



June 2008 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 15th June 2008 @ 12:30pm

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



A reminder that the next meeting is **Sunday, 15th of June** at the Naval Association Hall from 12:30 onwards.

At the last club meeting it was decided to change when we meet from the second Sunday of the month to the third Sunday in an attempt to reduce the number of conflicts with events like Mother's day etc.

Let's hope that this helps improve attendance at our meetings as they are a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon !

This month's newsletter contains flyers for both the Stout Extravaganza and Worthog's Pale Ale Mania.

Don't forget that the other upcoming competitions such as Oktoberfest and Vicbrew are also not far away ...

Also, don't forget that your newsletter relies on submissions from members like you !!!

Cheers ... Colin MacEwan

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

Westgate Brewers is committed to encouraging responsible drinking

REMEMBER-If you Drink and Drive-You're a Bloody Idiot

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Club Meeting Diary

June 2008

Activity Tba

July 2008

Club AGM

August 2008

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September 2008

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October 2008

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November 2008

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December 2008

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Coming Events

6th July
Westgate Brewers
Stout Extravaganza
Bell's Hotel & Brewery
South Melbourne

3rd August
Worthogs
Pale Ale Mania
AD Ryan's Hotel
Diamond Creek

6th - 7th September
Oktoberfest 2008
Higinbotham Winery
Dromana

4th - 5th October
VicBrew 2008
Tba

23rd – 25th October
Australian National
Homebrewing Conference
William Angliss
Conference Centre

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Hello from Kalgoorlie!



Hello All!

John here from Kalgoorlie ...

I have finally got email up and working and hope that you are all keeping well and brewing lots of good beer !
I'm stuck here with the commercial stuff CUB or Tooheys and occasionally get little creatures - one pub here has it on tap at \$8 pint !!!

I am working at the super pit which is Australia's largest open cut gold mine - no freebies of gold though.

Looking for somewhere that pays better. Not sure when I will be coming back to Melbourne but will try to catch up with everyone from the club when I do.

I have sent you a picture of one of the dump trucks at the super pit from inside the pit and hope to be driving them soon.

Not brewing beer as my gear is still in Melbourne.

My new email address is johnlargo@bigpond.com if anyone wants to drop me a line ...

Bye for now and keep up the good work

Cheers John

Buying Hop Rhizomes

Following on from recent articles published about hops and their cultivation I started to enthuse about becoming a hop grower ... Sadly Hop Rhizomes are starting to become quite difficult for the home gardener to find !!!

The Grape and Grain website listed the head of the Hop Growers Association, Stewart Ferguson as a supplier. Unfortunately Stewart is no longer supplying Rhizomes. This may be the reason that Grumpy's are also no longer offering Rhizomes for sale.

Brewers Choice: <http://brewerschoice.net.au/> offer rhizomes but they have sold out for this year !!!

After further searching, an ebayer seller HOPSWEST occasionally pops up with rhizomes.

An alternative is to search forums like Aussie Homebrewer: www.aussiehomebrewer.com
And contact brewers who are happy to make their rhizomes available.



Brew giants John Palmer and Jamil Zainasheff on board for ANHC 08

Two of the biggest names in craft brewing will headline the inaugural Australian National Homebrewing Conference in Melbourne later this year.

John Palmer and Jamil Zainasheff—beer authors, broadcasters, and aficionados in the extreme—have both confirmed they'll travel from the US to deliver keynote presentations at the conference, October 23-25, 2008.

Just in case you're not entirely familiar with John and Jamil's work—here's some more information:

Best known for his book *How To Brew*—required reading for anyone considering brewing beer at home—John Palmer has been brewing and writing for about 15 years, and continues to be an active member of the home brewing community.

John likes to investigate the processes of brewing, and has written many articles for *Brew Your Own* and *Zymurgy* magazines, and given presentations on topics like: malt analysis and extraction, mash enzymes and fermentability, water chemistry and pH adjustment.

Another giant of craft brew literature, Jamil Zainasheff may just be one of the world's most successful competition homebrewers.

Since winning his first gold medal at the American National Homebrewing Competition in 2002, Jamil has continued to rack up the medals and has taken out the Ninkasi Award (for best all-round brewer) in 2004 and 2007. He has won gold medals for styles as diverse as Scottish 80/-, and Flemish Red... (twice!)

Jamil is also well-known for his work on The Brewing Network, where he broadcasts the Jamil Show with Jon Pise. On top of that, he is a member of the American Homebrewer's Association Governing Committee and an appointed officer of the BJCP. He also writes for *Zymurgy* and *Brew Your Own* magazines and has his own website at www.mrmalty.com.

Jamil has also co-authored the new book *Brewing Classic Styles: 80 Winning Recipes Anyone Can Brew* with John Palmer.



Keynote: Jamil Zainasheff who recently discovered you can buy beer at McDonald's in Germany.

What's on at the conference?

Full program details will be posted on the ANHC website when they are finalised. In the meantime you can look forward to the following events:

- Keynote presentations by John Palmer and Jamil Zainasheff
- A range of presentations from suppliers, professional brewers and other experts
- Microbrewery tour
- Sensory evaluation session,
- Food & beer matching dinner
- AABC gala awards dinner
- and of course plenty of opportunities to grab a beer and chat with like-minded folks.

In addition, the conference will be run on the tail end of the judging for the Australian Amateur Brewing Championships, the pinnacle of brewing competitions here in Australia.

WIN FREE ENTRY TO ANHC

The first 300 people to sign up to ANHC news at www.anhc.com.au will have the chance to win free conference entry. Entries close March 19, 2008

Best of the best: Australian Amateur Brewing Championship

Did you know the Australia Amateur Brewing Championship is the second largest brewing competition of its kind in the world? Pretty impressive, we know.

AABC 2008 (www.aabc.org.au) will be run at the start of the conference, and we're going to need judges and stewards to help get all the beers assessed in good time.

Whether you have recently attended the BJCP sessions, or judged at local homebrew contests or you're an old hand at judging, please give consideration to participating at AABC2008 as either a judge or steward.

Contact Mark Hibberd at judging@anhc.com.au for more information about AABC.

Got something you want to tell the homebrew world?

The Australian National Homebrewing Conference is looking for homebrewers and microbrewers to present on any aspect of brewing they are passionate about and would like to share with fellow homebrewers.

If you have something to tell the world about styles, yeast, automation or any other brewing related topic, we need you to contact us and let us know:

- Your Name
- The title of your submission.
- Your contact phone/email
- Preferred style: 10, 20 or 30 minute presentation, poster session, or paper for the proceedings

Send expressions of interest to program@anhc.com.au. Closing date: Monday 31 March



**Westgate
Brewers** Inc

Stout Extravaganza



2008

Greeting lovers of dark ales. The Westgate Brewers would like to invite you to participate in our annual Stout Extravaganza. This competition has been registered with the BJCP again this year, so if you are interested in judging, give me a ring on the number below.

Entries are accepted in the above categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each category, as well as the Best Club of Show perpetual trophy. We will accept two entries for each category per brewer. The judges decision is final. Entries may be left with your local participating Brew Shop along with the entry fee, or presented on the day, prior to the start of judging (12.30PM). Any queries may be referred to Michael Bowron 9645 2100. See you there.

Venue: Bell's Hotel & Brewery.

Location: Corner of Moray & Coventry Streets, Sth Melbourne.

Time: 6th July 2008, commencing 11.30 am.

Categories:

Imperial Stout (includes Baltic Porter).

Stout (includes all styles).

Porter (includes Brown and Robust).

Cost: \$6.00 per entry.



This competition is proudly sponsored by
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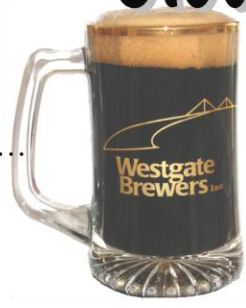
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Classic Dry Irish / Australian-Foreign Extra / Sweet Stout / Oatmeal Stout

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Brew Name:.....

Novice: ☐



Name:.....

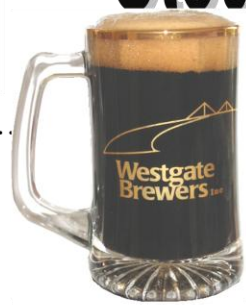
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Pale Ale Mania

Prizes awarded for Best Novice, Best in Show and 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the following styles:

Australian Pale Ale English Pale Ale American Pale Ale IPA

\$5.00 per entry, maximum two entries per style

Venue: AD Ryans Restaurant & Bar

Location: 69 Main St Diamond Creek (Cnr Hyde St) (Melway 11 K5)

Date: Sunday 3rd of August 2008

Time: Entries from 11:00am to 11:45am, judging will start at 12:15pm sharp

Entries can be left with Greensborough Home Brewing Supplies or Grain and Grape in Yarraville before 11:00am on the day before the event (Sat 2nd Aug), along with your completed entry form and entry fee. Alternatively, you may enter at the venue on the day.

All enquiries please call Glenn Le Page 9438 6132 or Rod Kuiper 9437 7826

Maximum two entries per style. Judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.

To be eligible for Novice award, you must be a Victorian brewer that has not placed previously in any Vicbrew sanctioned comp.

Entry form available from our website: www.geocities.com/the_worthogs

Recipes may be requested from place-getters for publication.



Pale Ale Mania

2008 Entry Form (\$5/Entry)

Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	Post Code:
Email:	
Telephone:	
Club:	
Style: <input type="checkbox"/> Australian <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> American <input type="checkbox"/> IPA	
Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Mash <input type="checkbox"/> Extract <input type="checkbox"/> Kit	
Are you entering as a Novice (never placed in Vicbrew sanctioned comp.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

Judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.
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Why I was fired !

For the last company picnic, management had decided that, due to liability issues, we could have alcohol, but only one (1) drink per person.



I was fired for ordering the cups.....

Thanks to RobinS for this contribution

Perfect Homecoming !

When A man comes home from work Or after A really difficult day at the Golf course, Nothing brightens his spirits
And Makes him feel more appreciated Than Being met at the door by the Smiling Face of the woman he loves With An
ice cold beer in her hand!!



Thanks to Robins for this contribution