

November 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 18th November from 12.00 noon

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Events at our Sunday club meeting 18th November

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Calendar

30th November 2012

Royston/Mountain goat

8th December 2012

Christmas Party

Late January 2013

Josie Bones

February 2013

Melbourne Brewers
Beerfest

March 2013

Belgian Beer Fest

5th May 2013

Brewery Bus Tour

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The Secretaries Report



Dear Westgaters,
We have an Australian Champion amongst us... again....

Massive Congratulations go to Craig Tabb for his First place at the AABC. Of course, Craig wasn't alone with a placing, Michael Bowron also placed with his Bier De Garde. For those of you that came along to the brew day that Michael had in May last year, that was the beer on tap...seems Michael found two bottles in the back of the fridge. More than enough to get a second at the AABC.

Well the ANHC has been run and done. It was two big days of beer information and tasting, culminating with club night on the Saturday night. For mine, Matt Brnildson from Firestone Walker Brewing was one of the most engaging, knowledgeable brewers. And approachable. Can I say Bourbon Barrel aged, Russian Imperial stout. To .Die.For. And for all the trainspot-ers, John Palmer was there too. I got all my books signed... Club night was also a cracker. For those that came along, we will always treasure the memories of walking into the venue, being led by a kitted up Scottish piper! As a result of President John's organisation, we managed to win "Best Entry" by a club. We won a CO2 bottle...a spare for Excalibur!

The next club function is The Mountain goat and Royston visit. We are asking all club members to come along to this and support Mountain Goat, as they have supported Stout Extravaganza for the last 3 years. Without us supporting them, they won't support us. If you have not RSVP'd, please tell me on Sunday that you're coming...or respond to the emails I send out...yes...sometimes you need to respond to those. Anyway, dinner will be at The Royston and will be about 8pm.

Speaking of RSVP's, Christmas is upon us. The club xmas party is Saturday December 8th, from 1pm. If you have a keg to bring along, can you please do so as Excalibur will be running...As usual, we will have a selection of wood fired delights to enjoy on the day and we will be asking club members to help out with catering and also helping clean up the next day. This means helping Ferg on the Sunday restore Casa Del Fermia to its pre Westgate Xmas glory....

The committee had a meeting on Wednesday. We have looked into the Brewer of the year and will be publishing some competition beers for the coming 18 months. This will give you time to brew those big beers and enter them into the club comp. We are hoping by doing this, you will have plenty of notice and will be able to make a winner.....

Anyway, enough from me...

Thanks Gavin for another quality newsletter.....

See you at the next meeting

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Meeting Location

Naval Association Hall
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Graham St
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(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

This is the corrected and expanded categories. All entries will be judged according to AABC guidelines. Yearly winner announced each July.

Meeting Date	Category	Styles
September 2012	13. INDIA PALE ALE	13.1 English IPA 13.2 American IPA 13.3 Imperial IPA
November 2012 (1 entry, can be either category)	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	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 (1 entry, can be either category)	17. FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER 17.1 Witbier (White Beer) 17.2 Saison 17.3 Biere de Garde 17.4 Flanders Red Ale 17.5 Flanders Brown Ale/Ouid Bruin 17.6 Berliner Weisse 17.7 Straight (unblended) Lambic 17.8 Gueuze 17.9 Fruit Lambic	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	8.1 Aust Bitter Ale
August 2013	7. AMERICAN PALE ALE	7.1 American Pale Ale
October 2013	16. WHEAT & RYE BEER	16.1 American Wheat or Rye Beer 16.2 Weizen/weissebeer (Wheat) 16.3 Dunkle Weizen 16.4 Weizenbock 16.5 Roggenbier (Rye)
November 2013	5. STRONG LAGER (OVER 6%)	5.1 Strong Pale Lager 5.2 Maibock/Hellesbock 5.3 Traditional Bock 5.4 Doppelbock 5.5 Eisbock

Brewer in the Hot Seat List

We are running our educational series of beer presentations again this year and John Kingston has asked the following people to present .

August 2012	Nick Cleave
October 2012	Darko Blatnik on yeast with beers by Fergus McGregor
April 2013	Mark Stanford on Water

Brewer of the Year Results

	September	November	January	March	May	June
1st	Mark					
2nd	Robin					
3rd	Robbie					

Westgate Christmas Party 8th December

One of the highlights of the year is our annual club Christmas Party. Excalibar will be there. There will be plenty of delicious roast meats , veges and salad.

And beer. Feel free to bring a keg or that special bottle. The more different and interesting styles to try the better.

Kicks of around 1 PM

See Fergus for address details.

Please note there is no club meeting at the hall for December

(Also no December newsletter is likely if I can help it)

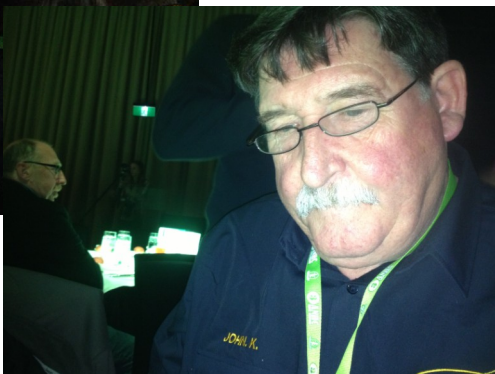


ANHC 3 PHOTOS

From Fergus



[Click Here](#)
for a link to
a video that
gives a
glimpse of
the sheer
lunacy that
is ANHC club
night.



More Photos from ANHC can be found on the [Worthog's Picassa Photo Page](#)

AABC 2012 Westgate Results

[Full results here](#)

AABC 2012 held in conjunction with the Australian National Homebrewing Conference (ANHCthree)
at William Angliss Institute, Melbourne on 25 October 2010
286 entries from 144 brewers, evaluated by 39 judges

Champion Beer of Show (Sponsor: Five Star)

DAVID COLVILLE (QLD) 139.5 points Sweet Stout

Runner-up: David Clarke (QLD), 133.5 points, English Barley Wine

Champion Brewer (Sponsor: Grain & Grape)

(Awarded 3 points for a First, 2 points for a Second, 1 point for a Third in each Category)

MICHAEL WALLACE (NSW) 12 points (2 firsts, 3 seconds)

Runner-up: David Clarke (QLD), 8 points (2 firsts, 1 second)

Champion State (Sponsor: Matilda Bay Brewing)

(Awarded 3 points for a First, 2 points for a Second, 1 point for a Third in each Category)

Winner: Queensland	29 points
2nd New South Wales	26
3rd Victoria	18
4th South Australia	16
5th Australian Capital Territory	14
6th Western Australia	5

State Qualifying Championships

A total of 1532 beers were entered from 395 brewers in the 6 first-round state/territory qualifying championships

ANHC awarded the champion brewer from each state championship a complementary alpha-amylase ticket to ANHC2012

ACT	206 entries from 38 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Mark Overton
NSW	324 entries from 85 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Sam Haldane
QLD	263 entries from 69 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Simeon Bonetti
SA	217 entries from 57 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Jared Birbeck
VIC	413 entries from 114 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Dereck Hales
WA	109 entries from 32 brewers.	Champion Brewer: Jeff McGrath

Brewer	Score	Club	Beer Style	Yeast	OG	FG	Entry#
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2. PALE LAGER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Brews News) 16 entries

Judges: Garry Mansfield BJCP (NSW), Cameron Turner (VIC)

1st	Craig Tabb	VIC	114	Dortmunder				263
2nd	Michael Wallace	NSW	112.5	Munich Helles	WLP838	1051	1012	305
3rd	Graeme Mostyn	NSW	108	Australian Lager	S-23	1045	1010	146

3. PILSENER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Black Rock) 18 entries

Judges: Braden Jackman BJCP (VIC), Peter Symons BJCP (NSW)

1st	Lyndon Wilson	SA	121.5	German Pilsner	Wy2124	1048	1011	302
2nd	Craig Tabb	VIC	120	Bohemian Pilsner				256
3rd	Phillip Brandenburg	WA	111	German Pilsner	W34/70	1050	1010	386
4	Darko Blatnic	VIC	108	German Pilsner	Wy2001+2782	1048	1013	259

17. FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Wyeast) 16 entries

Judges: Brendan O'Sullivan BJCP (VIC), Stephen Wharton BJCP (QLD)

1st	Jared Birbeck	SA	126.8	Straight Lambic (Unblended)				300
2nd	Michael Bowron	VIC	115.5	Biere de Garde	Safale	1068	1000	333
3rd	Grant Jones	VIC	114.8	Witbier	Wy3944	1044	1010	260