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Lone Star International Wine Competition

The board of directors is pleased to announce the former Lone Star International Wine Competition management team of Michael Zerbach and Dakota Haselwood have both returned to the competition. The competition will be run as it has in the past, with two exceptions. Entries and payments will be submitted using Enofile online software AND wine will be shipped to a commercial wine storage facility – Classic Wine Storage to ensure the quality of the wine shipped is not compromised.

For additional information and to enter visit: <https://www.txwines.org/lonestar-international-wine-competition>

Annual Conference

Beware of Scam to Sell Conference Lists

TWGGA does not sell lists of conference attendees or exhibitors. Anyone who offering to sell a list of TWGGA attendees or exhibitors is not associated with TWGGA.

Conference Satisfaction Survey Coming Soon

A survey to gauge the satisfaction of industry members who did and did NOT attend the annual conference will be distributed in the near future. Please take the time to fill out the short survey and help develop future conferences.

Photo Gallery

The photo gallery from the annual conference can be viewed at:

<https://michellematjekaphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/8855450/>

Legislative and Regulatory

Texas Legislature Online – Public Information on Bills Filed

The State of Texas offers a free service to the public - Texas Legislature Online (TLO) <https://capitol.texas.gov/>

TLO is a portal that allows the user to follow activities during the Texas legislative session. Users can search bills in multiple ways, track the progress of bills and search current Texas statutes. Live and recorded video coverage of committee and House and Senate floor proceedings are also available. TWGGA highly encourages members to become familiar with and use this valuable service.

To check the status of bills that TWGGA is watching, visit <https://capitol.texas.gov/> and search by the bill number listed below:

BILL	BILL NUMBER	AUTHOR
Excise Tax Reduction Bill	SB1528	Buckingham
Excise Tax Reduction Bill	HB2720	Kuempel
High Plains Initiative Grape Storage	HB3766	Hancock
High Plains Initiative Grape Storage	SB1939	Burrows
Grower's Permit from 2017	HB3794	Burrows
TABC Sunset Bill	HB1545	Sunset Comm
TABC Sunset Bill	SB623	Sunset Comm
Texas Appellation Bill	HB4233	Kuempel
Definition of a Winery	HB3785	Goldman
35k Cap	SB313	Buckingham
35k Cap	HB3973	Wilson
35k Cap	HB4059	Zwiener
Warehouse Fulfillment	SB1368	Buckingham
Restricted Geographic Multi Permit Bill	SB1490	Campbell
Restricted Geographic Multi Permit Bill	HB4029	Zwiener
State Budget 881 Funds	HB1	Zerwas

100% Texas Grown Emblem Update – Program Now Available

For additional information visit: <https://www.txwines.org/newpaged742dab7>

Wine Society of Texas Scholarships Available

The Wine Society of Texas is pleased to announce it's 2019 Scholarship Grant program. Anyone interested in applying should contact Ed Dent at 713-705-8574 or edent24@aol.com.