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Tasting at the Jersey Shore

A rare occasion, Boon was lured from the comfort of the Delaware beaches to Ocean City for a mid-summer tasting. In attendance were Pancho F. Villa, Kit F. Carson, Hia F. Watha and Boon F. Doggle. Unfortunately Cattle F. Kate, Two F. Step and Cha

F. Cha were unable to attend This was OK since it gave those in attendance had someone to talk about. As usual thoughts and memories of Calamity F. Jane were shared. She was surely watching over us and shaking her head in disbelief.



Ocean City, NJ (circa 2005)

The Tasting



Kit and Pancho selected the Roederer Estate Brut to be the “defending champion” while Hia and Boon brought the Mumm Napa Brut as a challenger. It turned out that both sparkling wines from California are highly regarded. The Roederer, in particular, has received very high ratings from Wine Spectator and

others. To prove they haven’t lost their touch the members (and guest) unanimously selected the Roederer. Although the tastes were considered similar the Roederer clearly had the edge. It is clear that the membership practices heavily between the now occasional meetings.

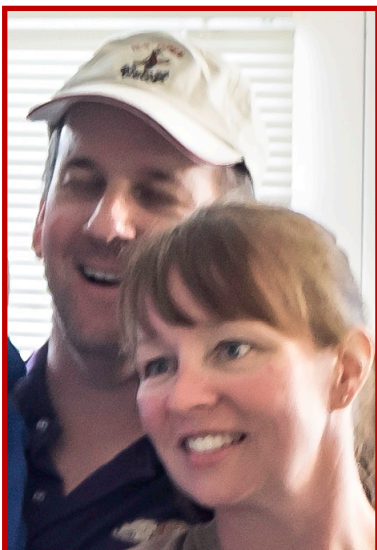
The Hosts

Once again, all club members owe Kit and Pancho a thank you for their efforts to keep the traditions of the 361 Club alive. If only they could teach Boon to prepare the minutes in a timely manner. Unfortunately, he may me too far gone for any hope for improvement.

The tasting took place at the beach house where Kit and Pancho were

spending a summer vacation with their cubs. Although the cubs were included in the picture at the left it was cropped to remove their images to spare them future embarrassment and possible legal repercussions.

It was a fine day at the beach (the rain held off just long enough) and a great tasting.



Kit and Pancho

Some Things Never Change

The Pizza Tradition



Pizza

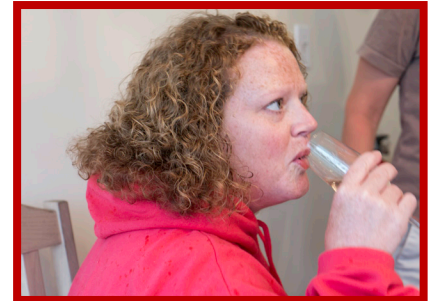
Although it was no match for the traditional pizza prepared by Pancho the local offering appeared to please club members.

Because of the constraints of the location there was also no “Dessert Shrapnel” a club favorite. However, this was probably good given the limited availability of emergency medical care at the beach location.



Hia and Pancho look hungry

A New Guest

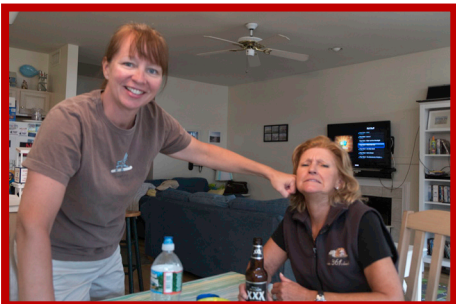


Elaine “Friggin” Guest

Elaine, an old friend of Kit, joined the festivities. Consistent with the other attendees our guest also chose the Roederer Estate as the tastier drink.

Hopefully, the friendship survives participation in a club meeting.

Other Traditions/Abnormalities



Kit greeting Hia

Two often overlooked aspects of the 361 Club are a propensity for violence and an obsession with crayons. Fortunately, after some bubbly the violence subsides and the crayons, given Boon’s poor performance in delivering meaningful minutes, may provide the only written record of the club.



Taking notes on the tasting?