



July 2007 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 9th September 2007 @ 12:30pm

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well another month has passed so quickly we have had a couple of functions being pale ale mania and a brew day at the Kingston's. Congratulations go to John Kingston and Robin Selwood on their success at pale ale mania with John Kingston receiving two second places with an English pale ale and an Indian pale ale with Robin Selwood receiving a second place with an Australian pale ale well done to you both. I would also like to thank the Kingston's on their great efforts in providing a wonderful brew day enjoyed by all that attended. Without the efforts of all members these events would not happen. John Kingston and myself have been in discussions with the pier lounge in Altona and we have arranged the 21st of October as an Oktoberfest type event at their venue with nibbles being provided within the theme with food matching the beer we are still looking for ideas for this event and hope people will attend will most likely start after lunch with a \$15 charge John Will have a keg of a German beer for people to try. We hope other members may have samples for trying I will most likely have a Keg for sampling as well. Our first Sunday meeting was a pleasant event with an old face appearing which is good to see it would be nice to see a few more attending. Michael did a great job on the BBQ so thank you very much for that. Don't forget the meetings are now on the second Sunday of each month. Vic brew is coming up soon so don't forget as this may be the last time it is held at the naval hall. Looks like October is going to be a hectic time for us with Vic brew and Bayside's Oktoberfest competition at Hickinbotham winery. We will endeavour to keep you informed

Cheers John Largue

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 Diary

9th September

German Dark Lager Tasting

14th October

Dark Lager competition

11th November

Activity Tba

5th December

Kit Competition – Coopers sparkling ale

February 2008

Wheat Beer competition

March 2008

Medieval Brewing

April 2008

Brown Ale – English or American Comp

May 2008

Activity Tba

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Coming Events

16th September

Naval Association

60th Anniversary

Naval Association Hall

6th – 7th October

VicBrew 2007

Naval Association Hall

16th October

Oktoberfest Day

Pier Lounge, Altona

27th – 28th October

Bayside Brewers

Oktoberfest

Hickinbotham Winery

24th - 25th November

AABC 2007

Wollongong, NSW

9th December

Naval Association

XMAS BBQ

Naval Association Hall

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From the Editor's desk

Just a reminder that Vicbrew 2007 is not far away (6-7th October), so we should all be busy preparing our finest beers !

Congratulations to **John Kingston** and **Robin Selwood** on their success at Worthog's Pale Ale Mania, full results are reported later in this edition.

In this month's edition we have pictures from the Club Brew day, Andy brings us news in the brewing world with 'The Full Pint' and Robin details his American Pale Ale recipe.

Damian Nippard's wonderful Pale Ale is on tap at Seagull's Rest, Home of the Williamstown Football Club. Damian's Pale Ale goes well with the Thai food available with Pots only 2.50 Mon-Wed !

The Naval Association invites Westgate Brewers to attend the celebrations for their 60th Anniversary on Sunday 16th September at the Naval Association Hall.

Cost is Adults - \$10.00 per head and Children - \$5.00 per head.

RVSP: 26th August, 2007. To Eli – elinabowron@optusnet.com.au

The Naval Association would like to have a Christmas BBQ with Westgate Brewers on Sunday the 9th of December, 2007. This is our last meeting for the year and we have our Kit Comp on. I can't see this being a problem, but if anyone has any objections/concerns could they address the Committee.

As always, I am looking for fellow club members contributions, so if you have any interesting stories and pictures or recipes please send them in !

Club Brew day

A splendid day was had by all that attended the recent Club Brew day at John and Marlene Kingston's home. John's reputation for producing excellent beers has been well recognised with many best of show certificates adorning his 'brewery'. So, the opportunity to observe John at work producing a Bohemian Pilsner for the Club Xmas brew was not to be missed !

It was very inspiring to see a well thought out and organised brewing setup. As an inexperienced brewer, it was a lot of fun being able to sample excellent beers whilst John explained the intricacies of his brewery design and some of his 'little' secrets !

On completion of the brewing activities everyone adjourned to sit in the sun and enjoy John Largue's efforts at the BBQ, Marlene's hospitality and a few more of John's wonderful beers.

Thanks again to John and Marlene and all that contributed to the success of the day and I can't wait to try the Bohemian Pilsner !!!



John Kingston

John Largue (Club President)



The Full Pint

When in Rome...

Following a lodging to an Italian court by the Bavarian brewing body Bayerische Brauerbund, a ruling has banned the Dutch brand Bavaria Beer due to fear the name may result in confusion to the origin of the beer. Similarly, the US looks set to challenge the European Commission on whether Vodka can be produced from sugar cane. Europe is set to introduce a law whereby Vodka must clearly state on the label if not produced from cereals, potatoes or molasses.

Delivering beer to the palate...

East Coast USA brewer Samuel Adams have released a new beer glass specifically designed to 'deliver the optimum full-flavoured taste and aroma' of their beer. Made by German glass makers Rastel, the glass' design features are:-



See www.samadams.com for more on the creation of this unique glass.

Elephant Beer!!!!

Foster's Australia will begin brewing Carlsberg in Australia. The International premium beers segment is growing by 24%; making it the fastest growing segment in the beer category. Other beers to be brewed and distributed include Carlsberg Elephant and Tuborg.

Mothers Bilk

Bilk Beer from Japan contains 30% cow's milk that is added to the mash. One the other side of the world, a Cornwall farmer is feeding his cattle on a diet of 40-pints of beer a day. Two of the cattle are named Ollie (Reed) & Mr Best (George).

American Brown Ale

Robin Selwood, Westgate Brewers

Batch size 23 litres in fermenter

GRAINS

3 kg	Ale Malt	(54%)
1.25 kg	Light Munich	(22%)
350 g	Light Crystal	(6%)
250 g	Amber	(5%)
250 g	Brown	(5%)
250 g	Light Chocolate	(5%)
170 g	Roller Oats	(3%)

Mash Regime

Mash in with 13 litres water

Single step infusion mash @ 66-68 C for 45 min

Sparge with 16-18 litres 80 C

Boil & Hopping

Total boil time 90 minutes.

40 grms Williamette (4.3%AA) 60 minutes

16 grms Amarillo (8.4%AA) 60 minutes

Target =40 IBU

24 grms Amarillo 10 min.

Fermentation

Yeast Safale US-56

O.G. 1052

Primary fermentation @ 20 C for 4 days

Racked, finings & dry hopped 15 grms Amarillo

Bottled 4 days later.

F.G. 1016

Age at judging 3 weeks.

5%

This brew is based on Paul Rigby's American Brown.

I substituted rolled oats for the Flaked Maise because I couldn't get any, and only had 170 grams left.

My record keeping is not up to the standard it should be so some things are a bit hazy.

Judges ` Comments

Great example just slightly too much hop.

VG beer on one end of the American Brown style i.e. With hop emphasis. Stands alone but could be thought of as overpowering by some. Very enjoyable to me.

I like this level of hopping personally. It is a little full on for the guidelines though.



Pale Ale Mania

Pale Ale Mania 2007 Results

English Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 14

Bottle I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
	Rod Kuiper	WH		37.3	1st
52	John Kingston	WG		36.7	2nd
343	John Strantzen	WH		36.5	3rd
04-Dec	Michael van der Heyden	WH		34.2	
337	John Strantzen	WH		34.2	
1	Chan & Eileen Lay	BS		33.2	
45	Mark Leathem	MB		31.2	
41	Mark Leathem	MB		30.2	
2	Chan & Eileen Lay	BS		29.3	
D	Robin Selwood	WG		28.7	
esb	Lukas Dedman	WH		28.3	
	Alexis Spencer	WH	Y	27.2	
	Laurie Cunningham	WH		25.8	
	Tony Wheeler	MB		25.5	

IPA

Number of Entries : 8

Bottle I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
707	Michael van der Heyden	WH		36.2	1st
ipa 11/06	John Kingston	WG		35.2	2nd
crazy	Laurie Cunningham	WH		35.2	3rd
ipa	Paul Bowlen	WH		33.7	
	Tony Wheeler	WG		32.8	
ipa1	Lukas Dedman	WH		31.5	
ipa2	Lukas Dedman	WH		29.5	
7	Fenton Roffey		Y	25.7	
red ipa	Paul Bowlen	WH		25.7	
ipa	David Piper & Co			24.2	

Australian Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 8

Bottle I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
710	Michael van der Heyden	WH		38.7	1st
H	Robin Selwood	WG		32.0	2nd
Kingsbury1	Lukas Dedman	WH		30.7	3rd
aust	Laurie Cunningham	WH		29.0	
Kingsbury2	Lukas Dedman	WH		28.3	
apa 12/06	John Kingston	WG		27.3	
20CP	Tony Wheeler	MB		27	
35	Glenn Le Page	WH		26.5	
219	Neil Kay	WH		26.3	
austp/a	John Kingston	WG		26.0	
oz	Laurie Cunningham	WH		24.0	
	Chan & Eileen Lay	BS		21.7	
10	Michael Healy	WH	Y	18.7	
aus1	Dave Phillips	WH		18.3	

American Pale Ale

Number of Entries : 27

Bottle I.D.	Name	Club	Novice	Total /50	Place
al-q	Lukas Dedman	WH		34.3	1st
706	Michael van der Heyden	WH		34.3	2nd
coopers	Steven Barnett		Y	32.8	3rd
apa100	Laurie Cunningham	WH		32.5	
al-qaeda	Lukas Dedman	WH		32.3	
5.2	Michael Healy	WH	Y	31.0	
apa1	Ben Lewis			29.5	
F	Robin Selwood	WG		29.5	
apa2	Ben Lewis			29.3	
6	Fenton Roffey		Y	29.2	
apa	Laurie Cunningham	WH		29.0	
42	Mark Leathem	MB		29.0	
coopers	Alexis Spencer	WH	Y	28.2	
342	John Strantzen	WH		28.0	
seppo	Paul Bowlen	WH		27.7	
apa2	Brad Merritt	MB	Y	27.7	
	Chan & Eileen Lay	BS		26.8	
apa	Tony Wheeler	MB		26.5	
apa2	Dave Phillips	WH		26.0	
8.2	Michael Healy	WH	Y	26.0	
wapa	Ward Allen	WH		25.2	
cc	Paul Bowlen	WH		23.3	



THE BAYSIDE BREWERS OKTOBERFEST & GERMAN BEER FESTIVAL

27 & 28.10.2007 AT

Hickinbotham Winery, 194 Nepean Hwy, Dromana

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2007

"OKTOBERFEST" Brew Competition

Categories/Styles

BOCK (Helles Bock, Traditional Bock, Doppelbock, Eisbock)

GERMAN WHEAT BEER (Weizen, Dunkel Weizen, Weizenbock)

DARK GERMAN LAGER (Vienna, Maerzen/Oktoberfest, Munich

Dunkel, Schwarzbier, Dusseldorf Altbier, Smoked Maerzen)

PALE GERMAN LAGER (Munich Helles, Dortmunder Export, German Pilsner, Kolsch)

Judging: Commences 11.30am

Awards : from 5pm

Entries Close by 10am on Sat 20.10.2007. Entries can be left at Grain & Grape (Yarraville), Magick Brew (Rosebud), Brew N Grow (Edithvale), Greensborough Home Brew, Brewers Den (Boronia)

Entry Forms: can be found at these outlets or at

<http://www.vicbrew.org/entryforms.htm>

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2007

"FESTIVAL"

*Beer, Band/Live Music, German Kransky BBQ
Craft Beer Tastings from all grain home brewers
Peoples Choice Awards for Best Beer from a Brew Club*



BAYSIDE BREWERS OKTOBERFEST 2007

CATEGORY (PLEASE CIRCLE NUMBER)

1. **BOCK** (Helles Bock, Traditional Bock, Doppelbock, Eisbock)
2. **GERMAN WHEAT** (Weizen, Dunkel Weizen, Weizenbock)
3. **DARK GERMAN LAGER** (Vienna, Maerzen/Oktobertfest, Munich Dunkel, Schwarzbier, Dusseldorf Altbier, Smoked Maerzen)
4. **PALE GERMAN LAGER** (Munich Helles, Dortmunder Export, German Pilsner, Kolsch)

STYLE (PLEASE SPECIFY)

YEAST
O.GRAVITY
F.GRAVITY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 STATE _____ POSTCODE _____ PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____ CLUB _____

KIT ☐ EXTRACT BASED ☐ FULL MASH ☐ BOTTLE ID

ARE YOU A **NOVICE BREWER** _____ (HAVE NOT 'PLACED' IN OPEN COMPETITION E.G
 VICBREW, BEERFEST, OR ANY OTHER INTER-CLUB COMPETITION)

\$6 PER ENTRY : PAYMENT MADE BY: CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO "BAYSIDE BREWERS") CASH
 Limit of 3 entries per category and within this limit, one entry per style

ENTRIES CLOSE 10:00AM SATURDAY 20/10/07

ENTRIES CAN BE LEFT AT:

Grain & Grape (Yarraville), Magick Brew (Rosebud), Brew N Grow (Edithvale),
 Greensborough Home Brew, Brewers Den (Boronia)

Held at 11.30am, Sat 27th Oct 2007 at Hickinbotham Winery, 194 Nepean Hwy, Dromana

**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT : ROD PATTERSON : 0401 333 477
 or REFER TO WWW.VICBREW.ORG**

Crowds Panic as flooding threatens Ireland



Crawling Home

An Irishman's been drinking at a pub all night. The bartender finally says that the bar is closing. So the Irishman stands up to leave and falls flat on his face. He tries to stand one more time, same result. He figures he'll crawl outside and get some fresh air and maybe that will sober him up.

Once outside he stands up and falls flat on his face. So he decides to crawl the 4 blocks to his home and when he arrives at the door he stands up and falls flat on his face. He crawls through the door into his bedroom.

When he reaches his bed he tries one more time to stand up. This time he manages to pull himself upright but he quickly falls right into bed and is sound asleep as soon as his head hits the pillow. He awakens the next morning to his wife standing over him shouting at him.

"So, you've been out drinking again!!"

"What makes you say that?" He asks as he puts on an innocent look.

"The pub called, you left your wheelchair there again."