



## June 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 17th June from 12.00 noon

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### Events at our Sunday club meeting 17th June 2012

- BYO meat BBQ
- Mild Club Comp
- Brewer in the Hotseat - Michael

### Calendar

**17th June 2012**  
Club Comp - Fixed Recipe

**1st July 2012**  
Westgate Stout Extravaganza

**15th July 2012**  
Club Roast Dinner & AGM

**21st July 2012**  
Italian Beer Spectacular

**5th August 2012**  
Worthogs Pale Ale Mania

**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**  
AABC & ANHC III

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## The Secretaries Report



Dear Westgaters,

Another First for this month's newsletter...

Congratulations!!!! Geoff Daly scored a first in Melbourne Brewers British ales Competition with his Scottish 80/- .Well done Geoff...you seem to know how to brew a beer or two...although I do understand you were still trying to get the judges to explain to you about that other beer ....you know. The one you keep bringing to us... to get us to find the fault..... not sure we know what you reckon is wrong with it...

Nick Cleave was a very generous host for a club brew day. Those of us that made the trip out to Truganina were treated to some wonderful hospitality, some lovely beers and the delights of a RIMS brewing system. Despite still coming to grips with his new system, Nick is a very knowledgeable man who had plenty of advice and information for those of us that stayed around to witness "Dingo Piss Brewery", in action. The only advice this Secretary would have, would be to refrain from John Kingston's Golden Ale till after sparging!!

After this Sunday's meeting, we have the biggest day on the club's competition agenda. Stout Extravaganza is upon us. We will need all hands on deck. Rob Selwood, out Chief Steward will need members to help. Michael Bowron, the competition organiser, has a list of Judges .If you'd like to be added, please speak to Michael. The whole club benefits from this competition, so we'd like as many members as possible to come along and help support YOUR club.

This leads me to the official bit. I'd like to give you all notice that the current committee will be dissolved as at first of July and all committee positions will officially be declared open. All memberships dues will be payable on the day. As our rent has gone up, so have our fees. The cost for a single is now \$40 and \$50 for a family. The official bit is in the body of the newsletter. Take note....and vote for the people you think would be best at running your club.

To help celebrate our AGM, we will have our usual hot lunch, at the naval association. Can I please have an email to [westgate-brewers@yahoo.com](mailto:westgate-brewers@yahoo.com) telling me if you're coming and, how many people, in your party. As usual, there will be a token amount charged for single members, who bring family. You can also tell me at this Sundays meeting.....which is our last club comp and our last brewer in the hot seat. I've had a taste of two of the competition in our set recipe comp. They were very nice...let's see what Mark Stanford can dish up !!!!!!! I'm running a book for the bridesmaid...even money is on.....

Anyway, enough from me...

See you at the next meeting!

Ferg

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### **Meeting Location**

Naval Association Hall  
(Opposite the YMCA)  
Graham St  
West Footscray  
(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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## Westgate Brewer of the Year Competition Schedule

Meeting	Category	Styles
September 2011	13. INDIA PALE ALE	13.1 English IPA 13.2 American IPA 13.3 Imperial IPA
November 2011	4. AMBER & DARK LAGER	4.1 Oktoberfest/Marzen 4.2 Vienna Lager 4.3 California Common Beer 4.4 North German Altbier 4.5 Munich Dunkel 4.6 Schwarzbier
January 2012	17. FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER	17.1 Witbier (White) 17.2 Saison 17.3 Biere de Garde 17.4 Flanders Red Ale 17.5 Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin 17.6 Berliner Weiße 17.7 Straight (unblended) Lambic 17.8 Gueuze 17.9 Fruit Lambic
March 2012	8. BITTER ALE	8.1 Australian Bitter Ale 8.2 English Best Bitter 8.3 English Extra Special/Strong Bitter (ESB) 8.4 Düsseldorf Altbier
May 2012	10. PORTER	10.1 Brown Porter 10.2 Robust Porter 10.3 Baltic Porter
June 2012	SET INGREDIENT-Mild	Mild

	Sep	Nov	Jan	Mar?	May	Jun
1	M. Stanford	M. Stanford	J. Kingston	M. Stanford	M. Stanford	
2	R. Proudfoot	F. McGregor	F. McGregor	G. Germon	D. Van Oosterhout?	
3	J. Kingston	A. Peterson	M. Bowron	M. Bowron	F. McGregor?	

### Brewer in the Hot Seat List

We are running our educational series of beer presentations again this year and John Kingston has chosen some suspects. In fact he told us so fast that we didn't get them all down. Slightly slack committee work there but we will fill in the gaps soon. If you have a problem with being nominated, please see John Kingston at the next meeting. The idea is for the chosen brewer to present a beer of their choosing and offer up the recipe so members can match the final product to the ingredients and methods used.

August - John Kingston

February - Sam Gebert

September - Craig Tabb

March - Aaron Petersen

October -

April - Geoff Daly

November - Amber Moore

May -

January - Damian Nippard

June - Michael Bowron

## Bits & Pieces

[HermsBrewery.com](http://HermsBrewery.com)



A guy from Corio Bay Brewers has spent a lot of time putting this website together.

Everything from making a HERMS, growing your own hops, making your own stainless conical fermenters and more.

Unlike a lot of overseas sites, everything here is in Australian measurements and he often has links to local suppliers.

Worth checking out.

### **Mamas, don't let your beer drinkers grow up to be gamblers**

It seems that drinking and gambling really don't mix. The latest player stats released by the leading online live casino indicate that the world's top beer-drinking nations also have the worst success rate at their suite of online casino games. CastleCasino.com announced the countries with the best and worst gamblers and the payout rates from 60 countries compared with the average liters of beer consumption per capita. Worst performance was the Czech Republic, followed by Germany, Ireland, Poland and Australia. This syncs nicely with the average beer consumption per person, with the Czech Republic, again in first, followed by Germany, Ireland, Poland and Australia. Perfect correlation! Best performing payout rates went to the lowest beer-consuming countries of Sweden, the Netherlands, Hungary, Bulgaria and Spain. Beer is our friend, but not when the chips are down...



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## Interesting Beer Links

[Back Of The Ferry](#)

Australian beer reviews with a twist.

[Ale Of A Time](#)

A Melbourne based blog writer with a passion for craft beer. Full of interviews, reviews and more.

[Australian International Beer Awards](#)

A link to the full results if you haven't looked already. Very few gold medals compared to previous years so perhaps the judges were harder markers.



## Bearded Drinkers Lose Out



Almost £500,000 worth of Ireland's world famous stout is lost each year in the moustaches and beards of imbibers of the creamy headed black stuff.

Research carried out in the UK by Guinness reveals that an estimated 92,370 moustachioed drinkers of the Irish brew lose up to 162,719 pints each year.

In monetary terms, this translates into a loss of £423,070 for pint drinkers.

"A genuine moustache has been proven to contribute to a significant Guinness wastage, as a result of inter-fibre retention at every sip," the company said in a statement.

For those trying to count the cost of their moustache, the research reveals that an average Guinness drinker with a tache like sports presenter Des Lynam is losing over £12 a year, while those with a goatee like pop singer George Michael are £9 out of pocket.

A full beard could cost you around £23 in lost Guinness - although the findings showed that the amount varies according to the thickness of the facial hair.

Hirsute drinkers in Belfast were less than impressed with the latest revelations.

"I'd like to become a Guinness researcher," said actor Tim McGarry.

The star of BBC Northern Ireland's "Hole in the Wall Gang" comedy show believes that a profession in which research into the undiscovered dimensions of his favoured tipple would be an ideal way to earn a living.



A full beard will cost a stout drinker £23 annually

The research was not carried out in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland where a representative has distanced the company from the latest findings.





# BEER is like ICE CREAM for ADULTS

-and here's why-

There are TONS of varieties



If you have too much you'll get a HEADACHE



If you have WAY too much you'll get a GUT



but it doesn't really matter because



## Nick's Brew Day



## Club Committee Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, being Financial Members of the Westgate Brewers Club Inc wish to nominate .....

(BLOCK LETTERS)

for the position of .....

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Name of first member .....

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature of first member .....

Name of second member .....

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature of second member .....

Date .....

I, ..... accept the above nomination  
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Signed .....

Date .....

This form must be duly completed, signed and delivered to the Secretary not less than seven days before the date fixed for the election for the above position.

## British Ale Comp Results

First Prize: \$100 Voucher from Grain and Grape, and a Dial Thermometer from Keg King

Second Prize: \$100 voucher for dinner and drinks at Temple Brewing Company in Brunswick

Third Prize: \$50 voucher for Purvis Cellars in Richmond and Surrey Hills

Place	Score	Style	Brewer	Club
1	120	Scottish Ale (80/-)	Geoff Daly	<b>Westgate Brewers</b>
2	110	Northern English Brown	Remi Kowalski	No Club
3	110	Mild	Clint Cathcart	No Club
4	107	Mild	Simon Borg	Melbourne Brewers
5	104.5	Mild	Michael Bowron	<b>Westgate Brewers</b>
6	103	Mild	Scott Anketell	Melbourne Brewers
7	97	Mild	Adam Howard	Melbourne Brewers
8	96	Mild	Rob Reynolds	No Club
9	93	Mild	Andy Davison	Melbourne Brewers
10	89	Scottish Ale (80/-)	Ian Bennett	Melbourne Brewers
11	88	Scottish Ale (80/-)	Damian Muscovich	No Club
12	87	Northern English Brown	David Noble	No Club
13	86.5	Northern English Brown	Scott Anketell	Melbourne Brewers
14	86	Mild	Aaron Malmborg	No Club
15	80.5	Northern English Brown	Darren Piasente	No Club
16	80	Scottish Ale (80/-)	Simon Borg	Melbourne Brewers
17	77	Mild	Richard Whitebrook	Melbourne Brewers
18	75	Mild	Dereck Hales	Melbourne Brewers
19	74	Northern English Brown	Dereck Hales	Melbourne Brewers

First Prize: \$100 voucher from Greensborough Home Brewing, and a Keg King grain mill (with hopper)

Second Prize: \$100 voucher from Brewer's Den in Boronia

Third Prize: \$50 voucher for Purvis Cellars in Richmond and Surrey Hills

Place	Score	Style	Brewer	Club
1	119.5	Extra Special Bitter	Dereck Hales	Melbourne Brewers
2	116	Extra Special Bitter	Kellee Emsley	Corio Bay Brewers
3	105	Ordinary Bitter	John Strantzen	Worthogs
<b>4</b>	103	Best Bitter	Michael Bowron	<b>Westgate Brewers</b>
5	100	Ordinary Bitter	Clint Cathcart	No Club
6	99	Best Bitter	Sean O'Callaghan	No Club
7	98	Ordinary Bitter	Tracey Green	Bendigo and Districts Homebrewers
8	97	Extra Special Bitter	John Strantzen	Worthogs
9	91	Extra Special Bitter	Andrew Hawley	Melbourne Brewers
10	87	Best Bitter	James Rimmer	Corio Bay Brewers
11	86	Best Bitter	Andrew Hawley	Melbourne Brewers
12	85	Extra Special Bitter	James Rimmer	Corio Bay Brewers
13	82.5	Extra Special Bitter	Daniel Wood	Melbourne Brewers
14	76	Best Bitter	Richard Whitebrook	Melbourne Brewers
15	75	Extra Special Bitter	Geoff Daly	<b>Westgate Brewers</b>
16	74	Best Bitter	Sandy Erskine	No Club
17	70.5	Best Bitter	Matt Daniel	Melbourne Brewers
18	61	Extra Special Bitter	Sean O'Callaghan	No Club





# 2012



# Stout Extravaganza

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at The Local Hotel**

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

Closing date for entries is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 12:30 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 \$5.00. 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 \$6.00.
3. Judging will be by blind tasting, assessed against the current 2010 style guidelines. Style guidelines are available at the [www.vicbrew.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## ENTRYFORM

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





# Pale Ale Mania

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

**Australian Pale Ale   English Pale Ale   American Pale Ale   IPA** (English or American)



**\$5.00 per entry, maximum two entries per style**

1st Place sponsored by Greensborough Home Brewing  
Best Novice sponsored by VICBrew



Venue: AD Ryans Restaurant & Bar

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

Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2012

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

Entries can be left with Greensborough Home Brewing Supplies, Grain and Grape in Yarraville or The Brewer's Den in Boronia before 11:00am on the day before the event (Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 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.worthogs.net](http://www.worthogs.net)

Recipes may be requested from place-getters for publication



# Pale Ale Mania

## 2012 Entry Form (\$5/Entry)

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

Judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.

Maximum two entries per style.

Only Victorian entries eligible for Novice award.

Recipes will be requested from placegetters for publication.