



July 2022



Tokyo Bay members led by President Dennis Tanaka, APZ's Junior Vice Chairman, gathered for the first time in over 2 years

Dear Members,

Welcome to the July edition of the APZ Newsletter. This is our 4th edition since we relaunched the bi-annual newsletter in January 2021 and we thank all of you for your active contributions in making this newsletter your newsletter.

In this edition, our Chairman shares with us his experience from the recent Bordeaux and Piedmont festivals. We also have a great read on the Loire Valley from the EAZ Editorial team, and are introduced to the new IWFS Honorary Chairman Chris Bonsall who takes over from Dave Felton.

We belong to a wonderful organisation which will be celebrating its 90th year in 2023. Let's get ready for these celebrations and let's share the joy with our fellow members in the Asia Pacific Zone via our newsletter.

Please continue to send us your thoughts, event updates and photographs so that we can include them in our next edition.

Best wishes,
The Editors





A Message from the APZ Chair



Dear Members of the IWFS – Asia Pacific, it's been over three years in the planning and I'm excited that our Singapore Festival is confirmed for 16 – 18 September 2022. I'm thankful to our IWFS – Singapore team facilitated by APZ Vice Chair Nicola Lee and administrator Shirley Tsao. The Festival programme has been publicised on our website. Please don't hesitate to contact our APZ administrator: apz@iwfs.org regarding any updates and I sincerely welcome as many branch representatives in Singapore to finally meet in person and share some great food and wine.

I thank the branches that have provided news of their activities to our APZ administrator and encourage this to continue. For those branches that haven't had the opportunity I highly recommend getting in contact with our administrator to share your activities. Our fifth edition of the newsletter will be available in January 2023 and any material provided would be greatly appreciated. As a voluntary organisation it's essential that we keep in touch to grow and support our wonderful Society.



In May of this year, I was delighted to be invited by the Chair of the EAZ John Nicholas to participate in the Piedmont Festival in Italy. For me this was the first opportunity to travel in over 3 years despite all the necessary documentation for travel. It was a wonderful Festival and I was able to share some great times with 40 participants to celebrate the wines of Barolo and Barbaresco. This was accompanied by an incredible range of regional food options. The highlight for me was to taste benchmark sparkling wines at the Contratto museum and tasting centre. This was a unique experience as I wasn't aware that the region is highly acclaimed for sparkling wines.



Following from the Piedmont Festival, I was invited by the Chair of the Americas Stephen Hipple to join the Bordeaux Festival which was my first ever visit to the region. It was a wonderful experience to share incredible regional cuisine and wines with the attendees. My highlights include being able to taste numerous benchmark Bordeaux reds and the white wines of Domain De Chevalier was an unbelievable experience as we don't have an opportunity to experience these wines in Australia. Even though there are challenges ahead in the way we conduct events, I am looking forward to recommencing my travels through the APZ region and being able to meet in person in the not too distant future.

Michael Tamburri
Chair, APZ



From the International Secretariat London

Dear APZ members

It is so pleasing to see that the festival season is once again up and running with the Society. Three IWFS festivals, organised by teams of dedicated members, took place in as many months. All were in top wine producing regions in Europe providing members with the chance to learn about and enjoy some of the best wine and food in the world and once again in the company of fellow members. The Europe Africa zone organised two of the trips one to Alsace and then to Piedmont These were quickly followed by the eagerly anticipated Americas Paris & Bordeaux Festival in May. The Asia Pacific Zone was represented at all three festivals by members plus Michael Tamburri (Western Australia), your zone Chairman and also Global Chairman, made it to both Piedmont and Bordeaux. By all accounts all went extremely well. Many of you now have Singapore to look forward to.



*International Secretariat,
Andrea Warren*



Photo credit : Jim Budd

Regarding updating you on international matters which is the main focus of my column. This is always a very busy time of the year at the International Secretariat office in London. The annual Wines Committee meeting was held on 27 May when the submissions from our wine consultants around the world were discussed to begin finalising our **Vintage Guide for 2023**. This year there will also be something extra to help guide you through which wines to watch out for in coming years from the 2021 (northern hemisphere) and 2022 (southern hemisphere) vintages. A summary of vintage reports from all regions featured on the Card is being compiled. Thanks go to many of our consultants who have done this for us, again giving us such information freely, and providing an informed insight into why the quality of the latest vintage has been graded as it has. The full report will be made available to members in the coming months for you to read and digest at your leisure.



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Wine & Food App – the pairing of wine and food has been fully reviewed by an expert and professional in food and wine matchings. We do hope that you welcome the comprehensive range of matchings now available at your fingertips. Download your copy now via this link: <https://www.iwfs.org/americas/branch-resources/wine-and-food-pairing-guide-1>

New monograph - A Guide to Modern Madeira Monograph – we are now busy working on bringing you this modern and updated overview of **madeira**. Author and madeira expert, Richard Mayson has written the monograph with a view to taking 'some of the mystery out of Madeira, the islands and the wines they produce'. Richard has also provided some useful wine and food matchings and which could provide inspiration for future branch events.....?!

At the Americas Paris & Bordeaux festival, in May, members enjoyed the **2022 André Simon lecture** presented by Suzanne Mustacich who is an author, speaker, journalist, editor and consultant. The title of this annual lecture was: The Great Comeback: French Sauces. Suzanne took the 100+ members through the history, origins and evolution of French gastronomy and sauces at the hands of the great chefs Taillevent, Varenne, Carême and Escoffier; and then bringing her research up-to-date and looking at the great comeback at the hands of top chefs such as Yannick Alléno. Please note that you can also watch Suzanne's presentation on the website via the following link: <https://www.iwfs.org/americas/publications/presentation-video-and-audio#video>



Society festivals are also an opportunity to recognise the dedicated work of members of the Society on an international and regional level and as Michael Tamburri was in attendance he was able to represent the Society and make two presentations. In Piedmont Michael presented EAZ Chairman, John Nicholas with the **André Simon Silver medal** for his distinguished services on an international level for the IWFS as a member of the International Council of Management (ICM) since 2015. Michael also met with incoming Honorary President, Chris Bonsall (Victoria and St James's)*. From Italy he flew to Bordeaux and at the gala dinner of Paris & Bordeaux festival Michael presented Andrew Jones (Cayman Islands and New York) with the **André Simon Gold medal** in recognition of his significant contribution to the Society serving as Chairman of IWFS Americas and subsequently the ICM as well as for his work on the Americas Festivals and Events Committee and Insurance Committee.





Continued... "From the International Secretariat London"



*Honorary President Chris Bonsall and
ICM Chair Michael Tamburri*



*ICM Michael Tamburri &
EAZ Chair John Nicholas*

In addition this event was also an opportunity for Michael to thank Dave Felton (Pasadena) for all his work as the Society's **Honorary President** for the past six years such as attending many festivals around the world, recently joining a number of EAZ branch events after the Paris & Bordeaux festival, and also writing a regular column in the Grapevine and more recently providing encouragement and support during the difficult time during the pandemic. Dave's successor as Honorary President is Chris Bonsall (Victoria and St James's) who took over this role from 1 June *. I am sure you will join us in welcoming Chris into the role.

So, there is much to do and we will be bringing you a number of the items, and more, in the coming months. I hope you enjoy reading Jim Budd's comprehensive overview of the Loire Valley and its wines. Wishing you all a wonderful summer and all that is great in wine, food and friends.

Sante
Andrea



* reported separately in this issue.



Appointment of New IWFS Honorary President



The International Council of Management (ICM) are pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Bonsall as Honorary President of the Society on

1 June 2022. Chris succeeds Dave Felton, who held the post from 2017 to 2022. The President is appointed by the International Council of Management (ICM) and the chosen individual is someone with an expansive interest in food and wine and who encourages the international camaraderie of the Society while seeking to draw together its Zones in mutual harmony.

Chris has been a member of the Society for nearly 40 years. He has also been a member of the Singapore branch, Hong Kong Island branch, the Bath & Bristol branch, St James's branch in London and both the Victoria and New South Wales Branches in Australia.

He has attended numerous Festivals. He has organised two Festivals : Hong Kong in 2001 and Santorini in 2014. He also arranged one of the post London International Festival tours in 2018.

Chris has been active in the management of the Society, having been Chair of Hong Kong Island Branch between 1997 and 2003 and Chair of the EAC (as it then was) from 2005 to 2009. He was also Global Chair of the IWFS at the time of its 75th anniversary in 2008 and served as Chair from 2008 to 2010 concluding his term at the end of the Sydney Festival in October 2010.

Chris has, in succession to the late John Avery MW, been Chairman of the William Heptinstall Memorial fund (a charitable organisation with a close relationship and association with the Society) since 2012. He holds the André Simon Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. He is also a member of the Society's Wine Committee, having been its Chair from 2009 to 2016, and heads up the Society's Intellectual Property Committee.

Chris currently divides his time between England and Australia and has been married to his wife, Sue, since 1982. They have two children.

Chris is honoured to take on the role of President and greatly looks forward to meeting many more of the Society's members throughout the world and to attending events and Festivals during his term of office.

We hope you join us in wishing Chris all the best in this role.





Interview with Dave Felton

Immediate Past Honorary President of the IWFS



APZ Newsletter : What did you enjoy most about your experience as Honorary President of the IWFS?

DF: I viewed the Society's Honorary President role as an ambassadorial one. Wherever we traveled, I hoped to interact with as many members as possible and share all that I find wonderful about our organisation. How better can a member from southern California learn about what is happening in our branches in Asia than by sitting down for a few hours with wine and food, sharing conversation with a new or old friend from halfway around the world? Nothing could be better. Yet things changed in March of 2020. Once Covid hit the world, the essence of our Society was badly threatened. We interact face-to-face, across that table. Suddenly, such interaction became impossible. During those early months of the virus, I reached out to our members around the world with the only thing I could offer - words. Many of you wrote back. The empathy, understanding and offers of assistance from so many directions were heart-warming. Our Society is a wonderful collection of people.

APZ Newsletter : Tell us your IWFS story.

DF : I joined the IWFS in 1995 in my hometown of Pasadena, California. Founded in 1954, it has a marvelous wine cellar, collected and curated now for more than sixty years. The enticement of drinking many of these fine wines as a member was a major selling point! Adding in a future of great food and new friendships closed the deal. I became president of our branch in 2000 and served for six years. I also was asked to join the Board of the Americas region of the Society. I accepted with alacrity, knowing I would be exposed to even more interesting wine & food experiences. And I was. One memorable event was in Anchorage, Alaska, near the top of the world, when we dined at a nearby mountain restaurant on the night of 21 June – the summer solstice and “longest” day in the northern hemisphere. Dinner was served at midnight, while we looked out at a brilliant sun still high in the sky. What a night! I was later elected chairman of the Americas Board and moved on to become chairman of the Society's International Council of Management, the global administrative team of the IWFS. Following my two-year term as chairman, the Council asked if I'd serve as Honorary President. That was quite the honor.





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Interview with Dave Felton

Immediate Past Honorary President of the IWFS ...continued

APZ Newsletter : What are your “retirement plans”?

DF : Thank you so much for speaking to me in these first few weeks of my “retirement”. I have spent much of the past twenty years working to offer members of our Society an always improving experience, whether at their local level or at events around the world. Now, as I lean into my middle-70s, I’ll probably travel less on Society business but write more. I do hope to return to Asia soon.

Some of you know that Mitsuko and I bought raw vineyard land in Argentina nearly six years ago. The land was then cleared of boulders, irrigated, trellised, and planted to baby malbec vines. Those vines are big boys now, producing large clusters of beautiful grapes, which we are selling to the local cooperative. In the meantime, I began purchasing “juice” from nearby vineyards, blending a delicious combination of the best red grapes available and producing a wine labeled “C-Cubed” (C3), beginning with the 2016 vintage. Each vintage since has been a different blend from those prior. And each has been excellent (says the wine’s proprietor). But I hope soon to begin traveling back to Argentina on a regular basis to say hello to my vines. I also want to learn more winemaking, improve my Spanish, make more friends and talk about world events across a table laden with superb food & wine. There’s nothing better.

APZ Newsletter : What’s your best wine or food quote?

DF: I’ve written so many words about wine & food, that I’m not sure how to pick a best quote, but let’s go with a Japanese-style haiku: “Members far and wide, please join me at my table, to share a meal.”

Dave Felton

President of Pasadena Branch	2000 - 2006
Chairman of the Americas Board	2011 - 2014
Chairman of International Council of Management	2014 - 2016
Honorary President	2017 - 2022





Obituary : Richard "Dong" Puno



On February 15, 2022 the Asia Pacific Zone said goodbye to Ricardo “Dong” Puno. A founding member of the Philippines branch in 1982, Dong helped the branch with the various import controls and is fondly remembered, in particular, for importing a barrel of Beaujolais Nouveau for a branch dinner at the Manila Hotel. He was also 3rd President of the branch. A pillar of the branch, he passed away after a lingering illness.

Dong was also an active participant at the Asia Pacific Zone (APZ) level. He served as Chairman from 2009 to 2011. Dong was awarded the Andre Simon Bronze medal for his services to the organisation. He will always be remembered for his warmth and kindness. He will be sorely missed. The IWFS family sends its deepest condolences to Dong’s family at this time.

IWFS Philippines

The Philippines branch had a most successful function at Chef Jessie last March 31. Congratulations to Othmar for organising it and getting the branch back to pre-pandemic numbers for the function. The branch looks forward to this kind of participation in the future. The AGM was held on the 11th of April 2022 at 101 restaurant Enderun Collage where the entire board was re-elected. All the information on the Philippines branch is updated regularly. Please do check it out if you are ever in the area and looking to join an event from the branch. <https://www.iwfs.org/asia-pacific/philippines>

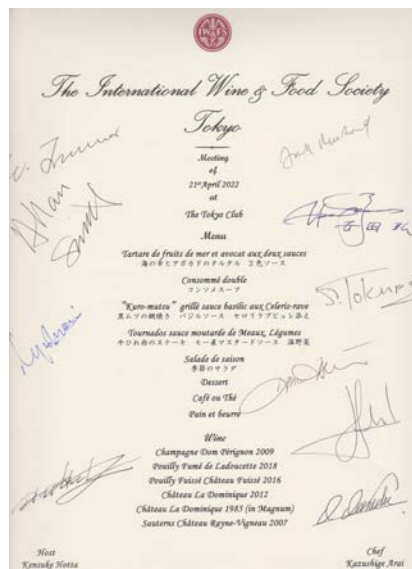




Branch Happenings

IWFS Tokyo

The Tokyo branch has successfully met monthly since April this year. The various dinners were held at The Tokyo club, Fureika, Elio Locanda, and Kameya Issuitei. The branch is pleased life is returning to some normality and members are enjoying the opportunities to reconnect again as an IWFS branch.



IWFS Tokyo Bay

Members gathered for the first time in over 2 years at the lovely French restaurant Chez Soma located in the Meguro Ward. Coming together for their Annual General Meeting, 18 members had a memorable evening reconnecting with IWFS friends again. After a long hiatus, the Branch will be resuming activities again.



Tokyo Bay Branch President Dennis Tanaka & Members





IWFS Hong Kong

Party in Amalfi Style

“With a little imagination, we can be anywhere we want!”. This was the tag line for the Branch’s most recent dinner. Held on 1st June 2022, over 30 members of IWFS Hong Kong and their friends celebrated the new summer season “Amalfi style” at the Hong Kong Country Club’s Foreshore Deck. Everyone came dressed in fabulous outfits consistent with the Mediterranean theme.



*Hong Kong Branch President Karen Leung and members *
at the Hong Kong Country Club Foreshore

The party kicked off with pre-dinner drinks overlooking the beautiful coastline of Hong Kong Island. How wonderful it was that members could picture ourselves at the Italian coastline in the blink of an eye!



The Mediterranean styled buffet dinner was held in the indoor dining area which had been decorated in cheerful summer Italian colours. Karen Leung, Chairlady of the IWFS Hong Kong welcomed all. Wine specialist and fellow IWFS Hong Kong member Ricky Hung led the wine tasting which he specially curated for the dinner.

Guests enjoyed taking part in a Mediterranean Quiz and “The Most Boring Movie” game (that wasn’t boring at all!) during dinner. The evening was filled with joy and laughter!





IWFS Taipei

The Branch had 2 events recently. In March, members gathered for dinner at the Hotel Metropolitan Premier, which opened its doors in 2021, to welcome back President Dominique Levy who had recently returned to Taipei. The delicious meal was paired with Burgundian wines from Gevrey-Chambertin and Chassagne-Montrachet. Executive Committee member of the APZ, Eddie Hu, presented Dominique with the IWFS White Medallion for his services to the branch. Congratulations Dominique!

On April 16, members met up again to dine at The One Zhongshan – a concept restaurant that focuses on craftsmanship, culture and food. In partnership with Restaurant Thomas Chien, dinner featured a wonderful fusion of French and Taiwanese gastronomy. Served in locally produced ceramics, the meal was paired with Champagne and wines from the Piedmont. The highlight of the evening was the 2009 Sandrone “La Vigne”. Service from the restaurant was excellent and the Branch sent their deepest thanks.



*Taipei Branch Dominique Levy
receiving the White Medallion from
APZ Executive Committee Member,
Eddie Hu*



*Taipei Branch Dinner at
The One Zhongshan*





IWFS WA

Dinner at Chakra Indian Restaurant

On 31st of May, the WA branch have enjoyed a delightful evening at Chakra. This is a family-run Indian cuisine restaurant in Inglewood. Branch President Steve Newlan and some committee members trialled this on two occasions to ensure the food and the service was just right and the night delivered. Steve negotiated the menu and paired the wines to make for a rewarding and fun experience.



Vale David Aspinall

We are all saddened by the passing of David Aspinall and send our positive thoughts to Kathy and family at this time. David and Kathy have supported us through Lifeline over the years by holding several functions at their private art gallery.

Dinner at Chez Pierre

On 27th of June, the WA branch held another dinner at Winemaker's Dinner at Chez Pierre. Once again it was a great success. Chez Pierre opened especially for the group and offers a good, open-space venue, excellent and professional service and a unique menu for the evening. When the dinner was paired with a well respected WA winery Deep Woods Estate, it was a great evening in the making. Last Monday was no exception.

Julian Langworthy, chief winemaker of Deep Woods, provided the audience with an excellent overview of his career and successes which are closely tied to the exceptional success of Deep Woods Estate. The WA branch was the first group in Australia to have a tasting of the Decanter's Best in Show winning red; 2020 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. This is due for official release in November. For a full review of the evening, please view our YouTube presentation: <https://youtu.be/6tOvPRpI7LY>





Branch Happenings

IWFS Singapore

Similar to the Tokyo Branch, Singapore members gathered for the first time in over 2 years without any social distancing rules. The occasion was the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the St Regis Hotel. In July, members will gather for dinner at 2 Michelin starred restaurant Shisen Hanten by Chef Kentaro for some Szechuan delights paired with Riesling and Pinot Noir.

IWFS Singapore looks forward to welcoming our IWFS friends to our sunny shores for the APZ Festival which will run from 16 to 18 September!



IWFS Saigon

The Saigon branch had a wonderful night at Marrakech Riad Restaurant in District 10 on 22nd of June 2022. Chef Riahi Nouredine showcased the salty, sweet and spiced Moroccan dishes paired with beautiful wines. It was great for those who attended to experience something new and different, including “the harem” where some members ate on the floor.





THE LOIRE

450 MILES OF EXCELLENT WINES by Jim Budd

In the first of 3 commission pieces by the IWFS, Jim Budd, wine writer and Loire expert takes us on a journey through the Loire. Click [here](#) to discover more about the region, it's geography and the producers.



Emptying the hod, 2018 harvest at Domaine Luneau-Papin, Photo by Jim Budd.

News from Other Zones

The Americas

Great Weekend in Washington D.C, 12 – 15 October 2022

Willamette Valley, 2 – 6 May 2023

EAZ

Torquay, 22 – 24 September 2022

Festival Food at Sea, 22 - 30 September 2023

For more information please visit www.iwfs.org



From the APZ Administration
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Shirley Tsao, APZ Administrator

Singapore APZ AGM 2022

The 2022 APZ AGM Festival in Singapore is now scheduled for **16 - 18 September, 2022**. Whilst the festival is now fully booked, members are still welcome to attend the AGM on Sunday, 18 September. It will be held at 10 am at The Shangri-La Hotel, Orange Grove Road. Click [here](#) for Festival Programme. To register for AGM attendance, please email Shirley at apz@iwfs.org



IWFS Member App

Have you down downloaded the IWFS Member App? If not, please visit <https://www.iwfs.org/membersapp> The app has very valuable resources for IWFS members on Food & Wine Pairing, Vintage Card, as well as other latest events and festivals happening around the world within the IWFS family. Feel free to get in touch if you need help over this.



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