



October 22, 2008

## *361 Club is 5 Years Old!*

It all started with the first meeting on October 11, 2003. The attendees were Calamity (then known as Joanne), Hia (formerly Sandy) and Boon (then Denny, but always a boondoggle).

We will be forever saddened by the loss of Calamity, but grateful for what she brought to all of us.

In the beginning the club had the amazingly creative name of the "Champagne Tasting Club". This was soon replaced when

Boon in a spasm of creative stupidity came up with "Bubbles for Your Troubles", a name despised by everyone apparently except Boon. The "361 Club" title was invented through a joint (probably smoking one) effort of Calamity and Poncho (who joined the festivities on December 4, 2003 at the third meeting). That name and the secret of its origin are at the very foundation of the club folklore and values (or lack thereof).



*Calamity F. Jane - Nov. 22, 2003*

## *Replay of the first tasting*

To celebrate the occasion our host(ess), Hia, presented the contenders from our first meeting, Veuve Clicquot (The Widow) and Piper-Heidsieck. In a reversal of the decision reached at the first meeting Piper defeated The Widow by a 3 to 1 margin with Hia abstaining. The current champion, Paul Goerg, will continue in that role at the next meeting.



*The original contenders*



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## Out of Control



*Why doesn't it smell right?*

Although Hia is clearly trying to sample the bouquet of one of the contenders, careful inspection reveals that her nose has missed the glass. Meanwhile, Cattle looks on in amazement.



*I don't believe it*



*Look, it contains sulfites*

Poncho smitten by Kit, his soon to be bride, proudly shows the vintage of the government warning label on one of the contending wines.



*The original contenders and the current champ*



*Our favorite bank robber*

In keeping with the anniversary theme the place cards depicted important events from Oct. 22, including the demise of Pretty Boy Floyd in 1934.

## Desserts



*Chocolate*



*The arena before the mayhem*



*...and not*