

# IWFS Burlington Chapter

2023 Members' Handbook

## Aim of Society

The International Wine & Food Society exists to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the arts of the table. All activities are designed to raise the standards of selection, preparation and service of good food and good wine.

## Purpose/Mission

Its key purpose is the promotion of a greater understanding and pleasure in good food, good wine, and good company

Welcome to our Club, we aim to provide great culinary and wine tasting experiences in a fun and inclusive atmosphere. We want to enjoy good food, good wine, and good people.

As with any club or organization there must be rules and expectations, however it is our intention to keep them simple in order not to deter from the main goal which is to enjoy food and wines.

Please find below a word from our current President.

*Welcome to the Burlington chapter of the International Wine & Food Society.*

André Simon, founder of the International Wine and Food Society said:

***"The object of the Society is to bring together and serve all who believe that a right understanding of good food and wine is an essential part of personal contentment and health, and that an intelligent approach to the pleasures and problems of the table offers far greater rewards than the mere satisfaction of the appetite."***

The International Wine and Food Society (IWFS) is one of the oldest and most renowned independent gastronomic societies in the world. Founded by André Simon in London England in 1933, this organization with more than 75 branches and over 6,400 members worldwide has been growing for the past 80 plus years.

We look forward to sharing the gastronomic adventures of this Branch with you.

Yours in wine, food, and friendship.

Pamela Anderson Khan  
President

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## **IW&FS Society Membership Benefits**

- Membership to an International organization
- Opportunity to join international events
- Quarterly publication about the Society and events
- Access to the IW&FS web site
- Insurance coverage for most local events
- IW&FS Vintage Card

## **Purpose and Objectives**

- Enjoy great food, great wine and company
- Explore different cuisines and wine regions
- Interact with other IW&FS branches

## **Events**

The Burlington Chapter aims to organize a minimum of 6 Gourmet Food and Wine events per year. The goal is to experience foods that are prepared with great skill, accompanied by excellent wine pairings.

## **Policies and procedures**

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following: President, Sommelier, Secretary, Membership, Branch Ambassador and Member at Large. These members will meet on an as needed basis to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the club.

The Executive Committee will oversee the Events and Communications Committee whose mandate is to plan and execute food and wine tastings.

Your participation and suggestions are most welcomed.

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### Annual General Meeting

This will occur on or before March 30<sup>th</sup> at a time and place determined by the EC (Executive Committee) and advance notice will be given to the members at least 30 days before. At such meeting the following will occur:

- Approval of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Financial Report
- Members list
- Agenda
- Budgets and policies will be reviewed and approved

All matters including election of Committees and Officers will be voted on by simple majority of those present, no proxy votes are allowed, In the event of a tie, the President will have the deciding vote on all matters.

All current members are encouraged to actively participate in the running of the Branch and to apply for EC positions.

### IWFS Burlington Member Responsibilities

As alcohol is being served at all events, it remains the individual responsibility of each member to ensure that they take all appropriate measures for their safety and that of others. Care will be taken to address the concerns regarding driving of motor vehicles.

Members are aware that pictures may be taken at events by fellow club members and that these may be posted on-line, should you not wish to participate, it is your responsibility to inform those persons that you do not wish to have your photo posted online. The same will apply your photos that the Club will post on-line in association with events being held by this chapter.

Appropriate behavior at all events is expected and this responsibility will extend to any guest you may have invited. When participating at events, it is our important to ensure that we are attentive to presentations made by Chefs or wine maker.

Our club wants to “raise the bar” when it comes to “dress code”, therefore, the dress code for all events (unless otherwise stated) is Cocktail Attire.

**Cocktail attire: *“an opportunity to dress in a way that’s relaxed but super-luxe. It’s about looking your finest, in some finery, aka an excuse to dress up and show off.”***

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Attendance at an event is only confirmed once the fees have been paid.

### **COVID-19:**

Due to the ongoing and evolving COVID-19 situation, the IWFS Burlington Chapter, is committed to providing our membership with the safest way to stay connected and share our mutual passion for wine, food, and the fellowship of friends.

While we are extremely pleased that we are able to gather in-person, in order to safeguard the health and welfare of our membership, **please note that everyone must be fully vaccinated in order to attend our events.**

\*\*\*Members, please ensure that your guests are aware of this requirement before registering for an event. \*\*\*

### **Photo Policy:**

#### **Introduction**

Event photos/videos are used as a means of informing the entire International Wine & Food Society, Burlington Branch (hereafter known as the IWFS) and the larger IW&FS community, of events, meetings, or tours.

#### **Policy**

All recordings, video tapings and photographing, including digital photography, by any means, including but not limited to cell phone, involving IWFS Burlington Branch Members and their guests will be related to IWFS events/or extra-curricular activities.

No video recording or photographing, including digital photography, will be used for commercial purposes. Exceptions to this policy are large public events, such as vineyard tours events, presentations, etc., and images as collected by News Media organizations, which are beyond our control.

Video programs may be edited and broadcast to the IWFS community on the IWFS Burlington.org web site or in the IW&FS publications.

As a member, you understand that all videotaping and/or photographing, including digital photography, done by IWFS members can be utilized for educational and event enrichment, or for IWFS community information purposes, and will not be commercially aired or distributed. As a member, you understand that no associated confidential, registry, or member records information will be released in recorded, video or photographic form.

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As a member, you give permission to be included in event-related recordings, videotaping and photographing, including digital photography, of IWFS Burlington activities. All recording/videotaping/photography will be related to IWFS sponsored events only.

It is also understood that IWFS members or personnel may edit and prepare video productions using commercially available or personal video and computer equipment.

### **Member Requested Deletion**

Should any image be not to your liking or complementary, it will be removed from the IWFS website within 10 business days of the receipt of a written request. This action by the IWFS Burlington branch will preclude any further legal recourse against the society, its members and/or its Board of Directors at the time in question of publication on the IWFS website.

### **Member Acknowledgement**

As a member, you acknowledge that you have read this Recording/Videotape/ Photography Authorization document and agree to its terms.