



WHISKY CLUB

Established Dec 2013

NEWSLETTER – June and July 2019

Meetings on 4th June and 9th July

General

Can't believe it, only a month late with one of these notes, and it's not a quarterly!

Meeting on 4th June

A good turn out this month ensured the funds moved into surplus – to be dealt with in due course. Maureen's brother Des was welcomed to the meeting especially producing a fine bottle of Taiwanese malt. Ben and Jan may need to install two-tier seating in the snug bar.

Comments:

"Better than last time – from what I remember", said Keith. Donald remarked "this is a lightweight whisky – right up my street". Margot wrote "Lively, hits the ..." – presume she spilled some again. Maureen commented that the whisky "had a lovely zing, my kind of whisky". Don't know what Gavin had been on before here, with his comments "(Shackleton) inoffensive like me, (Bunnahabhain) beautiful like me, and (Glengoyne) smooth like me" I'm thinking of reporting him for misrepresentation.

Scoring of Samples (/100) – Shackleton (72), Kavalan (78), Bunnahabhain 12yrs (83), Glengoyne 12yrs (78).

Meeting on 9th July

Presumably everyone picked up that the previous newsletter covered four months, February to May, but was headed February to March. For the sake of good order, and trying to hide the gaff, I have rewritten history for the documents on 'show' but individuals will have to make their own arrangements. The small but select group this month were relegated to the Oak Room (remind me not to mess with dates again) but were able to enjoy a good selection of malts – the theme being Blended Malts. Angels Nectar was a first edition from Rattray's Independent bottlers in Kirkoswald, Ayrshire.

Comments:

"Apricot on nose" wrote Corrine – that's what was probably causing the whisky to smell funny. Shelagh said it was "very average" – so to clarify the average of the numbers 2 and 4 is 3, presumably the very average is lower, say 2.5 ?? Donald waded in with "Peelie Wallie" again and we still don't know if that's good or bad.

Scoring of Samples (/ 100) – Swehu7 (81), The One, Sherried (80), Ballantynes (81), Rattrays Angels Nectar (76)

Other Matters (Along the way)

- Greystoke's World Gin Day on Saturday 8th June 2019 at Corrine & Stephen's place was a great success. It's a myth that gin is 'mother's ruin'. Harry agreed that he and Janet would host next year's bash and he would mention it to Janet at an appropriate time between now and then.
- A Whisky Auction advert stated that it was "the second best thing you can do with your whisky"
- Macallen is now using 'own-grown' barley – wow (SE England will not be impressed!)
- A Bonhams auction is presenting Rolling Stones whisky alongside salvaged Whisky Galore whisky.
- Crabbies Yardhead single malt sold unnamed (?) for mixing by new wave of youngsters wanting more than just 'sipping'.
- Harry made a recent visit to Glasgow and came with sniffing distance of the new Clydesdale distillery – but never made it as he was hi-jacked into the Transport Museum all day.
- The latest Gordon & Macphail Trade Listing is out showing a huge hike in price of whiskies. Over a couple of years the price of Aberlour A'bunadh has risen from about £30 to £65 – we obviously created too much demand for it.
- A funny article by John Cleese about Security Levels in various countries was read out and requested to be circulated.

Date of Next Meeting(s) – Tuesday 6th August 2019

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Some Gaelic terminology and pronunciation for information

Failte, pronounced Foyle ta, means Welcome
Slainte, pronounced Slarn ja, means Cheers, Good Health etc
Quaich, pronounced Quaikkkkkkk, is a traditional welcome drink vessel
Wee Dram – pronounced Wee Dram - is organically distilled into Dram Wee
Poit Dhubh – pronounced potch ghoo – is a black pot or illicit still

Some random sayings / quotations

"Enjoyment of single malts are best savoured in the company of like-minded souls."
Bearing in mind recent weather the Scots say "Today's rain is tomorrow's whisky."
Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow.
You are your sole arbiter of flavour !

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