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The 361 Club gathered to taste great Champagne and join together in the Groundhog Day festivities. This marked the second time the club held a meeting on this hallowed holiday and once again Bill Murray was invited. Once again, Bill didn't show. It was decided that if he ignores the club 25 more times he will be dropped from the guest list and be required to pay the \$10,000 initiation fee if he wishes to attend.



Since the club members found it too difficult to disguise Rose Champagnes the Groundhog Day tasting consisted of two challengers: Moet & Chandon White Star and the Egly-Ouriet Brut (ugly Oreo to those in the know). It was a close contest with Hia and Calamity choosing the Oreo while Kit and Boon picked the Moet. The host, Poncho, cast the deciding vote in favor of the "Ugly Oreo" crowning a new champion.



The arena - beautifully prepared by Poncho - badly photographed by Boon.



Poncho pouring.



As usual there was a "spare" bottle on hand for the always thirsty tasters.

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Given the poor life expectancy of previous 361 Club mascots a more durable mascot has been chosen.



Unfortunately, Hia "Friggin" Watha lost her voice just prior to the festivities. To everyone's disgust, she invited the other club members to search for it.



Kit "Friggin" Carson making a valiant effort to read Hia "Friggin" Watha's lips.



Four of the group milling around. Boon, who is seldom photographed at club meetings, shows why with his appearance in the foreground.



Keeping with tradition, Poncho served a shrapnel laden dessert.



The shower curtain in Poncho's newly redecorated home ignited fears that he had lost his battle against his gambling addiction.



Although Bill Murray did not attend he did send Calamity an autographed picture.