



September 2013 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: Sunday, 15th September from 12:00pm
Meeting Location: Naval Association Hall, Graham St, West Footscray

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Next club meeting events

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Calendar of Events

September 21st

Last day to dropoff Vicbrew entries.
Entries can also be left with Michael Bowron at the Sept 15th meeting.

October 5th & 6th

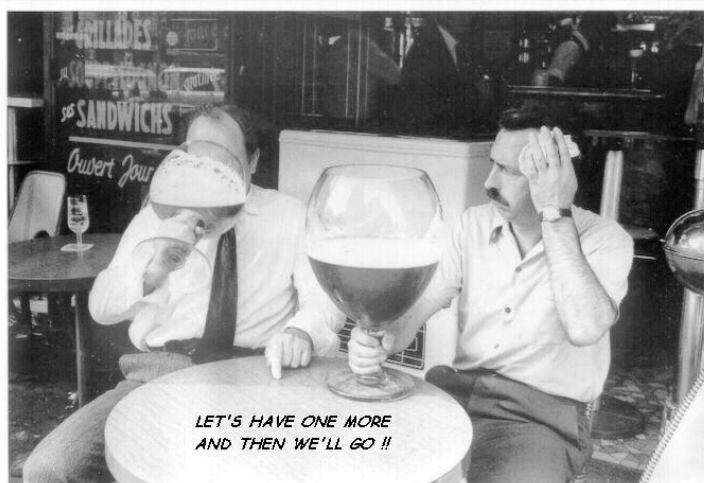
Vicbrew 2013 (www.vicbrew.org)

October 13th

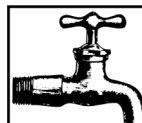
Coach trip to Oktoberfest Bayside Comp

November 2nd & 3rd

AABC Nationals in Canberra



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The Secretaries Report

Dear Westgaters,

Well firstly a very big thanks (once again) to Rob and Dawn Selwood. Opening up your house to a brew club can sometimes be fraught with danger but they allowed us all in to have our meeting, after the hall was seconded by the Electoral commission. We will be back at the hall this month. Unless of course some lucky punter fell thru the floor, whilst voting, in which case they might seal off the crime scene! Anyway, we are back there.



The Club featured in page 3 of the latest issue of Beer & Brewer Magazine, with the results of Stout Extravaganza. Whilst they did ask for some editorial and some pictures, we did hope that the resulting article would allow us to thank all our wonderful sponsors. Unfortunately that bit ended up not being printed. Regardless, we appreciate their support and we urge you to buy the latest copy of the mag, if you don't already get it. There is also a nice little article about system wars as part of Good Beer Week, which I was fortunate enough to brew at. Just as well I read the article, apparently the band I play in, is playing next year!

The sausage sizzle continues to be a nice earner for the club, but it's the same faces that are running i.e. know some people have other commitments on a Saturday morning, but if you can spare an hour or two to help, please let me know. All this money will help pay for our 21st!

Vic brew isn't far off. If you have an entry, get it in. Usual places for drop off. Westgate need to have entries in this competition. We need our name out there. As I said at our AGM, there is another brew club that's winning all the gold. We want to change that. We are a brew club. Brew beer, put an entry in and see what the judges think of the best beer you've ever made.

I will be taking names and money this Sunday for Club Shirts, so if you want one, bring \$50. If you want another short sleeved one, bring \$50. Also, these shirts are only available to full financial club members, so if you haven't paid your club membership, you better do it Sunday....or if you look at the club's web site, we have our BSB and account number there, so you could even do it now!

Michael tells me that the Barley Wine has finished fermenting. It looks like we have an 11% beer. Now we need to bottle it. There is six dozen bottles at the club that need washing. Please, take a crate home and wash them. And not the same people doing it....We will also be having a bottling day at Michaels, in the not too distant future. If you have a tirage capper, for your bench capper, your club needs you! Anyway, we have an exciting year ahead planned. The committee is excited and we know that this year, the club will continue to go from strength to strength! And have a bit of fun on the way!

See you at the next one
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Brewer of the Year Ladder & Schedule



2014 BREWER OF THE YEAR LADDER

	AUG'13	OCT'13	NOV'13	JAN'14	MAY'14	JUN'14	PTS
1. FERGUS MCGREGOR	3						3
2. JOHN KINGSTON	2						2
3. ROBIN SELWOOD	1						1

Meeting Date	Category	Styles
August 2013	7. American Pale Ale	7.1 American Pale Ale
October 2013	16. Wheat & Rye Beer	16.1 American Wheat & 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
January 2014	Fixed Recipe	17.1 Witbier (White) Fixed grain, fixed yeast, you choose the spices.
May 2014	10. Porter	10.1 Brown Porter 10.2 Robust Porter 10.3 Baltic Porter
June 2014	18. Specialty Beer	18.1 Fruit Beer 18.2 Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer 18.3 Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer 18.4 Classic Rauchbier (Smoked Marzen) 18.5 Belgian Specialty Beer 18.6 Wood-aged Beer 18.7 Other Specialty

Interesting Beer Related Stuff

- **Temple Brewing** have announced details of their restructure, link to the article [here](#).

Source: Crafty Pint

- **Man Dies After Winning Beer Drinking Contest In Spain**

A 45-year-old Spanish man died after reportedly drinking about 12.5 pints (6 liters) of beer in 20 minutes during a drinking contest in Spain. Link to the article [here](#).

Source: Huffington Post

- **Global Craft Beer Explosion w/ colourful map**

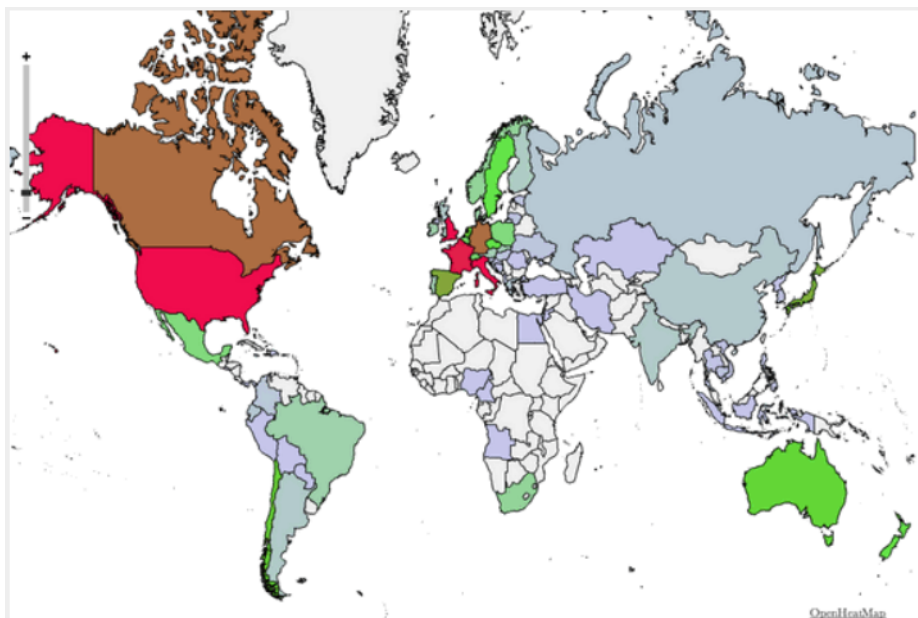
The USA is tops in terms of new breweries this year but there are a number of other countries that have added dozens of new breweries themselves.

Country

of New Breweries in 2013

- 1 USA 463
- 2 England 158
- 3 Italy 69
- 4 France 62
- T-5 Canada 51
- T-5 Germany 51
- 7 Spain 43
- 8 Japan 41
- T-9 Netherlands 37
- T-9 Chile 37
- 11 Australia 36

Source: Beer Pulse



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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Sat 21st Sept 2013. No Late Entries.

\$10 for first entry, \$6 for subsequent entries, cheques payable to 'VICBREW'. Entries can be delivered to participating brew stores in Victoria (including *Geelong Home Brewing, Grain & Grape Yarraville, Greensborough Home Brewing Supplies, Narre Brew Supplies Hallam, Brewers Choice Woori Yallock, The Brewer's Den Boronia, Ballarat Home Brew Centre, Bendigo Home Brew Centre, Ezybrew, Raglan St., Sale and Magick Brew*) or delivered to: Mark Hibberd Ph: 9580 0372.

Judging will be on 5th & 6th October 2013 at Belgian Beer Café Eureka, 5 Riverside Quay, Southbank Melbourne. Melways 2F E7

Rules & Information

- Maximum of 2 entries per category per brewer. Within this limit, only one entry per style. The beer style nominated must be a designated style for the category, as listed over the page. Entries open to Victorian residents only. The organisers reserve the right to reclassify a beer to a listed style. Style guidelines (to be used in the judging) available at: www.vicbrew.org
- Entries must be amateur brews. Beers fermented in a commercial brewery are ineligible.
- Strictly one bottle per entry only (750ml preferred) with a minimum of 500 ml beer. Cost \$10 for first entry from each brewer, \$6 for each subsequent entry. Cheques payable to 'VICBREW'. Entries registered online from August 1st will cost \$8 each.
- Judging will be by blind tasting. Judges decision will be final. Completed judging sheets will be returned to brewers.
- Prizes will be awarded for the best three beers in each Category. The Sponsors of the prizes are listed over page. Beers within a Category will be judged together using the Style guidelines. (See rule 1.)
- Trophies will be awarded for the 3 highest scoring beers in each Category. In the event of tied scores, placegetters will be decided by progressive countback as follows: a) highest score for Overall Impression; b) highest score for Flavour; c) smallest spread in total scores (smallest difference between highest and lowest scores); d) the judging panel will be requested to resolve the tie.
- "Champion Brewer" and "Best Club" will be determined by the sum of points awarded: 1st: 3 points, 2nd: 2 points and 3rd: 1 point.
- Champion Beer and Best Novice will be based on the highest number of judging points received for any beer, with rule 6. to be invoked in the event of a tie.
- Best Novice Trophy is open to brewers who have not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in previous VicBrew accredited competitions.
- Scott Vernon Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Club providing the greatest number of entrants.
- Brewers of the best three beers in each Category will be invited to enter that beer (or a replacement) in the National Championship to be held in Canberra on 2nd & 3rd November 2013. Entry fee to VicBrew 2013 includes cost of entry to Nationals and delivery from participating Victorian brew shops.
- Presentations for VicBrew 2013 to be made after 5 pm on Sunday 6th October.

ENTRY FORM — VICBREW 2013 Closing Date: 21st September

Please fold page or cut off entry form and **attach with rubber band** to bottle with entry details visible. Include entry fee in envelope attached to bottle.

Brewer Details (Information supplied will only be used by VicBrew.)		Organiser use only – entry #	
Brewer's Name (If multiple brewers, give primary brewer – only one name accepted)			
Address (street)		Suburb	
Email		Postcode	
Phone		Club	
Beer Details (For list of Categories & Styles within Categories, see over. Maximum of TWO entries per Category per brewer.)			
Category #	Category name	Style #	Please specify so that your beer can be judged properly.
Name of Brew (optional)			Bottle Cap ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Mash	<input type="checkbox"/> Mini Mash	<input type="checkbox"/> Extract	<input type="checkbox"/> Wort kit <input type="checkbox"/> Kit Please specify kit:
Yeast Used		Original Gravity	Final Gravity
Full recipe may be requested from placegetters to produce a recipe booklet.			
Cost: \$10 for first entry from each brewer, \$6 for subsequent entries <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payable to 'VICBREW'		Payment included <input type="checkbox"/> with this entry <input type="checkbox"/> as part of a bulk payment Payment for bulk entries can be combined in a single envelope, but please include with payment a list of Brewers and Beer Entries paid for.	