



# WHISKY CLUB

Established Dec 2013

## **NEWSLETTER – November 2019**

**Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November**

### **The Meeting**

A good attendance at this meeting with another reasonably good selection of whiskies for sampling. Marking/scoring took a back seat as most members seemed drawn to the local 'crack', which I agree is far more interesting and enlightening. After all, it is a social event and the whisky just 'oils the wheels.' The average scores were within six points, with four scores within two points.

### **Scoring of Samples (/100)**

Monkey Shoulder, Bushmills 10yrs, and Aberlour 12yrs all scored 76. Old Pulteney 12yrs and Balvenie 14yrs Caribbean cask scored 72 and 78 respectively

### **Comments**

Apart from the usual character assassinations other sensible topics are often discussed

### **Samples**

This one definitely tastes better with cheese and onion crisps.

This one has no 'oomph'. Still looking for the 'oomph' in this one. 'Ah finally' for the next.

### **Scoring**

I think we should adopt Corrine's method of 'emoticon images' as it gives a clearer picture. At count-down time I quipped that 'if I have any more to drink I won't be able to fiddle the scores properly'

### **Change Club name**

Following all the banter in our meetings John T. suggested that we include 'and all our yesterdays' in the title. He also requested that the Council should put a seat up Berrier Road, halfway between the Boot and his house.

### **'Buy A Brick' for the Swimming Pool Improvements**

The purchase of a brick, for a donation of £100, has been processed by Shelagh. The name for the brick is Boot & Shoe, Greystoke, Whisky Club

### **(Aldi) Glen Marnoch 25 years old**

I must be looking in the wrong places as I still haven't come across it. It must have been a myth for publicity purposes.

### **Christmas tree display in Church**

A letter was read out inviting Whisky Club to dress a tree again for display in Church. Shelagh would make arrangements. Harry has a tree and some decorations stowed in his attic.

## Sort of Technical / News

### Game of Thrones

Diageo have previously issued bottles from classic distilleries, dedicated to the likes of Houses Stark, Greyjoy and Lannister. The 9<sup>th</sup>, final, bottle available December 2019 is a 15 years old Mortlach matured in sherry casks and named "Six Kingdoms"

### How much?

A 60 years old Macallan, distilled 1926 and bottled 1986, has been auctioned at Sothebys for £1.5million. The private American buyer is a somewhat less wealthy collector or investor.

### Penderyn

A new £5million distillery is being built in North Wales.

### Japan

Current demand cannot be met due to lack of investment so, thinking big, a distillery costing £61million will be built.

### Typos from around the world

A selection of typing errors, from the list presented at the meeting, some of which could be drink induced:-

- Nepal Drinks Menu - 'Complimentary glass of wine or *bear*'
- Paris Hotel - 'Please leave your *values* at the front desk'
- Student - 'In India a man in one *cask* cannot marry a woman in another *cask*'
- Student - 'Chaucer was the father of English *pottery*'
- Student - 'Coal is decayed *vegetarians*'
- Student - 'In the middle-ages people lived in mud huts with rough *mating* on the floor'
- Homework - '*Acrimony*, sometimes called Holy, is another word for marriage'
- Albuquerque Notice - 'Arthur was seriously burned when he came into contact with a high voltage *wife*'
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century - 'The bride was accompanied to the altar by *tight* bridesmaids'
- Church Mag - 'They were married and lived happily *even* after'
- Station - 'Passengers must stay with their luggage at all times or *they* will be taken away and destroyed'

## **Date of Next Meeting(s) – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, then Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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**Graham White** for donating the welcoming Quaich.  
**Various people** for donations of bottles for the tastings.

### **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 !  
It's never good to collapse during a tasting.

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