



October 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting Sunday 21st October from 12.00 noon

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Calendar

24th-25th October 2012
Fed Square Microbreweries
Showcase

25th-27th October 2012
AABC & ANHC III

30th November 2012
Royston/Mountain goat

8th December 2012
Christmas Party



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The Secretaries Report



Dear Westgaters,

Shout it from the rooftops...Congratulations!!

From Club stalwarts, to new members, our club was very well represented at Vicbrew and at Oktoberfest. Michael Bowron scored a best in show at Vicbrew, Tabby got a first and a second, Darko (or should that be Beatnik?) scored a third. John K got a couple of seconds, Nick Cleave got a first (bet some members are glad he left that IPA on the bench last meeting!!) Geoffrey got a second, Kevin McNeill, a new member, got a first and a third and Aaron's BIAB Baltic Porter continues to come first in every competition it enters. Well done Brewers. You have done your club proud. Now onto the Nationals!! As for Oktoberfest, President John swept all in front of him with two 1st's and as a result was also Champion Brewer. But we already know he is a Champ! Tabby's winner from Vicbrew couldn't quite rise to the occasion this time and Lord Mowbray's Bock was only a couple of places out of the placegetters. Again, well done to all those that entered and placed. This goes to show that we drink really good beer at our club meetings. Another reason to join a club!!

Moving on, the biggest weekend in the calendar is almost upon us. Geoffrey Daly has done a wonderful job sorting our theme bits and bobs (don't want to say what he done in case the opposition read it!!) ANHC is going to be massive. Look out for an email telling you where to get your beers, to get them sorted for club night. On a side note, ANHC is looking for volunteers (Gav has put some info about it further on). If you reckon you can help out, send them an email or if you want, help out the AABC. They need judges and stewards for Thurs October 25th. This will also require attending a discussion session on Wednesday the 24th (with buy your own dinner) at Beer Deluxe. For further info, email Mark Hibberd on mhibberd@melbpc.org.au

Looking forward, there seems to be some confusion about next month's club competition. John said it was Pilseners, I thought it was Amber and Dark Lagers. We will do both. But please, if you have an entry, maybe only enter one category. We don't need the judges having to try and get through 20 beers...and miss out on Darko's talk on yeast!

And finally, one for the calendar...The annual Mountain Goat/Royston club night will be held on 30th November. We will meet for beers at Mtn Goat (a club sponsor) and continue on for dinner at The Royston. Those that went last year had a wonderful evening and Mountain Goat certainly looked after us with a couple of jugs of their fine product.

Anyway, enough from me !

Cheers

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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

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 Kingston has asked the following people to present .

August 2012

Nick Cleave

October 2012

Darko Blatnik on yeast
with beers by Fergus McGregor

April 2012

New Product



Belle Saison is an ale yeast of Belgian origin selected for its ability to produce great Saison-style beer. The propagation and drying processes have been specifically designed to deliver high quality beer yeast that can be used simply and reliably to help produce ales of the finest quality. No colours, preservatives or other unnatural substances have been used in its preparation. The yeast is produced in ISO 9002-certified plants.

Brewing Properties:

- Quick start and vigorous fermentation, which can be completed in 5 days above 17°C (63°F).
- High attenuation and high alcohol tolerance.
- Fermentation rate, fermentation time and degree of attenuation depend on inoculation density, yeast handling, fermentation temperature and nutritional quality of wort.
- Low flocculation rate; settling can be promoted by cooling and by using fining agents and isinglass.
- Saison beers are quite unique to brew. During fermentation, cooling is not normally used, allowing temperature of fermentation to increase.
- Aroma is fruity, spicy and peppery due to ester and phenol production, and does not display undesirable odours when properly handled.

Interesting Beer Links

[Beer Acidity, Bitterness and Food](#) - Charlie Papazian on why wine's red or white is not the same as beer's light or dark.

[Beer Culture](#) - A blog from Evan Rail, this entry on cultivating brettanomyces from an old bottle of Berliner Weiss.

[Braukaiser.com](#) - One of the presenters at ANHC3, Kai Troester, with a scientific look at all aspects of Homebrewing with particular emphasis on German Ales & Lagers.

[ANHC3](#) - Just go already!

We need a few more judges and stewards, so if you know fellow brewers who are available and would like to assist, please ask them to contact me by email.

Hi all AABC judges and stewards,

If you have received this email, you are down to judge or steward at AABC2012. Can you please confirm by return email

- you will be available to judge on the morning of Thursday 25th October starting at 9:30 am sharp (please be there by 9:15) at William Angliss Conference Centre, Level 5, 555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne. (entrance near corner LaTrobe & King Sts, Melway Map 1A, C1, take the lift, which is on your left after you enter the building). Judging will run until about 1pm
- you will attending the Judges Dinner/Beer Discussion Session on Wednesday 24th Oct at 6:30-7:00pm at Beer DeLuxe, Federation Square, Melbourne CBD (Buy your own meal from 6pm.)

Cheers,

Mark Hibberd

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AABC2012 Competition Organiser

ANHC 3 Volunteers

Hey guys,

ANHC are on the lookout for volunteers to help out at the conference this year.



It's not easy work, but there will be opportunities to stand in on some of the conference sessions when they're not doing things. We're after about 12 trusty souls each day to help us cart things around, set up and pack up etc, and we're trying to offer club members the first grab at getting to see at least part of the event for free.

Please circulate this amongst your club members and see if you have anyone interested who would be available for at least half days on the 25th, 26th and 27th of this month; ask them to drop a mail to volunteers@anhc.com.au and leave their contact details...

Cheers!

Andy

Westgate Results at Vicbrew

Champion Beer of Show (Sponsor: Cryer Malt)

MICHAEL BOWRON **Westgate Brewers** **137.3 points** **Biere de Garde**

Runners-up:

Craig Tabb (Westgate Brewers), Dortmund, 127.5 points

Andrew Hawley (Melbourne Brewers), North German Altbier, 127.5 points

Best Club of Show (Sponsor: CUB)

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

Winner:	Melbourne Brewers	30
2nd	Westgate Brewers	25
3rd	Bayside Brewers	7
4th	Worthogs	6
5th	Inner Circle Brewers	4
6th	Corio Bay Brewers	2

Scott Vernon Perpetual Trophy for Best Exhibited Club

Winner:	Bayside Brewers & Melbourne Brewers	15 entrants (tie)
3rd	Westgate Brewers	14 entrants
4th	Worthogs	9 entrants
5th	Yarra Valley Brewers	8 entrants
6th	Corio Bay Brewers	7 entrants
7th	Ballarat and Region	3 entrants
8th	Inner Circle Brewers	1 entrant
9th	Grog Cobras (Geelong)	1 entrant

2. PALE LAGER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Keg King) 10 entries

Judges: Shelley Hosking BJCP, Charles Johnston

1st	Craig Tabb	127.5	Westgate Brewers	Dortmunder	#296
2nd	John Killmister	121.5	Bayside Brewers	Munich Helles	#457
3rd	Andrew Clark	108.8	Bayside Brewers	Munich Helles	#304

3. PILSENER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Grain & Grape) 23 entries

Judges: Dereck Hales BJCP, Dan Dainton, Shane Rosenberg

1st	Dwayne Sterlson	120	No Club	German Pilsner	#231
2nd	Craig Tabb	118	Westgate Brewers	Bohemian Pilsner	#294
3rd	Darko Blatnik	108	Westgate Brewers	German Pilsner	#283

5. STRONG LAGER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Boatroacker Brewing Company) 12 entries

Judges: Kevin te Wierik BJCP, Dale Ross-Soden

1st	Chris Duckworth	114	Melbourne Brewers	Doppelbock	#113
2nd	John Kingston	108	Westgate Brewers	Mailbock/Hellesbock	#328
3rd	Dereck Hales	100.5	Melbourne Brewers	Doppelbock	#103

6. PALE ALE CATEGORY (Sponsor: Brewer's Choice) 25 entries

Judges: Christian Gossan, Darren Keating, Pat Calvird

1st	Matt Daniel	106.5*	Melbourne Brewers	Belgian Pale Ale	#142
2nd	John Kingston	106.5*	Westgate Brewers	Kölsch	#319
3rd	Braden Jackman	103	Melbourne Brewers	Kölsch	#78
4	Craig Tabb	102	Westgate Brewers	Kölsch	#295
5	Michael Bowron	101	Westgate Brewers	Kölsch	#7

9. BROWN ALE CATEGORY (Sponsor: CUB) 25 entries

Judges: Lachlan Strong BJCP, Andy Davison BJCP, Grant Stott

1st	Dereck Hales	117	Melbourne Brewers	American Brown Ale	#116
2nd	Geoff Daly	114	Westgate Brewers	Scottish Ale	#16
3rd	Dan Dainton	109	Inner Circle Brewers	Scottish Ale	#255

10. PORTER CATEGORY (Sponsor: VicBrew) 25 entries

Judges: Andrew Hawley BJCP, Lukas Dedman, Andy Gaul

1st	Aaron Petersen	125.5	Westgate Brewers	Baltic Porter	#108
2nd	Kevin te Wierik	109	No Club	Baltic Porter	#230
3rd	Sandy Erskine	107	No Club	Robust Porter	#110

13. INDIA PALE ALE CATEGORY (Sponsor: Ellerslie Hop Estate) 27 entries

Judges: Michael Bowron BJCP, Brett McCluskey

1st	Nicholas Cleave	124.5	Westgate Brewers	American IPA	#81
2nd	Nathaniel Reeves	117.8	No Club	Imperial IPA	#426
3rd	Darren Keating	117	No Club	American IPA	#287

14. STRONG ALE CATEGORY (Sponsor: Matilda Bay Brewing) 15 entries

Judges: Shane Ward BJCP, Markus Krebs

1st	Kevin McNeill	124.5	Westgate Brewers	English Barley wine	#245
2nd	Dereck Hales	120	Melbourne Brewers	Strong Scotch Ale	#100
3rd	Darren Keating	117*	No Club	English Barley wine	#289

16. WHEAT & RYE BEER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Black Heart Brewery) 16 entries

Judges: Michael Guenzel BJCP, Pauline Pearson BJCP

1st	Brent Whelan	126	No Club	Weizen/Weißbier (Wheat)	#268
2nd	Bryce van Denderen	125.3	Bayside Brewers	Weizenbock	#459
3rd	Kevin McNeill	123.8	Westgate Brewers	American Rye Beer	#241

17. FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER CATEGORY (Sponsor: Beer and Brewer) 21 entries

Judges: Bryce van Denderen BJCP, George Theodoridis BJCP

1st	Michael Bowron	137.3	Westgate Brewers	Biere de Garde	#12
2nd	Grant Jones	123.8	No Club	Witbier (White)	#29
3rd	Mark Johnstone	116.3	Melbourne Brewers	Saison	#160

2012 Bayside Brewers Oktoberfest

Full Results

Saturday 13th October

Champion Brewer John Kingston (Westgate) 1st and 1st
Champion Beer Andrew Clark (Bayside Brewers) 45.5pt German Pilsner
Best Novice Ian Scott (Bayside Brewers) 31.7pt Weizen Bock

Wheat Category

Place	Style	Entrant	Club	Points
1st	Weizenbock	Derek Hales	MB	32.5
2nd	Weizenbock	Ian Scott	BS	31.7
3rd	Hefeweizen	Peter Williams		30.3
4	Weizenbock	Peter Lowndes		29.7
5	Hefeweizen	Brett Tyrell	BS	28.7
6	Hefeweizen	Melanie Sisher		27.7
7	Dunkel weizen	Craig Ditcham	BS	27.3
8	Dunkel weizen	Dan Eate	BS	26.7
9	Hefeweizen	Cameron Turner	BS	25.3
10	Weizenbock	Bryce Van Denderen	BS	25.2
11	Hefeweizen	Craig Ditcham	BS	24.0
12	Hefeweizen	Derek Hales	MB	24.0
13	Dunkel weizen	Tom Vankerkom		24.0
14	Dunkel weizen	Michael Bowron	WG	21.7
15	Hefeweizen	Julian Sanders		20.0

Pale Lager Category

Place	Style	Entrant	Club	Points
1st	German Pilsner	Andrew Clark	BS	45.5
2nd	German Pilsner	Shaun Raymer	BS	41.8
3rd	German Pilsner	Mikko Pludra	BS	39.8
4	Kolsch	John Kingston	WG	38.7
5	Munich Helles	Andrew Clark	BS	38.3
6	German Pilsner	Craig Tabb	WG	38.2
7	Kolsch	Craig Ditcham	BS	37.8
8	German Pilsner	Kevin TeWeirik		37.3
9	Dortmunder	Stuart Behrend	BS	36.3
10	German Pilsner	Imants Vitolins	WH	36.3
11	German Pilsner	John Kingston	WG	36.0
12	Munich Helles	John Kilmister	BS	35.5
13	Munich Helles	Stuart Behrend	BS	35.5
14	Kolsch	John Sheehan	BS	35.0
15	German Pilsner	Darko Blatnik	WG	34.8
16	Kolsch	Shaun Raymer	BS	34.3
17	German Pilsner	John Kilmister	BS	33.8
18	German Pilsner	Michael Bowron	WG	33.7
19	Munich Helles	Jonathon Finney	BS	33.0
20	Dortmunder	John Kingston	WG	32.3
21	German Pilsner	John Fraser	CB	32.0
22	Kolsch	Darko Blatnik	WG	31.8
23	Munich Helles	John Kingston	WG	29.2
24	Kolsch	Tim Johnson		23.8

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Dark Lager Category

Place	Style	Entrant	Club	Points
1st	Vienna Lager	John Kingston	WG	40.8
2nd	Munich Dunkel	Kevin TeWeirik		39.7
3rd	Marzen-Oktoberfest	Chris Duckworth	MB	38.0
4	Smoked Marzen	Mikko Pludra	BS	37.5
5	Rauchbier	Geoff Daly	WG	35.3
6	Dusseldorf Altbier	John Strantzen	WH	31.2
7	Munich Dunkel	Mikko Pludra	BS	30.8
8	Marzen-Oktoberfest	John Fraser	CB	30.7
9	North German Altbier	Derek Hales	MB	29.2
10	Marzen-Oktoberfest	Geoff Daly	WG	27.2
11	Schwarzbier	Aran Burns/Steven Merriel		23.5
12	Marzen-Oktoberfest	John Kingston	WG	22.3
13	Schwarzbier	John Fraser	CB	22.2
14	Schwarzbier	Matt Daniel	MB	18.8
15	Schwarzbier	Bryce Van Denderen	BS	18.3
16	Schwarzbier	Derek Hales	MB	17.7

Bock Category

Place	Style	Entrant	Club	Points
1st	Maibock	John Kingston	WG	38.2
2nd	Doppelbock	Mikko Pludra	BS	36.8
3rd	Maibock	Mikko Pludra	BS	36.2
4	Doppelbock	John Kilmister	BS	34.0
5	Traditional Bock	Barrie Moubray	WG	34.0
6	DoppelBock	Chris Duckworth	MB	32.0
7	Traditional Bock	Michael Bowron	WG	31.5
8	Traditional Bock	Derek Hales	MB	28.3
9	Doppelbock	Derek Hales	MB	24.5
10	Doppelbock	John Kingston	WG	23.0
N/A	Doppelbock	Michael Guenzel	MB	N/A
N/A	Traditional Bock	Bryce Van Denderen	BS	N/A

Competition Judges & Stewards:

Chief Organiser: Chan Lay

Chief Steward: John Sheehan

BS (Bayside Brewers)

WG (Westgate Brewers)

MB (Melbourne Brewers)

WH (Worthogs)

CB (Corio Bay brewers)

Judges

Sally Gudgeon
Dale Ross-Soden
Kevin TeWierik
Barry Roberts
Bryce Van Denderen
Dan Eate
Pauline Peason
Mark Hibberd
Peter Lowndes
Stuart Behrend
Cameron Turner
Greg Gibbons

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