



The Whiff of Grape

Join us for Great Speakers, Great Fellowship, Great Fun!

September 3, 2025

Greetings, Fellow *Whiffer*, and welcome to the 2025/26 Campaign, our 58th!

We earnestly hope that you and those close to you are well, and that you and your family have been enjoying this remarkable Summer.

Your Junta has been busy over recent months, planning for the **2025/26 Campaign**, and we are pleased to report that everything is in place for the upcoming fall season:

- **Venue:** Of *particular note* is the fact that this fall the *Whiff* will return to its original Toronto home of nearly 50 years – **The Badminton & Racquet Club** at St Clair and Yonge. The RCYC has been hosting *Whiff* events for the past eight years, but as member attendance has been consistently strong and often approached capacity at the RCYC, we may need more room. For the present, the RCYC and the RCMI remain available to us.
- **Speakers:** Before retiring as a Director in June, Paul Potvin, together with Bob Milnes, masterfully recruited seven speakers for the next Campaign, and Frank Palmay, as our incoming Program Director, is already hard at work on 2026-27.

Here's the *Whiff's* line-up for the fall:

🍷 **Tuesday, September 30th**

David Wilson, O.Ont, KC – David will be talking to us about a fascinating ***Canadian Spy Story: Irish Revolutionaries and the Canadian Secret Police***.

🍷 **Tuesday, October 28th**

Andrew Saunders, CEO, The Globe and Mail – Andrew has been invited to add his perspective on the state of Canadian print media to that of the Globe's retired publisher Phillip Crawley, who spoke to the *Whiff* in March 2024.

🍷 **Tuesday, November 25th**

Matti Siemiatycki, B.A., M.Sc. PhD is Professor of Geography & Planning, and Director of the Infrastructure Institute at the University of Toronto. Matti will be talking about ***The Infrastructure Challenges Facing Toronto***.

Annual Dues remain a modest **\$100**, including *HST*. Dinner meetings continue to be offered to members and their guests on a pay-as-you-go basis.

For now, Treasurer Ted White's request of you is a simple one: **Please arrange now to renew your membership in the *Whiff*.**



You can do this just as you've been doing in the past, using Interac e-Transfer, and sending **\$100** to treasurer@whiff-of-grape.ca.

Remember, deposit to the Whiff's bank account is **automatic**, so there's no need for a security question.



WELCOME TO THE 2025/26 CAMPAIGN

Should you wish to suggest a speaker or topic, or offer us a comment of any kind, do let one of the Directors know. You can reach any of us by email at toronto@whiff-of-grape.ca.

The important thing from your Junta's perspective as we open a new Campaign is that we together strive to maintain the tradition we all enjoy, the *Whiff's* spirit of fellowship and its attendant consideration for one another.

You can always stay up to date with what's happening at the *Whiff* by visiting: www.Whiff-of-Grape.ca.

Kindest regards,
Your 2025-26 Junta

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