



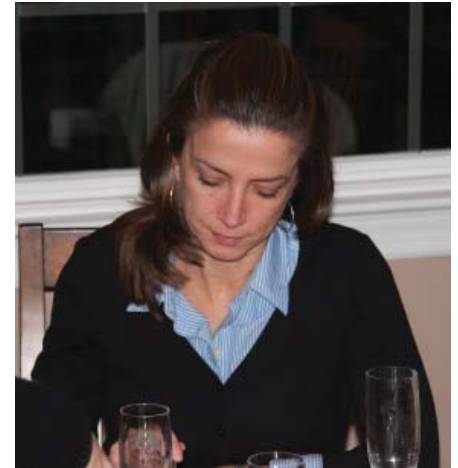
December 11, 2008

Hosted by the Newlyweds

December 11th marked the first meeting hosted by the newly married Kit and Poncho. The marriage is going well as illustrated by Poncho's good form diving in front of Kit to get at the snacks. Kit's experience with a house full of brothers enabled her to immediately subdue Poncho. Kathleen "Friggin" Guest, a first time attendee was maid of honor at the wedding.



Diving for Chow



Kathleen "F" Guest

Normal tasting resumed

After the break at the last meeting to celebrate the club's birthday by replaying the initial tasting it was business as usual with Paul Goerg defending its current championship. It did not go well for Paul as it was defeated by Scharffenberger Brut, a California wine, apparently named in commemoration of the German occupation of France. Kit, Cattle, and Hia voted for the challenger while Boon and KF Guest voted for the reigning champion. Over the past several months the French vintages have struggled to demonstrate their expected superiority.



The contenders



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Random Observations



The arena

Kit and Poncho's new dining room furniture provided a great setting for tasting. Fortunately, there was relatively little damage inflicted during the festivities. The Christmas tree looking beautiful as a backdrop for the ever-present lion (the club's current inanimate mascot).



The Merry Christmas lion

Dessert

Once again a traditional chocolate dessert was served with a tasty scoop of ice cream. However, the main attraction was Poncho's home made pizza. Unfortunately, the pizza is not shown - Boon was so busy eating it that he forgot to take the picture.



The Widow, always a welcome backup when not a contender

Snacks

The club members are unfazed at the prospect of ruining their palates prior to tasting the wine. This picture was taken after the females in attendance had disposed of Poncho and Boon.



Rich chocolate and ice cream



Pre tasting snacks