

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors has just approved a new policy and program that will enable sponsored non-members to attend the Marts and Auctions held at Chapter meetings. This program is optional on a Chapter-by-Chapter basis; in order for it to apply the Officers of interested Chapters need to arrange for approval to use it.

In principle, the new policy allows any NAWCC Member who is also a Chapter member, to invite and sponsor close friends or relatives to attend a Chapter meeting for the purpose of participating in any Mart or Auction that may be held. The sponsored "Friends and Family" are considered Guests and need to be properly identified. They will need to pay any fees that are applicable, but then they will be able to buy goods in the Mart or Auction. They are NOT permitted to be a table holder or to offer goods for sale. The sponsoring Chapter member will be fully responsible for their conduct while at the meeting and in the Mart or Auction.

The guidelines that apply to this policy are appended below for information for all. Copies of these plus the relevant section of the amended Standing Rules will be mailed to all Chapters so they can study how this can best be implemented.

We are pleased to be making this announcement, as it is the first step taken by the new Board to begin a process of making the NAWCC a more friendly and fun organization, and at the same time to expand our approach to education of the general public in matters of horology.

Knowing there will be questions about how this program is supposed to work, we are providing two ways for comments and questions to be sent to our attention.

First is a special E-mail address, [ChapterFriends@nawcc.org](mailto:ChapterFriends@nawcc.org). Please use this address for your comments and questions. All inquiries will receive an individual response.

Second is for ordinary mail, which should be addressed as follows:

NAWCC, Inc  
Attn: Chapter Friends & Family Program  
514 Poplar Street  
Columbia, PA 17512-2130

For ordinary mail, please include a telephone number where you can be reached. Every inquiry will receive individual attention.

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## GUIDELINES FOR THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY CHAPTER PROGRAM

### HOW IT WORKS

The very first thing to understand is that this program is intended to apply ONLY to Chapters, and to those persons included in the title: Friends and Family. It is an optional program that each Chapter will need to approve for their own use if they wish to participate. It does NOT apply to Regional and National Conventions.

"Friends and Family" means personal friends and relatives of the sponsoring NAWCC Member, who are not members of his/her Immediate Family. They are GUESTS who are not NAWCC Members, who have been personally invited and sponsored to attend a NAWCC Chapter meeting that includes a Mart and/or Auction, and they are

NOT walk-ins.

Secondly, this program is intended to apply ONLY to those Chapter meetings where a Mart or Auction is held. If there is no Mart or Auction, any non-member including Friends and Family may be invited to participate in all activities conducted at that meeting. All should understand that any non-member is always welcome as a GUEST to Chapter meetings, educational programs, and other events that do NOT involve a Mart or Auction. This program has not changed any of the rules or guidelines for non-member participation in those activities.

Thirdly, this program is intended to enable those invited and sponsored Friends and Family Guests to participate in Chapter Marts and Auctions on payment of applicable fees, which they could not do under previous rules. However, they may NOT be table holders nor sell goods.

Finally, every Member will continue to have the privilege of bringing anyone from their Immediate Family (spouse or significant other and children under age 18 living with them) to any NAWCC Chapter meeting where a Mart and/or Auction is held, by payment of applicable fees. There is no change in that privilege as a result of this program.

There are four key points for every Member to remember when they consider inviting their personal friends and relatives to participate in Chapter Marts and Auctions:

- 1) Friends and Family Guests must be INVITED to accompany you to the Chapter meetings.
- 2) You are SPONSORING these persons under your Membership number, and you are responsible for their conduct while attending any NAWCC Chapter function.
- 3) Those invited must pay the appropriate fee for entry to any Chapter event if one is normally charged.
- 4) Those invited are NOT permitted to purchase a table at any Mart, nor are they permitted to display goods for sale at those events whether at the sponsoring Member's table or any other table, on the floor, or in any live or silent auction. However, they ARE permitted to buy goods at the events.

#### CHAPTER CONSIDERATIONS

For this new program to apply to Chapter meetings, the following simple guidelines apply:

- 1) The Chapter must first agree to allow Friends and Family Guests to participate under these guidelines. This is optional on a Chapter by Chapter basis and is not mandatory. Chapter officers should thoroughly review these guidelines and plan carefully how to implement the program including education of the Chapter members as to who can and who cannot participate in the Mart or Auction.
- 2) If the Chapter agrees to use the program, Chapter members may invite close friends and relatives who are not Immediate Family to attend chapter meetings and participate in the Mart or Auction.
- 3) On arrival at the meeting, the Friends and Family Guests will be registered under the name of the sponsoring Chapter member.
  - Distinctive name badges are to be provided for Friends and Family Guests to

ensure they are properly identified. We suggest using bright color paper and writing the words "I can buy" on the badge.

- If other non-member visitors are present who are not Friends and Family Guests, their name badge should be a different color than the Friends and Family name badges. We suggest writing the words "I cannot buy" on the badge.

4) The Friends and Family Guests must pay applicable fees for Chapter Marts and Auctions.

5) The Friends and Family Guests are not permitted to purchase a table at the Mart, and are not permitted to display goods for sale either in the Mart or at any Silent or Live Auction. However, they ARE permitted to buy. The rules of conduct at a Mart and Auction that apply to NAWCC Members also apply to these invited Guests, the sponsoring Chapter member being responsible for their conduct in the same way they are now responsible for the conduct of members of their Immediate Family.

6) The Friends and Family Guests are allowed to participate in a maximum of three Chapter Marts and/or Auctions under this program. To continue participation, NAWCC membership is required. After joining the NAWCC, the Chapter rules pertaining to NAWCC Member visitors will apply. The former Guest may also join the Chapter. It will be the responsibility of each Chapter to monitor and apply this rule to the Friends and Family Guests that attend their meetings.

Thank You!

NAWCC Board of Directors