which were judged at other clubs & 5 that had separate judgings. All of these competitions required a total of 60 judges (last year was 29 out of 34 clubs & 57 judges). The 4 remaining clubs historically judge their own or choose not to compete.
- Most clubs again requested judges from their own geographical area first to reduce judging costs. Of the 29 clubs, 11 needed only a single judge but 3 clubs requested 5 or more judges. The average was 2. There were 3 joint competitions of 2 or more clubs, a good way to accommodate those with smaller numbers of entries.
- I was able to find at least one judging opportunity for most of the currently active & available Ontario WJC judges, including judging the Members at Large. Several judges chose not have any assignments this year due to leaves of absence, illness or other commitments. We now have 48 provincial active judges, plus 2 from elsewhere & 3 Honorables for a total of 53.
- Club entry fees stayed at 3.00 per bottle for the first 40 wines judged by a single judge & 5.00 after that. The minimum fee was 36.00, except for Members at Large. The entry fee at the provincial level remained at 15.00. Mileage fees remained at .30 per km both ways.
- There is definite value in continuing to encourage clubs to have a pre-judging (with or without a qualified judge) to weed out those entries that are faulted & not really worth putting into competition. Screening entries at the club level increases the overall quality of the wines that are ultimately judged & helps to reduce the workload of the judges.
- If your club rep or alternate or any email addresses change, **please let us know immediately...** the Membership Director for AWO keeps track of the Club Reps & Alternates database & I'm tracking the Wine Judges of Canada information. The crucial part of this process is to get your club data & dues into the Membership Director BEFORE December 31 so our lists are as current as possible.

As always, I would appreciate any feedback (good or bad), ideas, suggestions etc on ways to improve the whole Club Competition experience. Thanks for your support!

Carole Frankow
AWO/WJC Judging Co-ordinator

May 5, 2012

AWO/WJC Chief Steward 2012 AWO Competition Report



The competition was held at Brock University in St Catharines May 4, 5 & 6th. We had 32 judges and 22 Stewards volunteer for the weekend. In total we had 842 wine and beer entries.

The beer was judged by the BJCP judges on May 20th in Toronto at the Black Oaks Brewery. I would like to thank all the judges and stewards for their dedication and hard work.

The competition went very smoothly due to some very competent individuals that took leadership positions, **Charlotte Panagapka, Burton McClelland, Criag Fleming and Phil Bunn**. Without these individuals you would not have the AWO Competition.

Thank you and **“Three Cheers”** to these guys for making my job so much easier.

In this year’s competition there were some exceptional wines. They would stand up well against any commercial wine as the quality of winemaking just gets better and better each year. If you have received a gold medal this year you have produced some great wine. To get a gold medal from our judges is very difficult. Each wine is judged by 4 or five different judges and it is hard to get that many judges agreeing on anything.

There were **71 Gold medals, 398 Silver medals, 237 Bronze medals and 96 merit awards**.

The Grand Champion Winemaker was Steve McDonald with 7 Gold, 12 Silver and 1 bronze.

The Grand Champion Brewer was Mervin Quast with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze

The Grand Champion Cidermaker was Bill Thornton with a Gold medal

The Grand Champion Club was KW Winemakers Guild with 16 Gold, 51 Silver and 27 Bronze

Best White in Show was Kevin Watson for his 2011 Chardonnay

Best Red in Show was Ray Shier for his 2009 Ontario Bordeaux Blend

Best White Wine from a kit was Victor Van Beek for his Riesling/Gewürztraminer blend

Best Red Wine from a kit was Mario Locilento for his 2010 Bordeaux

Submitted by

Steve McDonald

AWO/WJC Chief Steward



Keep an eye out for the next issue of WineMaker Magazine.

The AWO has a special article on the last page in their regular column called “Dry Finish”!



AMATEUR WINEMAKERS OF ONTARIO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year ended May 31, 2012

9/4/2012

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
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	2011-2012 Final May 31/12	2012-2013 Budget	2010-2011 Final May 31/11
RECEIPTS			
Annual Membership Dues	\$ 10,090.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,570.00
AWC Competition Entries	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,490.00
GIC & Bank Interest	\$ 376.02	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00
Festival 2011 Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (141.25)
Miscellaneous (donation)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 11,611.02	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 12,293.75
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration	\$ 2,403.51	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 948.03
Advertising	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Awards & Medals	\$ 163.85	\$ 250.00	\$ 192.10
AWC (Dues & Competition)	\$ 1,274.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,716.00
AWONews	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Service Charges	\$ 42.91	\$ 50.00	\$ 21.32
Festival 2012 Funding	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,530.52	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,362.04
Membership Development	\$ 39.49	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Website / WineTalk	\$ 679.41	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 395.50
WineMaker Magazine	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,350.00
	\$ 12,624.32	\$ 15,850.00	\$ 11,184.99
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,013.30)	\$ (2,950.00)	\$ 1,108.76

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

ASSETS			
Cash In Bank	\$ 5,749.44		\$ 6,762.74
Total GICs	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
LIABILITIES			
			\$ -
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 30,749.44		\$ 31,762.74

AWO COMPETITION 2012: FINAL RESULTS

Overall Grand Champion Club:

KW Winemakers Guild 5510 points (includes wine, beer and cider)

Grand Champion Winemaker:

Steve McDonald of the KW Winemakers Guild

Top Wine Making Clubs

KW Winemakers Guild	4750 points
St Thomas Grapebusters Wine Club	3806 points
Niagara Vine to Wine Circle	3386 points
The Corkscrew Society	1806 points
Kawartha Krushers	1800 points

John Armstrong Lifetime Achievement Award (10,000 Points):

Don Panagapka of the KW Winemakers Guild

Top Wine Makers

1. Steve McDonald 7 Gold, 12 Silver, 1 Bronze 1430 points
2. Bill Thornton 3 Gold, 14 Silver, 3 Bronze 1214 points
3. Steve Kampers 6 Gold, 7 Silver, 1 Bronze 1040 points
4. Bruce MacLaurin 4 Gold, 8 Silver, 3 Bronze 966 points
5. Ed Hughes 4 Gold, 8 Silver, 1 Bronze 898 points
6. Don Panagapka 1 Gold, 11 Silver, 3 Bronze 840 points
7. Dan Stevenson 1 Gold, 11 Silver, 3 Bronze 840 points
8. Steve Skelly 1 Gold, 11 Silver, 2 Bronze 806 points

Grand Champion CiderMaker

Bill Thornton of the St Thomas Grapebusters (Gold)

Grand Champion Brewer

Mervin Quast of the Capital Amateur Winemakers (2 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze)

Best Red Table Wine

Ray Shier of the Georgetown Vintners – 2009 Ontario Red Bordeaux

Best White Table Wine

Kevin Watson of the Niagara on the Lake Wine Club – 2011 Ontario Chardonnay

Best Red Table Wine from Concentrate/Kit

Mario Lociliento of the Vin Bon Wine Club – Vin Bon Cabernet Franc

Best White Table Wine from Concentrate/Kit

Victor VanBeek of the Other Hamilton Wine Club – Riesling/Gewürztraminer Blend

Best Brew in Show

Mervin Quast of the Capital Amateur Winemakers – Wheat Beer

For more detailed results visit our web site at.... <http://www.makewine.com/competitions/>

2012 Membership Director Report
For Amateur Winemakers of Ontario



We currently have 34 clubs and 356 members.

18 of these members are in the Members At Large club.

1 club has dropped out, but 1 club was added, and 2 clubs have merged into 1.

We have 33 new members, but 49 members did not renew.

This is a net loss of 16 members.

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Clubs	38	36	35	34
net difference	-1	-2	-1	-1
Members	420	397	372	356
net difference	-13	-23	-25	-16
Members at Large	20	20	20	18
net difference	-2	0	0	-2



Meet the newest member of Kitchener's Corkscrew Society. Maddie just turned 19 (finally legal, what's that in cat years?) and loves red wine. While most cats are satisfied to lick the edge of the shower, Maddie loves to finish off the last of the reds.

WineManager APP for i-phone

I am a keen home wine maker and have also recently started developing smart phone apps and have just launched WineManager, an app that aids winemakers in managing their various batches of wine on the go, recording measurements and actions as you go along and using the calendar to act as a reminder when future actions are due. You can find it under the i-Phone apps as "WineManager" in the Apple store if you want to check it out.

The link is:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/winemanager/id485010003?mt=8>

Should someone want to review the app on behalf of the group I do have a few free promo app codes. Just email me if you want one. spteal@aol.com

This is version 1 of the app and I am open to suggestions to develop it and improve it going forward.