

## August 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 19th August from 12.00 noon

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### Events at our Sunday club meeting 19th August 2012

- BYO BBQ lunch

### Calendar

**22 September 2012**

Vicbrew Entries Due

**6th-7th October 2012**

Vicbrew

**? October 2012**

Bayside Octoberfest

**24th-25th October 2012**

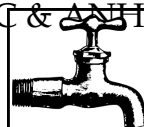
Fed Square Microbreweries Showcase

**25th-27th October 2012**

Westgate Brewers Proud-

**Burbank** 13 BURBANK (13 2872)

AABC & ANHC III



**Pipeworx Plumbing**

30th November 2012

Royston/Mountain goat



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# The Secretaries Report

Dear Brewers...

Firstly...an apology...This newsletter is late getting out and it's my entire fault. Gavin has done his utmost to cajole a report out of me and I have failed him...and you...for this, I am sorry...

OK...There is a bit to get through...

Some of you may have noticed, via the website, that there has been a change to the beer styles for brewer of the year. This was discussed at the new committee's first meeting and it seems from the feedback that we may have got it slightly wrong....Apologies again... There has also been a change to brewer of the year entries...Non- members may enter competition for feedback only. No points will be awarded. All membership fee's must be paid prior to entering a comp , if you want to get some points....We will advise ASAP as to the updated "Updated" comp styles. The first club comp will indeed be IPA's at our September comp. Also , Anyone doing a SYSMASH beer for ANHC , is welcome to have this beer judged at our September meeting...Single Yeast , Single Malt and Single Hop...winner will have the kudos of having to supply a keg to Club Night at ANHC to possibly take out beer of show....More info is available from [www.anhc.com.au](http://www.anhc.com.au)  
Speaking of ANHC, we now have our secret weapon, that was unveiled at the AGM...We need some beers to put on at the ANHC. President John will talk to you all on Sunday about how we plan to approach club night at the ANHC....The committee have discussed a theme...John will tell you all at Sundays meeting....

Club Shirts are also sorted. See John on Sunday for your size. Through the help of our sponsors, especially [rob@nautical.com.au](mailto:rob@nautical.com.au) , otherwise known as Robert Guy Financial services, we have secured a donation that means your next club shirt is a collared shirt with embroidery ...all for \$20...If you're coming to ANHC, you almost must have one....

The first Grain and Grape Westgate sausage sizzle will be on next month. What is this about, you may ask ?Well...Like that major hardware store, as of next month , Westgate will be having a monthly sausage sizzle ,at the monthly brew demo days , at The Grain and Grape. We will need some volunteers to help man the BBQ , once a month , from 10am to 1pm.Potentially , the club could make over thousand dollars...we may even be able to afford to have our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday catered...yes. We turn 21 next year..( Unlike Ferg who turned 40 this week)

The latest issue of Beer and Brewer has some good info about Stout Extravaganza. Beer and Brewer is a good sponsor. If you don't have a subscription , get one....

We will also be having a hop bulk buy in October. More details will follow.

Anyway...as I said...apologies for the tardiness...turning 40 and a new job this week has made life difficult...Apologies to Gav , who busted a gut getting this out before moving house...

Cheers, Ferg



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## Cleaning Roster

If everyone can pitch in at the end of a meeting and make sure the BBQ is clean, tables wiped,



Westgate Brewers is committed to encouraging responsible drinking

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## Westgate Brewer of the Year Competition Schedule..subject to change

Meeting	Category	Styles
September 2012	13. INDIA PALE ALE	13.1 English IPA 13.2 American IPA 13.3 Imperial IPA
November 2012	5. STRONG LAGER (>6% ABV)	5.1 Strong Pale Lager 5.2 Maibock/Hellesbock 5.3 Traditional Bock 5.4 Doppelbock 5.5 Eisbock
January 2013	15. BELGIAN STRONG ALE (>6% ABV)	15.1 Belgian Blond Ale 15.2 Belgian Golden Strong Ale 15.3 Tripel 15.4 Dubbel 15.5 Belgian Dark Strong Ale
March 2013	9. BROWN ALE	9.1 Northern English Brown Ale 9.2 Irish Red Ale 9.3 Scottish Ale 9.4 Australian Dark/Old Ale 9.5 American Brown Ale
May 2013	12. STRONG STOUT (>6% ABV)	12.1 Australian Stout/ Foreign Extra Stout 12.2 American Stout 12.3 Russian Imperial Stout
June 2013	SET INGREDIENT	Aust Bitter Ale

### Brewer in the Hot Seat List

We are running our educational series of beer presentations again this year and John

August 2012

Nick Cleave

October 2012

Darko Blatnik on yeast

with beers by Fergus McGregor

April 2012

## Bits & Pieces

### China world's largest beer consumer

The quantity of beer consumed around the globe in 2011 increased for the 27th consecutive year, with China making up 25 percent of the sales.

A report released Wednesday by Kirin Holdings, the research arm of a Japanese brewery, attributed the rise to robust demand in Asia and developing countries, the Daily Mail reported.

For the 10th year, China showed it has the greatest thirst for the alcoholic drink.

The US retained its second place with sales in the country making up 11.7 percent of the global figure. Brazil was ranked third and Russia came fourth.

The report found that 250 billion litres of beer were produced in 2011, up 3.7 percent from 2010.

In 2010, 45 billion litres of beer were sold in China with US sales accounting for less than half that amount at 25 billion litres.

#### TROUBLE BREWING

#### Sampler



Arne Frantzell

#### Interesting beer links

- [Charlie Papazian gives his view on the Australian craft brewing scene and the lack of independent brewers of size.](#)
- [An article giving a brief run down on the history of the hop in Australia. What did they use before Pride of Ringwood?](#)



# The Portland Hotel: Now With More Hops

[From Brews News](#)

If you've spent time in the CBD of old Melbourne town then it's very possible you've walked past the Portland Hotel and noticed its well-presented but small James Squire brewhouse in the front window. I've talked to people who have pretty much refused to believe that it's a working brewery. It looks too small, too neat and too much like it is just for show.

After walking into the bar on a Tuesday afternoon, smelling freshly boiled wort and seeing a brewer toiling away, I can assure everyone that it is definitely a working brewery and it is producing some tasty beers which are served in-house at the hotel.

I know a lot of craft beer fans (who probably already knew that it was a working brewery) walk past not really giving the beers inside too much thought. The consensus tends to be; they aren't bad beers by any stretch but for today's craft-beer lover, they don't have heaps to offer. In addition, craft drinkers tend to not stick to one beer over the course of an evening, so going into a pub with exclusively James Squire beers isn't too appealing to a lot of us. Again, not a slight on their beers – it's just how it goes.

However, a few weeks ago I attended an event at the Portland Hotel. Whilst there I had a couple of the beers brewed in-house and was impressed with what I tasted. The Highwayman (a red ale) was well rounded with a decent hop aroma and solid smooth malt profile and the presence of a Black Rye IPA on the menu was a nice surprise.

Current brewer, Dan Dainton, who took over from Dave Edney (now brewing some terrific beers at Mountain Goat), says in the nine months since he started, the plan has been to increase the hops in the beers.

"The emphasis has been for me to hop everything up a bit little bit more (and) bring it up to line with the current craft movement."

Now the Speculator, an APA, and the aforementioned Highwayman are dry hopped with Amarillo and Nelson Sauvin respectively. The Blackmail (Black Rye IPA) is double dry-hopped, and the Portland Pale Ale is now closer to an American Pale Ale than a more traditional pale.

While he is increasing the hops in the brews, Dainton is aware that the market and customers of the hotel may not always be looking for a huge hopped-up IBU monster.

"(I'm) just trying to make the beers as fresh and as presentable as possible. It's a bit of a gateway kind of area, not too crazy. There won't be any 7 or 8 per cent IPAs coming out. It's a very specific market."

Dainton says that so far feedback has been positive and while the Blackmail and a recent rauchbier both drew mixed reviews from some drinkers in the bar; with some loving how different they were and others finding them a little confronting; the beers are being well received by his peers in the



Dan Dainton



# Pale Ale Mania 2012 Results

## English Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 15

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
225	Neil Kay	WH		37.0	1st
ESB N	Dereck Hales	MB		36.5	2nd
EPA	Imants Vitolins	WH		35.0	3rd
Na PA	Lukas Dedman	WH		34.5	
EB	Andrew Hawley	MB		31.0	
419	John Strantzen	WH		30.0	
12C26	Shane Rosenberg	WH	Y	29.5	
12F01	Shane Rosenberg	WH	Y	29.0	
042	John Kingston	WG		28.0	
	Matt Daniel	MB		27.0	
039	John Kingston	WG		26.5	
PA	Barrie Mowbray	WG		26.5	
BS	Sean O'Callaghan	-	Y	25.5	
48	Shaun Raymer	BS		24.5	
51	Glenn Le Page	WH		17.5	

## IPA

Number of Entries : 18

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Style	Total /50	Place
230AD	Bryce Van Denderen	BS		American IPA	42.5	1st
IPA	Lukas Dedman	WH		English IPA	39.8	2nd
	Paul Cook	-	Y	American IPA	39.0	3rd
	John Kingston	WG		English IPA	37.8	
AIPAN	Dereck Hales	MB		American IPA	36.0	
Gr 37	Mark Kidd	WH		American IPA	34.3	
Kin IPA	Lukas Dedman	WH		American IPA	30.5	
AIPA	Dave Phillips	WH		American IPA	29.5	
422	John Strantzen	WH		English IPA	29.5	
	Jethro McCulloch	BS		American IPA	29.0	
	Matt Daniel	MB		American IPA	28.0	
421	John Strantzen	WH		American IPA	28.0	
	Kevin teWierik	-		American IPA	27.8	
APA	Andrew Hawley	MB		American IPA	27.5	
X	Brett Stewart	-	Y	American IPA	26.0	
FI	Mark Stanford	WG		American IPA	24.5	
CI6	Mark Stanford	WG		American IPA	22.5	
PC	Peter Challis	CB	Y	American IPA	19.5	

## Australian Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 11

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
48	Shaun Raymer	BS		37.5	1st
Gr 10	Mark Kidd	WH		35.5	2nd
5	Shane Rosenberg	WH	Y	33.5	3rd
48	Paul Cook	-	Y	33.0	
A	Imants Vitolins	WH		31.0	
Ki PAII	Lukas Dedman	WH		28.5	
Ki PAI	Lukas Dedman	WH		28.3	
	Craig Tabb	WG		26.5	
48	Shaun Raymer	BS		25.0	
WH	Dale Ross-Soden	WH	Y	23.5	
7	Cameron Kinder	-	Y	21.5	

# American Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 27

Bottle Cap I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
APA2	John Fraser	CB	Y	41.7	1st
NW	Clint Cathcart	-		38.3	2nd
APA	Kevin teWierik	-		36.7	3rd
APACB	James Rimmer	CB		36.3	
APA1	John Fraser	CB	Y	35.3	
7	Cameron Kinder	-	Y	34.3	
21	Jesse McFadyen	MB	Y	33.7	
APA	Imants Vitolins	WH		32.7	
APA	Andrew Hawley	MB		31.7	
48	Glenn Le Page	WH		30.0	
	John Kingston	WG		29.7	
GP 12-5	Robbie Proudfoot	WG	Y	28.0	
DHPA	Peter Anderson	-	Y	27.7	
DJW	Dan Wood	MB	Y	27.7	
AMPA	Dave Phillips	WH		26.0	
233	Bryce Van Denderen	BS		25.7	
	Matt Daniel	MB		25.0	
76	Neal Kavanagh	-	Y	24.7	
Gr 39	Mark Kidd	WH		24.0	
420	John Strantzen	WH		24.0	
	Matt Daniel	MB		23.7	
T3	Mick Hagenmuller	BS	Y	22.7	
APA	Jethro McCulloch	BS		21.3	
	Fenton Roffey	-	Y	19.7	
CP3	Mark Stanford	WG		15.7	
PMC	Paul McMurray	MB	Y	15.0	
APA DH	Dereck Hales	MB		14.3	

