

# The Wine Press

## Brown's Bits & Bytes...

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As you read this, over two hundred OCWS volunteers will be working and enjoying the OC Fair Commercial Competition. The Competition is an enormous undertaking and could not occur without the support of our membership as they act as catalogers, sorters, baggers, stewards, glass dryers, and the list goes on and on.

One week after the Commercial Competition, the OC Fair Homewine Competition will be held in the new Hangar Building on the Fairgrounds. If you haven't participated as a volunteer

at the Homewine Competition, you have missed a great event and the opportunity to taste some very fine wines.

The third weekend in June will find us sorting all the wine entries from the Commercial Competition in preparation for the OC Fair Courtyard. Extra help is always appreciated at the Wine Sorting Party so if you have a few hours to spare on June 19, just let me know.

Once the sort is concluded, we begin to gear up for the OC Fair Courtyard. This is

another massive undertaking which requires hundreds of volunteers. If you haven't filled out your volunteer form yet, it is available on the website. The Courtyard provides an opportunity to share your enthusiasm and knowledge about wine with Fair attendees. Many of our members first "found" us when they visited The Courtyard. This year, we will have additional seminars on three of the Fridays of the Fair as well as seminars dealing with wine education from our Winemaker Group on Satur-

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## Mini-Tasting ~ "OC Fair Gold Medalists"

The third Mini-Tasting of the year will be held on Saturday, July 10, at 6:00 p.m. at various host sites and will feature gold medal winning wines from the Orange County Fair Commercial Competition.

Fourteen wines will be provided and grouped into seven flights for serving at each site. The tasting will

include sparkling, white, red, and dessert wines. This is a very popular Mini-Tasting that has sold out very quickly in the past years and some sites tend to fill up very fast. Therefore, get your reservations in early. If you are signing up with a guest, please indicate this on your sign-up form.

Host sites will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event, including directions and a map to the host site. Every effort is made to place you at the location nearest your home or to accommodate your site-specific request. However, your assigned host

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## June

- 1 - 3 Bagging Parties ~ OC Fair & Event Center ~ Details mailed to volunteers
- 4 Transport wine to hotel; set-up for Commercial Competition
- 5 - 6 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition ~ Hilton Hotel, Costa Mesa
- 7 Move wine back to OC Fair & Event Center
- 12 OC Fair Homewine Competition ~ OC Fair & Event Center ~ Details mailed to volunteers
- 19 Sorting & Ribbon Mailing Party ~ OC Fair & Event Center

## July

- 10 Mini-Tasting ~ OC Fair Gold Medalists ~ OCWS Members' homes ~ Details in newsletter
- 16 - 31 OC Fair ~ The Courtyard Activities

## August

- 1 - 15 OC Fair ~ The Courtyard Activities

## September

- 10 Annual Business Meeting ~ Details TBA
- 26 Annual Membership Barbecue ~ Details TBA

## October

- 8 Monthly Tasting ~ Details TBA
- 17 Chili Cook-Off ~ OC Fair & Event Center ~ Details TBA

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days. Of course, we will still present our traditional seminars every Saturday and Sunday of the Fair.

Between the competitions and the Fair, don't forget to sign up to attend the Gold Mini-Tasting, held on July 10. All the wines served will be gold medal winners from the Competition. This is always a great tasting and attending could be considered our homework as we prepare to pour these wines at The Courtyard.

As I mentioned last month, the Board of Directors' election is fast approaching. I strongly urge you to consider running for the Board. For all of us on the present board, it has been a wonderful experience working with the members of our organization. Our volunteers are the bedrock and heart of the OCWS and never fail to provide the support necessary so that events are fun and successful.

A couple of quick reminders—when driving on the Fairgrounds, please remember that there are often pedestrians, including children who could run into the streets at any time. There are always many events going on simultaneously with ours so please drive carefully and slowly. Also, remember to drink responsibly at our events.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Leslie Brown**

## Gold Medal Mini... (Cont'd)

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site is also based on the order in which your sign-up is received in the OCWS office. The cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Each person attending is requested to bring a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve at least 8 to 10 people and designed to match the theme of the tasting (couples may need to double the recipe).

As usual, there will be a special bottle of wine that evening as a prize for Chef-of-the-Evening. Get out those gourmet cookbooks and try something special to share. Our winning Chefs-of-the-Evening may have their recipe published on the OCWS website. Recipes that pair well with many wines may be found either in your favorite cook book or try a couple from the web.

To attend, just complete the sign-up in this newsletter or on the OCWS website. We are currently planning a maximum of six sites so the Mini-Tasting is limited to a maximum of 96 attendees. Wines for the evening are selected and purchased approximately one week prior to the event. Therefore, unless there is a waiting list you will not be refunded your money if you cannot attend. Cut-off date for event sign up is Wednesday, June 30.

Desserts may be limited at the discretion of the host. We ask each attendee to call the host 2 to 4 days prior to the tasting to advise the host what food the attendee desires to bring. Using this approach, attendees will enjoy a greater variety of food pairings with delicious wines. We have a high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Program, and as such, we encourage you to sign-up early as some sites tend to fill quickly.

Bon Appétit,

**Jim Beard & Ron Gottesman**

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# Wine Auction & PYOL “Wrap”

**Wine Auction, Saturday, April 24. Done!**  
**PYOL, Saturday, May 8. Done!**

The OCWS Cellar has now been cleared of all the 2009 Competition wine and many of our members are now content with their own cellars filled with OCWS Auction and PYOL wine. Another success for everyone involved!

Of course, both events couldn't possibly have been so successful without the countless volunteer hours of our Cellar Crew. The Auction and PYOL demand the sorting, bagging, boxing, and cataloging of over 8,000 bottles of wine. We started in December and ended in April. Thank you to Dennis and Carol Esslinger, Charley Owen, Jack and Shirley McManus, Wayne Huson, Richard Ward, Lora and Chuck Howard, Bob and Marjorie Trout, Karl and Virginia Kawai, and Jim Beard.

Additionally, there are many, many volunteers who donated their time towards event planning, facilities and logistics, food preparation, computer support, event set-up and tear-down, registration, and check-out. Vivien Owen and Robyn Strom, as usual, were the chef's of the day. Charley Owen and Dennis Esslinger, as always, another great job with set-up for both events. Of course, we can't forget all of our wine pourers who were supervised by Jim Beard. Thanks for keeping us happy during the Wine Auction!

## Big Spenders

Each year, the OCWS recognizes the Wine Auction's top spenders. These are the brave men and women who bare it all, wallets, checkbooks, jewelry, and home mortgages to purchase outstanding wine at outstanding prices. The following are warmly thanked and recognized as this year's Top Big Spenders! Each will receive complimentary tickets to the 2011 Wine Extraordinaire.

A special thank you to each one of you for your support this year...

*Ron and Donna Phelps*  
*CK and Laurel Allen*  
*Richard Okinaka*  
*Bill and Kathy Schymick*  
*Henry and Ann Salisbury*  
*Bill and Lois Clark*  
*Dan and Cherie Deeble*  
*David and Gail Hirstein*  
*Steven and Shana Lakso*

who attended this year. Your support and contributions are highly appreciated!

**Kevin Coy**  
**Wine Auction / PYOL Coordinator**

The Wine Auction and PYOL have been consistently successful fundraisers for the OCWS. Thank you to all of you

## Corks 4 Cures Program

We're still looking for used wine corks!

I know that many of you have loads of corks at home from all that wine you've been drinking. Please collect them and bring them to one of our events or to the OCWS Office. The corks will be given to The Association of Beverage Professionals at the Collins College of Hospitality Management. The program collects corks, sells them to a recycler, and uses them to create cork wreaths and trivets to be sold at auction. Proceeds from this charitable effort are then donated to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease research.

### How To Help

Collect your wine corks (both cork and synthetic) and either bring them by the OCWS Office or bring them to an OCWS event. We all have tons of wine corks floating around our homes, so it's an easy way to help contribute to a worthy cause.

For more information, visit the Cal Poly Pomona Association of Beverage Professionals website at [Corks4Cures.org](http://Corks4Cures.org) or [beverageprofessionals.org](http://beverageprofessionals.org).

Many, many thanks to those of you who have already donated your corks. Keep 'em coming!

**Kevin Coy**

## Membership ~ "Who's New?"

The OCWS would like to welcome the following new members whose membership in the organization was approved by the Board of Directors at the May Board meeting.

*Paul and Lois Durning  
Maxine Morisaki and Nancy Mackey  
Sandy Porto  
Dan Thomas*

We are pleased to welcome you to the OCWS and encourage you to attend as many of our functions as your time permits. Most new members really get to know the Society and its members by volunteering to help with one or more of our events. There are several opportunities for volunteering in the next few months. As new members, volunteering at the Courtyard allows you to meet many of our members and get to know how the OCWS contributes to the OCFair. Don't forget to sign up for the Gold Medal Mini-Tasting that will be held on July 10.

As of the May Board of Directors' Meeting, there are 909 members consisting of 358 dual memberships and 193 single memberships.

**Leslie Brown**  
**Membership Chair**

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# Dine With Wine

Mad Mike's at Booster's Grill a great success!

Mad Mike put on an outstanding food fest on Tuesday, April 27. We had 27 OCWS members and friends joining us on this occasion for another night of Mike's "Gourmet Peasant Food." My favorite was the sausage pizza appetizer shared with sips of Laetitia and Mumm Napa Champagne. Of course, lots of outstanding wine was shared among good friends and new friends. Thanks to all of you who joined us!

Okay...I am getting several inquiries....when are we going to dine at The Hobbit? The answer is...I'm trying. It was scheduled for Sunday, May 25, but had to be cancelled because of another event occurring on that day. My apologies, but I am trying. We've just had so many events in the past few weeks, that I've really had a tough time finding a good date to host the event. Maybe it's fate—the more I advertise it's coming—hopefully, the more members I may have salivating over the thought of joining us. Hang in there. We'll be joining The Hobbit soon!

We'll also be visiting Shenandoah at the Arbor in Los Alamitos within the next coming weeks. Look for upcoming e-blasts!

Please enjoy the following restaurants that joined us at this year's Wine Extraordinaire...

## New Supporting Restaurants

Catal / Pinot Provence – Anaheim Disney Walk and  
Costa Mesa  
Shenandoah at the Arbor – Los Alamitos  
Wyndham Hotel – Costa Mesa  
Red Cork Bistro – Garden Grove (Unfortunately, just  
closed...soon to re-open in Costa Mesa)

## Continuing Supporting Restaurants

Mad Mike's American Gourmet – Mission Viejo  
The Olive Garden – Irvine and Huntington Beach  
The Melting Pot – Irvine  
The Mix at the Anaheim Hilton – Anaheim  
Blue Water Grill – Tustin

## Continuing Supporting Caterers and Food Vendors

Black Market Bakery – Irvine  
Le Grand Marketing – [www.legrandmarketing.com/](http://www.legrandmarketing.com/)  
Escoffier Personal Chef & Catering –  
[www.lacuisineescoffier.com](http://www.lacuisineescoffier.com)  
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Crystal Geysers Natural Beverages - [www.crystalgeyser.com](http://www.crystalgeyser.com)

Please visit these restaurants and vendors and let them know that you are visiting by leaving your OCWS business

card. Times are tough for these restaurants too! So now, more than ever, they would love to see you visiting them.

For more information about our Dine With Wine Dinners with our supporting restaurants, please feel free to contact me at [kevin@ocws.org](mailto:kevin@ocws.org).

**Kevin Coy**

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# Winemaker Group Newsroom

**Stewards Needed – No Experience Necessary**  
**Good Food, Good Fun,**  
**Good Wines & Good Company**  
**OC Fair Homewine Competition**  
**Saturday, June 12, 2010**  
**7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**OC Fair & Events Center**

If you are available to serve as a steward at the Homewine Competition but have not yet contacted Rob and Germaine Romano to sign up, we urge you to do that as soon as possible. Please contact them at [ocws@dementedfermenters.com](mailto:ocws@dementedfermenters.com) to get your assignment and schedule. Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up!

## **Homewine Judges Hone Their Skills**

In an effort to continually improve the integrity of our Homewine Competition, we held a Judge's Seminar on May 15 with Lum Eisenman serving as our Seminar Leader. It was attended by some four dozen existing and new judges; some of whom are prospective OCWS members. Lum's focus was on the practical aspects of wine judging: having the judging panels calibrate their tasting and scoring with a test tasting prior to the actual judging, rules of thumb for allocating points for each category assessed in the 20-point modified Davis scoring system, and giving feedback by using the descriptors on the scoring form or writing in additional comments. We believe the participants left with a better sense of preparedness for judging the competition. Our thanks go to Rich McCormick for arranging the seminar, to Lum Eisenman for leading the seminar, and to Armen Shahbazian for hosting the event at his home.

## **What Earthquakes and Wine Sometimes Have in Common**

As part of the Wine Education Series, Jerry Guerin outlined the most common wine faults at a gathering of OCWS members prior to the Ken Brown tasting on May 14. Those tastes and smells which are more commonly feared by the winemakers were highlighted. Hopefully, none of those showed up in Ken's wines after dinner! Our thanks to Kevin Donnelly for setting up the event and especially to Jerry Guerin for sharing his knowledge with us.

**Russian River Campout / Winery Tours**  
**Cassini Ranch Family Campground**  
**Duncan Mills, CA**  
**August 2 – 8, 2010**

This is a reminder if you have an interest in this event. We

plan on camping at the Cassini Ranch Family Campground located right next to the Russian River set among beautiful hills and just minutes from the Pacific Ocean. We expect to have some evening cookouts, barbecues, and wine tastings with visits to a number of wineries in the area.

If you plan on staying at the campground, we suggest you call immediately and make your reservation as many sites have already been booked. You may go to their website at [www.cassiniranch.com](http://www.cassiniranch.com) or call at 800.451.8400. You can also find lodging in nearby Healdsburg or Santa Rosa. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Guerin at [jerome-guerin@earthlink.net](mailto:jerome-guerin@earthlink.net) or Jim Graver at [winemaster72@earthlink.net](mailto:winemaster72@earthlink.net). Remember, make your reservations immediately. You can always cancel later.

***For the Winemaker Group,***  
***Jim Graver***

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# Be An OCWS Board Member!

Have you ever wondered if you might be qualified to be a candidate for the Board of Directors? You might be surprised as a member how qualified you really are. Do you volunteer to assist with events? Have you participated on an event committee? Why not take one more step and get involved in the actual decision-making and leadership of the OCWS? Qualifications are quite simple...

- Appreciation of wine. Need not be an expert; just have an interest in learning about and enjoying wine.
- A commitment to OCWS. Help the OCWS achieve its objectives as a non-profit educational organization.
- Teamwork. Work with eight other Board Members to share the effort, make decisions, and provide direction to the OCWS.
- Desire to have fun. After all, we are a social organization. So, if it's not fun, none of us would be here.

Many OCWS members meet these qualifications quite easily. How about you?

Is there a unique profile for a successful Board Member? Absolutely not! It is the exchange of differing ideas between the nine Board Members and the combination of differing skills that helps OCWS thrive. However, a Board of Director candidate should possess some of the following skills and experience...

- General knowledge of OCWS activities.
- Experience as a volunteer in some events; involvement with event committees.
- Some organizational and teamwork abilities.
- Some simple budget management skills.

The overall time commitment for a member of the Board of Directors varies, based on assignments and participation. A Board Member's term is for three years. All Board Members are expected to attend the monthly Board Meetings (dinner and wine are provided). Board Members will agree to organize/manage certain events and projects, as assigned by the President. These responsibilities will generally average several hours per month. Board Members are expected to attend as many OCWS events as possible. Generally speaking, free attendance is granted for a Board Member and a significant other. A decision to serve as an Officer of the Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) may require some additional time and effort.

Involvement as a Director of the OCWS is personally and professionally satisfying. I hope many of you will consider offering your candidacy for the Board of Directors. If you have any questions related to the election—director responsibilities, the election process, etc.—please contact me at 714.544.9503 or by e-mail at [dleandcse@earthlink.net](mailto:dleandcse@earthlink.net). You can also contact Election Committee member Jack

McManus at 949.720.7070 or by e-mail to [mcmanuscsm@cox.net](mailto:mcmanuscsm@cox.net).

***Dennis Esslinger***  
***2010 Election Chairman***

## Changes To Our By-laws

Each year, the By-laws Committee meets to determine if any changes need to be proposed to the membership for a By-laws change or amendment. This year is no exception.

For those of you who don't know exactly what Bylaws are, they are the foundation of an organization. They are like the blueprint for a house. The blueprint will show where the kitchen and bathrooms are going to be placed but they do not explain how to install the pipes for the plumbing. Therefore, Bylaws don't specify how an event is going to be done or even specifically name an event (excluding the Board of Director Meetings and the Annual Business Meeting and Election. When and how an event is going to run are found in the guidelines, procedures or operations manuals. Keeping that in mind, if you have a suggestion for a By-law change, please provide your recommended change to me by July 12.

Time is of the essence. Your recommended change needs to be reviewed by the By-laws Committee and possibly legal counsel to ascertain if the change will violate any state or federal law. If the suggestion is determined to be valid, it will be included on the election ballot for the membership to cast their ultimate acceptance or rejection. If you need to review the current By-laws, a copy is available on the OCWS website at [www.ocws.org](http://www.ocws.org).

If you decide to submit a recommendation, please indicate:

- The affected article and section number.
- The suggested change.
- Your justification/rationale for the change.

Feel free to contact me personally if you should have any questions or need help with your By-law recommendation change. My phone number is 714.964.3881 or you can contact me via e-mail at [richard@ocws.org](mailto:richard@ocws.org).

**Richard Ward**  
**By-law Chairperson**

## Aprons ~ Aprons ~ Aprons!

Your OCWS Merchandise Coordinators are soliciting any interest from the membership in obtaining an OCWS Logo bib apron. They will be burgundy color similar to what we wear during the fair. The aprons feature three divided pockets in the front, the material is a 7.5 oz. polyester and twill fabric with soil release finish (strong comfortable fabric), long wrap-around ties at the waist, and adjustable neck straps. The OCWS logo will be on the front and we are working on the possibility to have your name embroidered on the Apron.

We expect the cost to be in the \$20 - \$25 range (not including the embroidery cost) for a quality and durable apron. If you have an interest in having one or more of these aprons please e-mail Sam Puzzo at [sampocws@ocws.org](mailto:sampocws@ocws.org).

**Sam Puzzo & Carol Frank**  
**OCWS Merchandise Coordinators**

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# “The Courtyard” At The 2010 Orange County Fair

The 2010 Orange County Fair is fast approaching and planning is underway for our annual, number one fundraising effort, The Courtyard. The Orange County Fair starts on Friday, July 16, and ends on Sunday, August 15. This includes four full weeks and five weekends, the same as last year. Revenue generated at The Courtyard helps the OCWS fund our two Orange County Fair Wine Competitions: the Commercial Competition and Homewine Competition; most of our OCWS office expenses, and helps offset the cost of our Scholarship Program. On the OCWS website, please find a Wine Courtyard Sign-Up form for volunteering at The Courtyard. Also on the website, is the Server Responsibility Statement. Please review and sign this statement and return both immediately to the OCWS Office.

Please take this opportunity to sign up now as a Courtyard volunteer. Every effort will be made to assign you to shifts and duties that you select. You will be called if your requests cannot be honored. All shifts are noted on the signup form and all schedules are similar to last year. Members are requested to work at least three shifts during the Fair. Historically, certain shifts are hard to fill. These understaffed shifts tend to be weekday nights and Sunday nights (the 8:00 to 11:30 pm shift). When submitting your sign-up form, please consider volunteering for one or more of these shifts. Those shifts already full have been filled in on the website volunteer sign-up form.

This year, we are going to have the return of the “Express Bar” from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. daily. We will be serving only four wines. Wines will vary from weekend to weekend. An 8-oz. glass will be served for \$8. No tastes, or drink tickets will be honored. The Express Bar is designed to speed up the serving process for Fair customers who are headed to the concerts. Therefore, we will need four volunteers to staff this function—two servers, a cashier and a wine steward. When you sign up, please consider volunteering to work the Express Bar.

New this year will be Wine Seminars held on the last four Fridays of the Fair. Also, in order to facilitate the educational experience, no music will be played in The Courtyard this year. In addition, the Winemaker Group will be holding their seminars in The Courtyard on Saturdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Our regular seminars will be held at 3:00 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

Courtyard assignments will be made on a first-come basis so return the sign-up form as soon as possible, but no later than June 30. The availability of shifts will be periodically posted on the website. Your assignment will be confirmed in early July and you will be mailed a copy of our Volunteer Procedures, your picture badges, and a hanging parking pass, and parking instructions. Please contact Larry Graham at 949.551.0155 for questions concerning assignments or special parking needs.

“The Beat Goes On” is the theme of the 2010 Orange County Fair. Whether you are a new volunteer or a Courtyard “veteran”, this is your opportunity to experience the Orange County Fair while helping our OCWS staff The Courtyard.

Remember, when submitting your volunteer request, please (1) fill out the Courtyard sign-up form completely, (2) sign the Server Responsibility Statement (your TIPS card is on file in the OCWS office). Please do not write any notes on the form as it is for the OC Fair. Send all of the above to the OCWS Office.

Please sign up for a minimum of 3 shifts. Don't wait, shifts are filling up fast!

See you at the Fair!

**Larry Graham**  
**Courtyard Volunteer Coordinator**

**Chris Cunningham**  
**Courtyard Chairman**

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# 2010 Wine Seminar Tickets

Here is your chance to purchase advance tickets to our featured Wine Seminars to be held during the OC Fair before they go on sale to the general public. Our seminars will be conducted on Fair Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at various times including 12:00 noon, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

As you can see, we have added some new seminars to accommodate the extended fair schedule. Also, new this year is the addition of the Winemaker Group seminars. Winemaker Group Seminars will be offered on various days and times. Also, attendance at many of the Winemaker Group seminars is offered at no charge.

Attendance is limited to 22 attendees for each seminar. First come, first served. OCWS members will have the first shot at purchasing these tickets. All unsold tickets as of July 15, Fair opening day, will be offered for public sale at The Courtyard.

Please use the order form on the next page and attach it with the sign-up form on page 15.

- Be sure to include the order form on the next page and the sign-up form on page 15.

**Chris Cunningham**  
**Courtyard Chairman**

## Standard Seminars include...

- 2010 Riedel Logo Fair Glass.
- 2010 Award Book.
- 8 wines.
- Assorted nibbles and munchies.

## Cheese & Wine Seminars include...

- 2010 Riedel Logo Fair Glass.
- 2010 Award Book.
- 8 wines.
- Assorted cheeses paired with the wines.

## 4-Star Gold / Chairman Award Seminars include...

- 2010 Riedel Logo Fair Glass.
- 2010 Award Book.
- 8 wines.
- All wines will be 4-Star Gold and/or Chairman Award Medal winners.

## Ticket Information

- Your ticket price does not include admission or parking at the Fair.
- Each Wine Seminar is limited to a maximum of 22 attendees.
- The prompt submission of your sign-up will increase your opportunity to attend one or more of these special events.

# 2010 Wine Seminar Ticket Order Form

SEMINAR #	DAY	DATE	THEME	TIME	HOST	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Saturday	July 17	Homewine Overview	12:00 noon	Chris Cunningham		—	
2	Saturday	July 17	4-Star Gold Winners	3:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$30	
3	Saturday	July 17	Meritage Wines	5:00 p.m.	Walter Reiss		\$25	
4	Sunday	July 18	Chairman Award Winners	3:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$30	
5	Sunday	July 18	Zinfandel	5:00 p.m.	Charley Owen		\$25	
6	Friday	July 23	Santa Lucia Wines	5:00 p.m.	Dave Muret		\$25	
7	Saturday	July 24	Homewine Overview	12:00 noon	TBA		—	
8	Saturday	July 24	Chardonnay	3:00 p.m.	Tony Marino		\$25	
9	Saturday	July 24	Pinot Noir	5:00 p.m.	Colleen Stoddard		\$25	
10	Sunday	July 25	Rhône Blends	3:00 p.m.	Greg Stoddard		\$25	
11	Sunday	July 25	Spanish / Portuguese Varietals	5:00 p.m.	Mark DeWitt		\$25	
12	Friday	July 30	Hahn Wines	5:00 p.m.	Lisa De Bruin		\$25	
13	Saturday	July 31	Homewine Overview	12:00 noon	TBA		—	
14	Saturday	July 31	Cheese & Wine Pairing	3:00 p.m.	Carol Frank		\$30	
15	Saturday	July 31	4-Star Gold Winners	5:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$30	
16	Sunday	August 1	Meritage Wines	3:00 p.m.	Mel Jay		\$25	
17	Sunday	August 1	Cabernet Sauvignon	5:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$25	
18	Friday	August 6	Winemaker Group Wines	5:00 p.m.	TBA		\$25	
19	Saturday	August 7	Homewine Overview	12:00 noon	TBA		—	
20	Saturday	August 7	Chardonnay	3:00 p.m.	Scott Chappell		\$25	
21	Saturday	August 7	Pinot Noir	5:00 p.m.	Colleen Stoddard		\$25	
22	Sunday	August 8	Sparkling Wines	3:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$30	
23	Sunday	August 8	Syrah	5:00 p.m.	TBA		\$25	
24	Friday	August 13	Winemaker Group Wines	5:00 p.m.	TBA		\$25	
25	Saturday	August 14	Homewine Overview	12:00 noon	TBA		—	
26	Saturday	August 14	Cheese & Wine Pairing	3:00 p.m.	Carol Frank		\$30	
27	Saturday	August 14	Cabernet Sauvignon	5:00 p.m.	TBA		\$25	
28	Sunday	August 15	4-Star Gold Winners	3:00 p.m.	Chris Cunningham		\$30	
29	Sunday	August 15	Fortified Wines	5:00 p.m.	Charley Owen		\$25	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>								\$

## Parting Shots...

A Canadian lumber camp advertised for a good lumberjack. The next day, a skinny little man showed up at the camp with his axe and knocked on the head lumberjack's door. He took one look at the skinny man and told him to leave.

"Just give me a chance to show you what I can do," the skinny man said. "OK. See that giant redwood over there?" the lumberjack said, "Take your axe and go cut it down." The skinny man headed for the tree, and in five minutes he was back knocking on the lumberjack's door.

"I cut the tree down," the man said. The lumberjack couldn't believe his eyes. "Where did you get the skill to chop down trees like that?"

"In the Sahara Forest," the man replied. "You mean the Sahara Desert," the lumberjack corrected him.

"Oh, sure, that's what they call it now."

*A man bought a new refrigerator for his house. He decided to put his old refrigerator in his front yard with a sign on it: "Free to a good home." For three days, the fridge sat in the yard without even one person stopping to look at it.*

*He figured people didn't trust the deal. It seemed too good to be true. So he changed the sign to read, "Fridge for sale. \$50."*

*The next day, someone stole it.*

At the daily presidential briefing, the Secretary of Defense is giving the President his afternoon update. He concludes by saying, "Yesterday, 3 Brazilian soldiers were killed."

"Oh my God! No!" the President exclaims. "That's terrible!"

His staff sits stunned at this display of emotion, nervously watching as the President sits, head in hands. Finally, he looks up and asks, "So...how many is a brazilion?"

*Most cartoon characters remain frozen in time. Though they've been around for more than 50 years, the members of the Peanuts gang are in some unspecified elementary school holding pattern. But what if they had been allowed to age like the rest of us? (With apologies to the late Charles Schulz...)*

Charlie Brown: Operates Good Grief Counseling Inc., which specializes in manic depressives and people who are just having a bad day. Moonlights as a pitching coach at high school and college levels. Married to Marcie. They have a round-headed son who wears glasses.

Linus: Developer of Security Blanket Software, which is a hot item on the New York Stock Exchange. Worth millions but is actively involved in charitable causes, including the Great Pumpkin 5K Fun Run every Halloween. The only man who makes Bill Gates nervous.

Lucy: Serving her seventh term in Congress. On her third husband. Claims she hasn't thought about Schroeder in years, but the background music on her answering machine is Beethoven.

Schroeder: After years on the classical performing circuit, he runs a piano bar in Carmel, California. Won't let anybody lean on his piano.

Sally: Never quite got over being spurned by Linus. Has a cat named Sweet Babboo. Sells Mary Kay cosmetics.

Peppermint Patty: Women's athletic director at a Midwest university. Her fashion credo: "Sandals go with everything."

Snoopy: In dog years, he'd be 350. What do you think would've happened to him? Linus has created an endowment at Daisy Hill Puppy Farm in Snoopy's memory.

### A Message from Her Majesty The Queen...

To the citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

In light of your failure in recent years to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately.

Her Sovereign Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Kansas, which she does not fancy).

Your new Prime Minister, David Cameron, will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect: (You should look up 'revocation' in the Oxford English Dictionary.)

1. Look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.

2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour', 'favour', 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise'. Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (Look up 'vocabulary').

3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as 'like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize.

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# Parting Shots...

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4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.
5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not ready to shoot grouse.
6. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.
7. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.
8. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.
9. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.
10. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.
11. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie MacDowell attempt English dialogue in 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.
12. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full Kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies). Don't try rugby - the South Africans and Kiwis will thrash you, like they regularly thrash us.
13. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.
14. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

15. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

16. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 pm with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.

God Save the Queen!

*Now, aren't you glad we won the war? Until next month...*

*John*

2010 Orange County Fair  
Wine Seminars  
The Courtyard  
Days and Times Vary  
Orange County Fair & Event Center

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Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

~ Ticket Information ~

Regular Seminars Tickets are \$25 each  
Special Seminar Tickets are \$30 each

~ Payment ~

- Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

V Code \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

~ Requested Seminars & Times ~

Please complete the order form on page 12  
and return it with this sign-up form.

Please mail my tickets to me

I will pick up my tickets at The Court-  
yard. NOTE: Tickets will not be available for  
pick up until Friday, July 9.

Mail/fax this page and page 12 to:

OCWS  
2010 The Courtyard Seminars  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

July Mini-Tasting  
"Orange County Fair Gold Medalists"  
Saturday, July 10, 2010  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
All Locations TBA

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members @ \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests @ \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

~ Payment ~

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 Credit Card  
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~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I would like to host a future Mini-Tasting.  
My residence can accommodate 16 people.

*Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, June  
30. All reservations must be paid in advance,  
either by check or credit card and may be  
made by mail, website, or fax. All website, or  
fax reservations are credit card only. Since the  
wine must be purchased in advance, no re-  
funds will be made after the cutoff date unless  
there is a waiting list and your reservation can  
be filled by someone else. For information,  
call the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

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