

April 2011 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 17th April from 12.00 noon

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Events at our Sunday club meeting 17th April 2011

Regular club meeting BBQ

&

Brewer in the Hot Seat

This Month it's
Geoff Daly

April Brewer In The Hot Seat

The affable Irishman has a good knowledge of brewing and specialises in the combining of malts in his beers. These have achieved some excellent results on the comp circuit, where he is often found stewarding. Able to talk about beer all day, and often does. Currently studying for BJCP exams.

What beer will Geoff choose for his time in the hotseat?



Calendar

End of April

Michaels Brew Day (tbc)

30th April/1st May 2011

Kellybrook Cider Festival

From May 3rd

Feral at the Taphouse

15th May 2011

Black Betty AGM Brewing
Club Comp - Stout

15th May 2011

Melbourne Brewers British
Ale Competition

16th-22nd May 2011

[Good Beer Week](#)

21st May 2011

NZ Spectacular

19th June 2011

Club Comp - Pale Ale

25th June 2011

Club Dinner - Fox Hotel

3rd July 2011

Westgate Interclub Stout
Extravaganza

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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT



Greetings fellow brewers,
Well it's been another action packed month on the Westgate calendar. Firstly a big thanks to Barry and Deb for hosting us for Barry's brew day. Barry is a stove top brewer and I certainly saw a different type of brew day at Barry's to my usual back deck, March pump style brewing. Barry made a wit and by all accounts, it's turned out all right. Barry and Deb put on a wonderful feast and as usual, the company was exceptional. I'm sorry I couldn't stay longer. Our next brew day will be at Michael Bowrons on April 29th (TBC) At this stage, Michael may be making a beer for our AGM, in July.

Last month's club competition was our best so far. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for putting in an entry. We had 12 entries and once again, it did make it a long flight for the judges, but as Sam Gebert and Geoff Daly are studying for their BJCP, I'm sure they didn't mind the practice!

Our next club comp is the ~~pale ale~~ stout competition in ~~June~~ May. (Ed) Speaking of Geoff Daly, the affable Irishman is in this month's brewer's Hot seat! Look out ...knowing Geoff, it will be a cracker!

Once again, Geoff and John Kingston scored well in the Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Ale competition. It's a pity that the entries were picked up before midday on the Saturday before the comp as I am sure that Gavin and I would have enjoyed the judges feedback on our entries.

As a reminder, our own Stout Extravaganza competition isn't that far away. Ellerslie Hops have come to the party with some wonderful prizes (\$195 worth of hops for each of the category winners) and we will also have the usual Grain and Grape Vouchers and we will also have medals this year...gee...I'd like me some of that ! All I can say is GET BREWING if you have not already...

Last Sunday's bus trip was a roaring success, thanks to our wonderful sponsors Burbank Homes. I will say, however, that I take note that next time, we need to eat earlier. I'm sure that you will agree, if you were on the Burbank Coach, that our scenic detour through Geelong was nice, but it did blow out our lunch time. Bellarine Estate had some nice beers (who stole Sam Geberts six pack ????) and Matt from Forrest brewing was extremely accommodating in letting all us into his new brewery.

Well done to Craig Tabb, who by all accounts had yet another good beer on the bus. (I was too busy navigating!!) This from a man who says he is still learning!

As the end of financial year gets closer, I remind everyone that all club office positions will be up for renewal. If you think you can help contribute to YOUR club, don't hesitate to offer. I'd like to think that the current committee, led wonderfully by John Kingston has done a good job and we hope to leave a legacy with our Code of Conduct. Everyone will be required to sign it before annual dues are paid.

Anyway, I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, unless of course Mia pops out Spudlet!

(I'm not a Dad yet...but we are counting the days)

Cheers

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Meeting Location

Naval Association Hall
(Opposite the YMCA)
Graham St
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(Melways Reference 41 J3)

Cleaning Roster

If everyone can pitch in at the end of a meeting and make sure the BBQ is clean, tables wiped, floors vacuumed and glasses/jugs washed.



Westgate Brewers is committed to encouraging responsible drinking
REMEMBER– If you Drink and Drive-You're a Bloody Idiot

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Australia's Best Beers



The Critics' Choice: Australia's Best Beers is a new book produced by the team who published the very popular Beer Lover's Guide to Australia in 2010. Bringing together a team of talented and knowledgeable beer writers, venue operators, social media commentators and the brewers themselves, this book seeks to do what has previously been thought impossible; to take a nomination list of almost 450 beers and rank the Top 100.

Available from bookstores & newsagents from April 1, 2011

The Critics' Choice: Australia's Best Beers

RRP \$14.95

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The Critics Top Ten

1. Stone & Wood Pacific Ale
2. Little Creatures Pale Ale
3. Feral Hop Hog IPA
4. Murray's Icon 2IPA
5. Knappstein Reserve Lager
6. Hargreaves Hill ESB
7. White Rabbit Dark Ale
8. Holgate Temptress Robust Porter
9. Bridge Road Chevalier Saison
10. Matilda Bay Alpha Pale Ale

Local Taphouse News

Feral TAPHOUSE TAP TAKEOVER

All 20 taps dedicated to 20 different beers from Feral Brewery. Coming in May.



The next SpecTAPular has big shoes to fill after [GABS](#) but we think the **Kiwi SpecTAPular** could at least match it.

Expect to taste the best of Kiwi craft beers on **Saturday May 21st** in both venues. The event will coincide with Melbourne's **Good Beer Week**. More news of the beers as it comes to hand.

The Beers

1. Feral White (Belgian Witbier, 4.6%)
2. Hop Hog (US IPA, 5.8%)
3. Golden Ace (5.5%)
4. Bohemian Pilsener (5%)
5. Smoked Porter (4.5%)
6. Rust (Belgian abbey ale, 6%)
7. Farmhouse Ale (Saison, 4.3%)
8. The Runt (American Pale Ale, 4.6%)
9. Funky Junky (Wild Ale, 4.3%)
10. Razorback (Barleywine, 9.8%)
11. Karma Citra (5.9%)
12. Boris (Russian Imperial Stout, 10.2%)
13. BFH (oak fermented IPA, 5.8%)
14. Fantapants (Double Red Ale, 7.4%)
15. 983 (Pale Ale with Sorachi hops, 4.5%)
16. IWi2.0 (Imperial Belgian Witbier, 7.5%)
17. Nice Guy Dud Root Brown Ale (4.9%)
18. Sail & Anchor IPA (British IPA, 5.2%)
19. Brass Monkey Stout (Oatmeal Stout, 5%)
20. Jose the Gose (Gose)








All on tap May 3rd

Acreage of Hop Varieties/Countries

What are the most grown hop varieties? What countries grow the most hops?

Acreage in ha					+/-%					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	07/08		08/09		09/10	
Hallertauer	1,594	1,557	761	704	-	2.3	-	51.1	-	7.5
Hersbrucker	741	735	766	755	-	0.8	+	4.2	-	1.5
Perle	3,034	3,061	3,128	3,139	+	0.9	+	2.2	+	0.3
Spalter Select	733	735	731	690	+	0.3	-	0.5	-	5.6
Tradition	2,358	2,401	2,493	2,513	+	1.8	+	3.8	+	0.8
Northern Brewer	334	306	268	248	-	8.4	-	12.4	-	7.3
Magnum	3,431	3,428	3,415	3,340	-	0.1	-	0.4	-	2.2
Nugget	251	251	249	236	+	0.0	-	0.8	-	5.2
Taurus	1,117	1,109	1,077	1,025	-	0.7	-	2.9	-	4.8
Herkules	775	1,699	2,208	2,350	+	119.2	+	30.0	+	6.4
Rest	385	396	388	386	+	2.9	-	2.0	-	0.5
Hallertauer	14,754	15,678	15,484	15,387	+	6.3	-	1.2	-	0.6
Elbe-Saale	1,321	1,383	1,387	1,379	+	4.7	+	0.3	+	0.6
Tettnang	1,193	1,233	1,221	1,226	+	3.4	-	1.0	+	0.4
Spalter Select	384	382	361	376	-	0.5	-	5.5	+	4.1
Rest	19	19	19	20	+	0.0	+	0.0	+	3.7
Germany Total	17,671	18,695	18,472	18,386	+	5.8	-	1.2	-	0.5
Austria	209	215	214	218	+	2.9	-	0.5	+	1.9
Belgium	176	186	186	183	+	5.7	+	0.0	-	1.6
Bulgaria	221	221	160	160	+	0.0	-	27.6	+	0.0
Czech Rep.	5,389	5,345	5,302	5,238	-	0.8	-	0.8	-	1.2
England	1,060	1,100	1,075	1,080	+	3.8	-	2.3	+	0.5
France	796	801	524	433	+	0.6	-	34.6	-	17.4
Poland	2,179	2,179	2,233	1,936	+	0.0	+	2.5	-	13.3
Romania	429	429	240	240	+	0.0	-	44.1	+	0.0
Russia	228	220	220	220	-	3.5	+	0.0	+	0.0
Slovakia	300	300	235	235	+	0.0	-	21.7	+	0.0
Slovenia	1,568	1,706	1,517	1,217	+	8.8	-	11.1	-	19.8
Spain	497	466	468	468	-	6.2	+	0.4	+	0.0
Turkey	331	331	336	350	+	0.0	+	1.5	+	4.2
Ukraine	1,145	1,359	1,320	1,095	+	18.7	-	2.9	-	17.0
Rest	170	190	188	185	+	11.8	-	1.1	-	1.6
Europa Total	32,369	33,743	32,690	31,644	+	4.2	-	3.1	-	3.2
Aplo	0	282	302	335	+	0.0	+	7.1	+	10.9
Cascade	527	870	879	753	+	65.1	+	1.0	-	14.3
Col./Tom./Zeus	3,270	4,723	4,614	3,078	+	44.4	-	2.3	-	33.3
Galena	1,226	1,046	976	826	-	14.7	-	6.7	-	15.4
Nugget	1,120	1,304	1,134	862	+	16.4	-	13.0	-	24.0
Super Galena	0	321	411	359	+	0.0	+	28.0	-	12.7
Willamette	2,775	2,937	2,100	1,450	+	5.8	-	28.5	-	31.0
Rest	3,592	5,068	5,661	4,984	+	41.1	+	11.7	-	12.0
USA Total	12,510	16,551	16,077	12,647	+	32.3	-	2.9	-	21.3
Argentina	167	167	129	129	+	0.0	-	22.8	+	0.0
Australia	441	484	514	441	+	9.8	+	6.2	-	14.2
Japan	214	210	200	190	-	1.9	-	4.8	-	5.0
New Zealand	354	360	400	400	+	1.7	+	11.1	+	0.0
P.R China	4,995	6,459	7,197	5,075	+	29.3	+	11.4	-	29.5
South Africa	438	444	481	481	+	1.4	+	8.3	+	0.0
Rest	62	61	60	60	-	1.6	-	1.6	+	0.0
World Total	51,550	58,479	57,748	51,067	+	13.4	-	1.3	-	11.6

Plastic Types and Uses.

Code	Uses	Temp range
 PET	PET (polyethylene terephthalate): plastic soft drink bottles, water bottles, beer bottles, mouthwash bottles and many more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear • Not autoclavable • Max temp 70°C (158°F)
 HDPE	HDPE (high density polyethylene): milk bottles, detergent bottles, oil bottles, plastic bags, fermenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translucent • Not autoclavable • Max temp 120°C (248°F)
 V	PVC (polyvinyl chloride): food wrap, vegetable oil bottles, blister packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear • Not autoclavable • Max temp 70°C (158°F)
 LDPE	LDPE (low density polyethylene): bread bags, frozen food bags, squeezable bottles, fiber, tote bags, bottles, clothing, furniture, carpet, shrink-wrap, garment bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translucent • Not autoclavable • Max temp 80°C (176°F)
 PP	PP (polypropylene): margarine and yogurt containers, caps for containers, wrapping to replace cellophane, buckets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translucent • Autoclavable • Max temp 135°C (275°F)
 PS	PS (polystyrene): egg cartons, fast food trays, disposable plastic silverware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear • Not autoclavable • Max temp 90°C (194°F)
 OTHER	Other: This code indicates that the item is made with a resin other than the six listed above, or a combination of different resins.	Differs

Buckets

Geoff Daly has access to a supply of food grade plastic pails and is offering them to anyone in the club who would like some.

What can you use plastic buckets for?

How about:-

- Make a simple mash tun.
- Ice a keg.
- Fill with bleach solution to soak bottles.
- Fill with idophor solution to soak hoses, airlocks, yeast, scissors etc
- Use to collect hot water from chilling coil for cleaning.
- Mouse free grain storage.

I'm sure there are other uses I haven't thought of. If you would like any buckets, speak to Geoff at the next meeting.

More Info on plastics [here](#) and what is food grade plastic [here](#).

A Future on the Hop

The first in our 'StudentTense' series of features - four students, four stories - their take on an aspect of the future. This segment by Chris McNamara deals with our changing taste - for beer!

[Download audio](#) or [go here for a transcript](#).

Guests

Tim Lord

General Manager, Hop Products Australia

Ben Kraus

Owner, Bridge Road Brewers

John Cozens

Master Brewer, Carlton and United Breweries

Brewer in the Hot Seat

We have scrapped the drawing names out of a hat feature and have (with permission) chosen the following people to be in the hot seat for the next few months.

- April - Geoff Daly
- May - Paul Rigby/Robbie Proudfoot ?
- June - Paul Rigby/Robbie Proudfoot ?

So what sort of beer will these people serve when it's their time in the hot seat?



Bus Trip III 2011

More Photos [here](#)



**A Big Thank You to Burbank Homes for
their continued support.**



Kellybrook Winery Cider Festival

Join the fun at the 23rd Cider Festival:

- Apple Crushing
- Cider Making Demonstrations by the Kelly cider-makers
- Scrumpy (Bring containers or buy ours') - traditional rustic farmhouse cider.
- Sparkling Draught Cider on tap (including Somerset Draught, pear cider and our new non-alcoholic cider)
- Fabulous Fresh Apple Juice (Pressed on the day) Bring containers or buy ours'.
- Food marquee (some menu changes this year) lamb and barley soup, roasted chicken roll, hot pork roll, Boscastle pies, hot chips, home-baked desserts including apple pies and cinnamon apple donuts
- Champagne Cider and Mulled Cider
- Great coffee
- Toffee apples – made fresh on the spot
- Tasting & Sales of ciders and wines (don't forget Mothers' Day - why not buy your Mum some wine, Champagne or cider - we can even send it to her)
- Our renowned Apple brandy as seen on ABC's The Cook and the Chef
- Brittainia Morris Dancers
- Live music under the oak tree - The Teskey Brothers, Ella Thompson, and more
- Children's entertainment
- Relax on the lawn and soak it all up!
- Restaurant open both days - early bookings and late bookings (early sitting on Sunday already fully booked). 2 course set price menu - \$40.00 (menu available on request). Pre-booked tables will have their entry fee to the festival waived. Bookings essential. Enjoy the festival as a VIP.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE BY **YARRA VALLEY TRANSFERS** FROM CROYDON TRAIN STATION - runs every 30 minutes, \$15 return, for bookings contact Yarra Valley Transfers 1800 146 706 or via their website yarravalleytransfers.com.au

- **Admission Adults \$8.00 Children Free (14 years and under)**

- Apples for sale - new season's, Yarra Valley, unwaxed (fill up a bag)

- No picnics or BYO food or alcohol allowed

- Dogs must be on leashes at all times

- Groups of 30 or more - please let us know you are coming. You can even talk to us about pre-paying to make things simpler on the day.

- Join our Cellar Club on the day to go into the draw to win a case of Kellybrook wines and ciders (mixed dozen). For existing cellar club members, update your details and you will enter the draw also. You'll then receive notification of our any discounts and special offers by email.





Yarra Valley Brewers

Belgian Beerfest 2011

**Held 2 April 2011
At Coldstream Brewery**

**Champion Beer of Show
Sponsored by Brewer's
Choice**

Mark Johnstone - Saison 39.5
points

**Best Novice Brewer
Sponsored by Vicbrew**

John Watson - Blonde Ale 32.6
Points

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Coldstream Brewery

Ellerslie Hops

Brewer's Choice

The Brewers Den

1 Belgian Strong Ale Judges: *Michael Guenzel Brendan Guild Mark Johnstone*

<i>Brewer</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Beer Style</i>	<i>Score</i>
John Kingston	Westgate Brewers	Strong Dark Ale	38.0
Geoff Daly	Westgate Brewers	Tripel	37.8
Charles Johnston	Yarra Valley Brewers	Dubbel	36.3
Alexis Spencer	Warthogs	Strong Golden Ale	33.0
Imants Vitolins	Worthogs	Strong Dark Ale	32.6
John Watson	Yarra Valley Brewers	Blonde Ale	32.6
Bruce Cariss	Independent	Tripel	32.6
John Kingston	Westgate Brewers	Blonde Ale	32.0
Neil Howatt	Yarra Valley Brewers	Strong Dark Ale	31.8
Dave Tazzyman	Yarra Valley Brewers	Strong Dark Ale	31.5
Dwayne Sterlson	Independent	Strong Golden Ale	29.1
Paul Morrison	Independent	Strong Dark Ale	28.3
Richard Whitebrook	Melbourne Brewers	Strong Dark Ale	28.0
John Kingston	Westgate Brewers	Strong Golden Ale	27.8
Tom Clift	Independent	Strong Dark Ale	25.6
Neil Howatt	Yarra Valley Brewers	Strong Golden Ale	21.6
Rob Tobin	Independent	Strong Golden Ale	18.6
Terry Lewis	Independent	Strong Golden Ale	14.0

Note: Places 5, 6, and 7 determined on count back of "overall impression"

2 Farm House Ale Judges: *Richard Whitebrook Colin Penrose*

<i>Brewer</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Beer</i>	<i>Score</i>
Mark Johnstone	Independent	Saison	39.5
Brendan Guild	Melbourne Brewers	Wit Bier	36.25
Charles Johnston	Yarra Valley Brewers	Saison	35.5
Geoff Daly	Westgate	Bier De Garde	27.5
Doug Brooke	Independent	Witbier	23.5
Doug Brooke	Independent	Saison	23.25
Paul Morrison	Independent	Saison	20.0

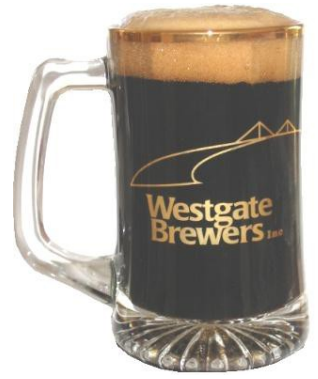
3 Wild Beer Judges: *Richard Whitebrook Colin Penrose*

<i>Brewer</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Beer</i>	<i>Score</i>
Michael Guenzel	Yarra Valley Brewers	Raspberry Lambic	36.25



2011

Stout Extravaganza



Venue: The Local Hotel

Location: 22-24 Bay St, Port Melbourne.

Time: 3rd July 2011, commencing 11.30 am.

Categories:

Imperial Stout (Russian Imperial & Australian/Foreign Extra,).

Stout (Classic Dry Irish, Sweet and Oatmeal).

Porter (Baltic, Brown & Robust).

Cost: \$6.00 per entry.



Accredited Competition

Welcome to the 16th Annual Stout Competition.

This year we have a new venue, the [Local Hotel](#) in Port Melbourne. The Local is a family friendly venue, so all are welcome. Meals are available at the Bistro downstairs, so get there early and enjoy some ales with a nice hot lunch. Judging will take place upstairs, with the beers blind tasted against the current 2009 AABC style guidelines.

It is anticipated that drop off points for entries will be Grain & Grape, Greensborough Home Brewing Supplies or The Brewers Den.

Entry forms will be available at a date closer to the event at our website

www.westgatebrewers.org

Map

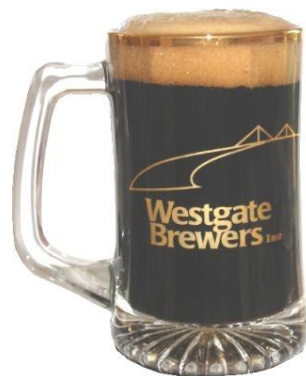


The Local is a short walk from the 109 tram



2011

Stout Extravaganza



Sunday 3rd July at The Local Hotel

22-24 Bay St, Port Melbourne (Melways 57 B4)

Closing date for entries is Friday 26th June if delivered to the following locations: Grain & Grape, Greensborough Home Brewing Supplies or The Brewers Den. Alternatively, entries can be delivered to the event, prior to 12:00 noon.

Competition Rules.

1. A maximum of 2 entries will be accepted per Category, as long as they are separate styles. Entries must fit into the designated styles listed below.
2. A minimum of 500ml is required per entry. If 2 bottles are required, they must be clearly marked as bottle 1 and 2 and preferably be taped together. Cost per entry is \$6.00. If you are not a member of a Vicbrew affiliated club or if entries are received on the day of the competition, the entry fee will be \$8.00.
3. Judging will be by blind tasting, assessed against the current 2010 style guidelines. Style guidelines are available at the www.vicbrew.org. Judges decisions are final.
4. Any tied placing's are decided on count-back using the following criteria, overall impression, flavour or smallest spread of scores.
5. Prizes & medals are awarded for 1st (Ellerslie Hop Variety Pack), 2nd, and 3rd (Grain and Grape Gift Voucher) in each category. Other awards are Best Club of Show and Best Novice, awarded to the highest score by a Victorian brewer who has not placed in a Vicbrew accredited competition.

ENTRY FORM

Please cut off entry form and attach with rubber band to bottle with entry details visible. Include entry fee in envelope attached to bottle.

Name:..... Phone:..... Email:.....

Address:..... P/Code:..... State:.....

Club:.....



Category: (Please circle 1 style per entry)

10. Porter Brown Porter Robust Porter Baltic Porter

11. Stout Classic Dry Irish Sweet Stout Oatmeal Stout

12. Strong Stout Imperial Stout Australian/Foreign Extra

