

Greystoke 'Boot & Shoe' Whisky Club

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NEWSLETTER – 1st November 2022 (MONTH 108)

The Meeting

Another clash of dates meant that I was also late for this month's meeting so last month's opening comment is still mostly relevant: as follows - I have always said, when complimented about the running of the Whisky Club, that "it runs itself." To my chagrin I found this month that it was almost true. A clash of meetings resulted in me asking Allan to hold the fort, and he did so admirably: so much so that when I arrived 90 minutes late I heard quite a bit of dissenting comments (although I put it down to the usual 'jolly' banter.) I can't say what was discussed (grand word for gossiped) by the fourteen twelve attendees in my initial absence but I gather it was the usual socialising. I can't recall what was said in the latter part of the meeting that I attended 'cos I was busy catching up (not on the gossip!). I did gain some brownie points back by arriving just in time to collate the scores.

Donald did comment that Allan had been a bit complacent this month and forgotten to keep the bottles flowing. I presume it was just enthusiasm about the chat taking place.

Scoring of Samples (/100)

Bottle 1	Glen Marnoch H'land	78 / 100	(3 rd)
Bottle 2	Old Pulteney 12	75 / 100	(4 th)
Bottle 3	Talisker Skye	85 / 100	(1 st)
Bottle 4	Muirhead Silver Seal	79 / 100	(2 nd)

The Whiskies and Tasting Comments

There were comments about liquorice (Bertie Bassett from Ali) for Bottle 1 and references to smoky bacon for Bottle 3. Donald continued his theme with the comment "I heard someone say Bottle 3 was smoky so I poured a small one – just as well!" Phil thought that Bottle 2 would be good for cleaning surfaces. Marie said she could taste toffee in Bottle 1 after the toothpaste abated – must admit I didn't get any hint of toothpaste. Shelagh had a fit of alliteration right from the start – you'll get the idea from her comments if you're not sure. "Bottle 1 – light, lovely, luscious, not lingering. Bottle 2 – shallow, sharpish, not sheepish nor shameful. Bottle 3 – smokin', smoochy, smiley, smothering, smashing. Bottle 4 – toffee, tantalizing, trustworthy, talkative, not trailblazing."

News and / or Technical

Not much of interest in the news this past month other than notices of hundreds of new releases.

Blasts from the Past

Presentation at Hutton John a few years ago by the (then) Lakes Distillery Publicity Manager – from L to R John Fleet (late and great), Ben, Alan (Owner and Host), Allan, Ken Ledward (aka 6million dollar man). Never known Ben concentrate for so long!



Typical Whisky Club meeting in the Boot & Shoe snug bar – Abi, Allan, John Fleet, Mark Tomlinson, Yours truly and John Trotter.



Date of Next Meeting(s) – Tuesday 6th December 2022
Then 2023 - Tuesday 10th January (but 3rd up for discussion)

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