



August 2010 Newsletter

Updated
Calendar

Next Club Meeting Sunday 15th August @ 12.00 pm

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings fellow brewers,
It's hard to believe how quickly August has come around. Our last meeting was a wonderful success thanks mainly to Michael Bowron, who expertly cooked our roast meats, and all those that cooked food. It was lovely to have a big meal together. And wash it down with a nice selection of craft brewed beer.

Thanks must be made also to Damian, for heading the club for the last 12 months and Alan for keeping our cash sorted out.

We now welcome John Kingston as our new president and Robin Selwood as our new treasurer. At our committee meeting last week, John tabled a new agenda of events for the coming year and his first job as new president was to introduce a roster system for cleaning of the club. This means that the same few will no longer have to shoulder the burden of washing glasses, wiping benches, cleaning the BBQ and vacuuming at the end of the meeting. Two people will be rostered every meeting and if you're unable to do it when it's your turn, you'll have to organise a swap. The two people kicking off this new initiative will be John Lague & Geoff Daly.

John has also introduced a brewers choice award. This is an award based solely on taste and judged by 3 random club members. Each month, someone will be picked for the next month to bring a beer they made, discuss the recipe and then have it judged on taste. Exciting times!

We also plan on re-running monthly raffles too! And we're going to do a kit demo and Black Betty brew in September... plenty of stuff to look forward to, even without mentioning ANHC! (I've got my ticket...do you have yours ????)

August will also see the club visit to The Local Taphouse for Saturday August 14th's Canadian beer Spectacular. Then on August 29th we have our bus trip out to the Yarra Valley. There may still be a place or two left....

Well, I guess that's probably enough from me....looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and having a chin wag over a brew. And remember...if you know someone who is looking to get into brewing, don't be afraid to bring them along to our next meeting... Like any club, we rely on our members to make the club what it is and new members are always welcome!!

Cheers

Ferg

Secretary

Westgate Brewers



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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION HALL, GRAHAM STREET, WEST FOOTSCRAY (OPPOSITE THE YMCA) MELWAYS 41 J3

Coming Events

14th August 2010

Canadian SpectAPular, The Local
Taphouse

4th & 5th September 2010

Bayside Octoberfest @ Hick-
inbotham Winery

2nd & 3rd October

Vicbrew



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Club Diary

14th August 2010

Local Taphouse Moose & Mountie
Spectacular

29th August 2010

Yarra Valley Brewery Bus Trip

19th September 2010

Black Betty Brewing Demo Open
Day

17th October 2010

Club Comp - European Lager

28th November 2010

True South Brewery Visit

12th December 2010

Christmas meeting at Ferg's

16th January 2011

Club Comp - Belgian Ale

20th March 2011

Club Comp - British Ale

15th May 2011

Black Betty AGM Brewing
Club Comp - Stout

19th June 2011

Club Comp - Pale Ale



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Westgate Brewers Upcoming Club Events



**THE MOOSE & MOUNTIE
SPECTAPULAR!**

**CANADA'S FINEST CRAFT
BEERS FOR 1ST TIME IN OZ!**

SAT AUGUST 14

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD

NOON - 1AM. GOLD COIN ENTRY

DON'T MOOSE OUT!

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THE LOCAL Taphouse
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Yarra Valley Bus Trip

John Kingston has access to a 12 seater Mini Bus and has offered to drive us to visit -

White Rabbit Brewery in Healesville
Coldstream Brewery in Coldstream
Hargreaves Hill in Yarra Glen

Lunch will apparently be at Coldstream?

There are still some seats available but you better get in quick. Bus cost will be petrol only so why not jump on. Please send an email to the club ASAP if interested.

Pickup and drop off point will be at the
Naval Association hall
on the
29th August 2010
9.00 AM BUS PICKUP TIME!



Cleaning Roster

The President has decreed that the following people will be responsible for ensuring floors, tables, BBQ and glasses are clean at the end of our meetings.

If you cant make it on the day please organise a swap.

August - John K & Fergus

September - John L & Geoff

October - Sam & Barry

November - Michael & Robin

January - Paul & Eli

February - Gavin & Dawn



New Competition.

In conjunction with our regular Brewer Of The Year club comps we will also be holding a competition where one brewer a month is drawn at random and the following month they bring along the best beer they think they have brewed.

The brewer will then tell us about the beer, what inspired them, how it was made, the ingredients etc. Then judges drawn at random will judge the beer purely on taste, without judging sheets.

After a year there will be a prize (sponsored by local supermarket Sims?) awarded for the highest score achieved.

It doesn't have to be the strongest beer or the hoppiest beer, its up to you. It's the Brewer's Choice. Hmmm sounds a likely name for it then...



DUTCH BREWER CLAIMS WORLD'S STRONGEST BEER

Reuters July 29, 2010

AMSTERDAM - A Dutch brewer with a penchant for competition has laid claim to creating the world's strongest brew: a beer that is some 60 per cent alcohol by volume.

"You don't drink it like beer, but like a cocktail — in a nice whisky or cognac glass," brewer Jan Nijboer told Dutch news agency ANP.

Nijboer's Almere-based brewery, 't Koelschip (The Refrigerated Ship), sells the new beer, which is 120 proof and dubbed "Start the Future," in a one-third litre bottle for 35 euros (\$45) each.

Nijboer told ANP he developed the new brew to keep up with Scottish outfits that were also pushing the boundaries of beer's alcohol content.

His previous record-holder, a beer called Oblix that was 90 proof (45 per cent alcohol by volume), was eclipsed by a Scottish beer that reached 55 per cent.

That beer, dubbed "The End of History," was announced last week by a small brewery called BrewDog. Only 12 bottles were made, each housed inside a stuffed dead animal and sold starting at 500 pounds (\$780) each.

"It has become a little competition," Nijboer said. "You should see it as a joke."



End of History: World's Strongest Beer Packaged with Roadkill



Scottish beermakers BrewDog waded into controversy not by brewing the world's strongest beer (110 proof, or 55% alcohol by volume), but by placing the bottles inside the bodies of dead squirrels, stoats, and rabbits.

The animals were roadkill, reconstructed to appear standing, with the necks of the beer bottles protruding from their mouths. End of History is not only the world's strongest beer, but also the most expensive. Despite selling for the equivalent of \$770 per bottle, End of History sold out of its 12-bottle run within hours

...and from Brew Dogs Website

"The beer is the last high abv beer we are going to brew, the end point of our research into how far the can push the boundaries of extreme brewing, the end of beer.....The End of History, at 55%, is the final instalment of our efforts to redefine the limits of contemporary brewing."

Will this be the last time I have to report on a new strongest beer? Lets hope so.



AUSSIES DRIVING BEER TECHNOLOGY FORWARD

From gizmodo.com.au



When it comes to pioneering beer technology, few countries can compete with Australian ingenuity. The latest advancement comes from Melbourne Industrial designers JonesChijoff, who have invented a method for preserving boutique bottled beer after the cap has been popped. This is the biggest development since fermentation, people!

The system, dubbed the BeerVault and available in the [Biero Bar](#) in Melbourne, was designed to offer customers the ability to sample premium boutique beers, which can cost up to \$200 a longneck. Because the beers can be so expensive, there historically hasn't been a way to offer customers the ability to try the boutique beers without buying the whole bottle.

The BeerVault siphons beer from the bottle, maintaining the same pressure as in the bottle, while the beer is chilled with some clear liquid glycol surrounding the beer which is run through a chiller. The result is that the beer maintains its integrity, while being able to be poured in variable amounts from a tap.

The only downside to the whole setup is that by being able to buy expensive beers on tap, you'll probably end up acquiring expensive beer taste. But that'd be totally worth it... for the technology, you understand...

525 Little Lonsdale
Street
Melbourne VIC



Luxury Beer Good Enough For The Queen

By Elise Ferrari, [The Shout](#)

The third vintage of the exclusive [Crown Ambassador Reserve Lager](#) hit shelves on Monday (Aug 2).

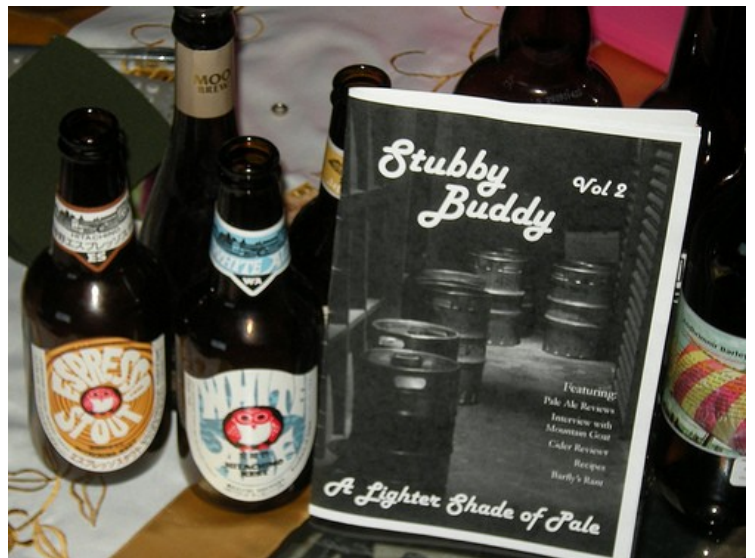
The highly-anticipated release is expected to follow in the footsteps of previous vintages, which pioneered the luxury beer market in Australia.

Only 7000 individually numbered 750mL bottles have been brewed, with bottle number 0001 hand-delivered to Buckingham Palace for Her Majesty the Queen.

Crown Ambassador Reserve Master Brewer, John Cozens, and his team of brewers carefully blended a small portion of the 2009 Reserve with this year's release, a process usually applied to sparkling wines.

"The addition of the 2009 Reserve portion has certainly added interesting oak flavours to the brew, making it a completely unique proposition and an exceptional beer to savour or cellar," Cozens said.

Each 750ml bottle has been filled and sealed by hand, with a 10.2%ABV and RRP of \$89.99.



A Melbourne based beer zine. For a review of the contents, head [here](#).

Breast Enlarging Beer?

Bulgarian brewers claim they have crafted the first beer specifically brewed to make a woman's breasts larger. And local women claim it works!

Yavor-M Brewery in Ruse, Bulgaria, developed Boza, a lager tippel, as a health drink and lactation aid for new mothers who were having trouble breast feeding. When the increased bust size became evident, women rushed to the brewery.

While the brewery makes no claims as to Boza's enhancement abilities, Yavor-M spokesman Kristian Gyoshev says, "We get hundreds of testimonials from women who say their boobs have gone up one or two cup sizes. "

Gyoshev goes on to say that Boza is a natural, healthy and fun drink, which just happens to be cheaper than surgery.

There's no explanation on how the beer, brewed from fermented wheat flour and yeast, works, but local women swear by it.

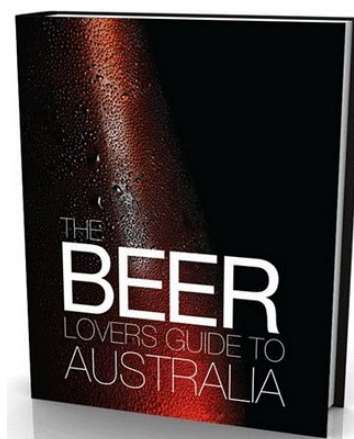
The Beer Lovers Guide to Australia

A range of well respected Australian writers and beer connoisseurs will guide you through the world of beer:

- Dr Peter Aldred - What is Beer?
- Andrew Perry - The History of Beer
- Matt Kirkegaard - The Australian Craft Beer Revolution
- Ian Watson - Tasting Beer
- Paul Mercurio - Beer & Food
- Laurie Strachan - A Menu of Beer Styles

Our Location Guide lists Australia's most passionate beer venues state by state, making it the perfect way to plan your next beer adventure.

There's never been a better time to drink Australian beer and there's never been a more comprehensive guide to Australian beers, the people who make them and the best places to drink them.

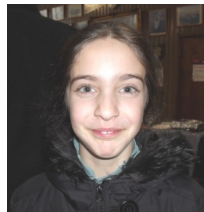


Available 16th August.



AGM 2010

Thanks to my photography assistant Alexandra Bowron





Brewing Demo

Open Day

Are you new to brewing and would like to learn how?

Perhaps you already make your own and would like to see how others brew?

10:00 AM
19th September 2010

Come along to our brew day and have a chat to our enthusiastic amateur brewers, try a beer or two, grab yourself a free sausage, watch the free **all grain and kit demonstration** and see how easy it is to make quality beer at home!

Please tear off and keep date and address details.



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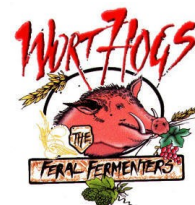


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Wort Hogs Pale Ale Mania 2010 Results



English Pale Ale

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /150	Place
41	Glenn Le Page	WH		117.0	1st
Nash Pale Ale 2	Lukas Dedman	WH		106.0	2nd
EPA	Ward Allen	WH		104.0	3rd
Nash Pale Ale	Lukas Dedman	WH		96.0	
U	Robin Selwood	WG		86.0	
388	John Strantzen	WH		71.5	
	Alexis Spencer	WH		71.0	
CE2	Chan Lay	BS		69.5	
	Matt Daniel	MB	Y	69.0	
IHL	Dale Ross-Soden	WH	Y	59.5	

IPA

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /150	Place
224 HB	Neil Kay	WH		100.0	1st
378	John Strantzen	WH		93.5	2nd
IPA1	Lukas Dedman	WH		90.5	3rd
42	Glenn Le Page	WH		83.0	
CE1	Chan Lay	BS		77.5	
IPA2	Lukas Dedman	WH		76.5	

Australian Pale Ale

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /150	Place
Kingsbury Pale Ale	Lukas Dedman	WH		119.0	1st
					2nd
					3rd

American Pale Ale

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /150	Place
APA CARB	Kevin teWiek	-		117.5	1st
DS	Nathaniel Reeves	-		111.5	2nd
Amarillo Ale	David Plant	-	Y	101.0	3rd
F	Fenton Roffey	WH	Y	100.0	
	Michael Bowron	WG		97.0	
3	Robin Selwood	WG		90.0	
391	John Strantzen	WH		89.0	
APA	Ward Allen	WH		87.0	
Al -Qalda	Lukas Dedman	WH		85.0	
	Jason Morrison	-	Y	84.5	
43	Glenn Le Page	WH		82.0	
G2	Graham Sheckelton	WH		82.0	
Citra	David Phillips	WH		81.0	
Northwest Pale Ale	David Plant	-	Y	76.0	
	Alexis Spencer	WH		75.0	
RBW35	Richard Whitebrook	MB		71.0	
G1	Graham Sheckelton	WH		71.0	
	Rodney Kuiper	WH		70.0	
CE3	Chan Lay	BS		69.0	
Grave Hopper	Matt Daniel	MB	Y	69.0	