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## **Introduction**

It has been nearly 2 months since the last edition of this newsletter. One of the problems with the big delay is that there are so many new locations to tell you about.

The investigation of what I reported in the last newsletter as “knee pain” has resulted, last Thursday, in a diagnosis of a problem that is treatable with inexpensive drugs and will go away in 2 – 3 years. The Rambling section discusses this more, but I suggest you skip it.

The holiday season is upon us. We have many of our wines ready to deliver, but we also realize we may run short of some. My apologies, I have been dropping balls left and right. Christmas cards are one of those balls.

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## **New Restaurants**

### **[Cafe Bistro](#)**

5101 North Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale  
(480) 949-7301

### **[Durant's](#)**

2611 North Central Ave, Phoenix  
(602)264-5967

### **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse**

905 North 54th St, Chandler  
(480) 813-1364

### **[Frasher's](#)**

2122 North Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale  
(480) 429-9544

### **[Murphy's](#)**

201 North Cortez, Prescott  
(928) 445-4044

### **[Steamer's](#)**

2576 East Camelback Rd, Phoenix  
(602) 956-3631

## **New Wine Stores/Wine Bars**

### **[AZ Wine Outlet](#)**

15001 North Hayden Rd #109, Scottsdale  
(480) 423-9305

### **[Blue Sky Coffee House](#)**

34 Easy St, Carefree  
(480) 595-6455

**Verde Valley Wine Company**

401 Calvary Way #C, Cottonwood  
(928) 593-9694

**Vino Loco**

120 North Leroux St #105, Flagstaff  
(928) 226-1764

**Wine Brothers**

635 West Ina Rd, Tucson  
(520) 818-9337

**New Clubs/Hotels****Arizona Country Club**

5668 East Orange Blossom Lane, Phoenix  
(480) 889-1509

**JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort**

3800 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson  
(520) 792-3500

**Pine Canyon Club**

3000 South Clubhouse Circle, Flagstaff  
(928) 779-5800

**San Manuel Country Club**

26950 South Redington Rd, San Manuel  
(520) 385-2224

**Scottsdale Country Club**

11500 North Hayden Rd, Scottsdale  
(602) 948-6000

**Whisper Rock Golf Club**

32120 North Whisper Rock Trail, Scottsdale  
(480) 575-8700

**Noceto Frivolo Express**

The first winery that we represented was Vino Noceto. One of their wines is a light white Moscato Bianco wine they call Frivolo (Italian for Frivolous). It has become very popular in Arizona and we sell out before summer is over. The 2006 vintage was released a week ago. The logistics at this time of year are such that we are unable to use our regular shippers to get wine here in time for Christmas. Last year our friend (and part time sales consultant), Jim, and I drove over to collect some Frivolo. This year Jim and his wife, Karen, brought back the goods. They also stopped in at several of the other wineries we represent. We'll be getting more Frivolo the first week of January, but in an attempt to stretch it through the year we will be allocating it. Allocating wine means that our customers can be unhappy now rather than unhappy when we run out in the summer. I noticed that Jim and Karen brought back a case for themselves - I think they knew their allocation was zero.

**Rambling**

At the time of the last newsletter, in mid October, I had excruciating pain in my right knee. With the benefit of hindsight I now believe the pain was due to weakness in my butt muscles. The muscle weakness is due to Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR), which is inflammation of the shoulder and hip joints and the tissues around them due to unknown causes. The weakness may have started in my butt, but it was extreme in my shoulders. I was unable to lift my arms more than 3 inches from my sides and I was unable to find any position where my shoulders were not painful. Nothing helped – even the three A's (Advil, Aspirin, Alcohol). Sleep was impossible. Picking up a case of wine was impossible, though I was still capable of raising a glass of wine.

At Thanksgiving my knee specialist guessed that I had PMR and started treatment with prednisone. Relief was almost instant. Confirmation of his guess has taken many blood samples, as diagnosis is largely based on eliminating other alternatives and watching inflammation indications in the blood as I take varying doses of prednisone. Now we are working to minimize the dose as the disease runs its 2 -3 year course. There, I told you to skip this part.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

From all of us at Orangewood Wines

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