



Newsletter of the Wort Hogs Amateur Brewing Club Inc.
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HOG WASH

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Your NEXT newsletter is scheduled to be sent out around the middle of September

If you don't receive it, send us an email.

Pale Ale Mania

Date: Sunday 7th August

**Venue: AD Ryan's Restaurant & Bar 69 Main Street
 Diamond Creek (Cnr Hyde Street)**

Entries accepted from 11.00am, judging to start 12.15pm SHARP

The annual Pale Ale Mania is nearly here and as usual will be held at AD Ryan's. You can enter on the day, or you can leave your entry at one of the various drop off points advised in the attached flyer. This is our premier event of our calendar and a great social event.

Stay and have dinner in the restaurant afterwards (booking is recommended) or just come and enjoy the atmosphere of the event throughout the afternoon.

See the attached flyer and entry form for all the pertinent info.

P.S. If you would like to be a judge or provide assistance on the day, please let Rod know ASAP



Date: 24th & 25th September 2011

**Venue: Belgian Beer Café, Eureka, 5 Riverside Quay,
 Southbank – Melway Reference 2F E7**

The Victorian Amateur Brewing Championships will be held on the above dates.

Placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any category at VicBrew qualifies the entrant to submit an entry in the same category at AABC 2011 which is in October in Adelaide.

Entries may be submitted up to Saturday 10th September at any of the approved collection points.

See the attached flyer and entry form for all relevant information or go to www.vicbrew.org for further details.

COMMITTEE:

President:

Rod Kuiper [email](#) to request

Secretary:

Lukas Dedman [email](#) to request

Treasurer:

Glenn Le Page [email](#) to request

Functions Manager:

Neil Kay [email](#) to request

Webmaster/Editor:

Sarah Le Page [email](#) to request

Catering Officer:

Dale Ross-Soden [email](#) to request

Public Officer:

Neil Kay

Ordinary Members:

Dale Ross-Soden

Hog Waffle

Welcome to the July edition of Hog Wash. Lots of events coming up and after the AGM you will probably be aware that your membership is now due for renewal.

Once again we have kept it at \$25, and we are happy to receive payments by cheque, cash or, for the techno-savvy amongst you, direct credit to our Westpac Account as follows: **BSB 033053 Account 140219** Account name is Wort Hogs Amateur Brewing Club.

If you make a payment via this method, please ensure you **leave a reference such as your name** to identify it, **and send an email** to us at theworthogs@yahoo.com.au so that we may reconcile your payment against our records.

Also, if you're not on the committee, we'd like to extend an open invitation to all members to come to our monthly meetings. Dates are in the calendar, and locations are usually confirmed a month prior.

Sarah

Bayside Brewers Oktoberfest

We have confirmed that the Bayside Brewers Oktoberfest is happening this year on **8th & 9th October** at Hickenbotham Winery, 194 Nepean Highway, Dromana.

No entry form or further information is available yet but put the dates in your diary and try to get along to support the event if you can. More details should be available soon on their website at www.baysidebrewers.org.au

DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST

3rd

Committee Meeting

7th

Pale Ale Mania

SEPTEMBER

7th

Committee Meeting

11th

Beer Tasting & Faults

Discussion

24th & 25th

VicBrew 2011

OCTOBER

5th

Committee Meeting

8th & 9th

Bayside Brewers Oktoberfest

16th Brewday

21st & 22nd

AABC Nationals

Beer Tasting & Faults Discussion

When: **Sunday 11th September from 12pm**

Where: **Lukas & Lily's** [email](#) to request

We are planning a sausage sizzle lunch with sausages and nibbles supplied by the club, and after this will be a number of beers for tasting and a few specific faults samples for discussion. If you have a beer that doesn't seem quite right, bring it along for the group to discuss and taste!

BYO Chair and maybe pen & paper if you want to take notes.

President's Report

(From Annual General Meeting)

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2010/2011. Our current total of members is 17, which includes 4 senior members. At the same time last year it was 23.

It has been a pleasant but quiet past 12 months as President and also for the club, numbers have been down on attendance and comps, but we will be working on trying to lift that.

I would firstly like to thank the committee for their hard work over the past year. Thank you to the other clubs in Melbourne who have continued to enter Pale Ale Mania, and to AD Ryan's for their ongoing involvement with this competition. Thank you to all club members for your support of all functions.

Thanks also must go to Dave from GHB for his support over the year, and all members for the efforts in club activities and external comps. To all sponsors thanks also, and many thanks to Sarah our publicity officer and webmaster for her outstanding job.

In total the Club had 15 events for the year, two internal competitions, a Lager comp, an Ale comp and 2 Brew Days. Also, a brewery tour to Kooinda, which was also poorly attended. As usual, we also had the Christmas break-up in North Eltham, with the club supplying beer and the barbecue food with the usual high standard beer guessing comp.

Highlights of the year would be placing 3rd in best beer @ ANHC club night, which saw more than 60+ beers, a good turnout by the club who all enjoyed a great night of beer tasting and mingling with all clubs from all states.

The introduction of the Iron Hog Challenge has been a great success with a number of high quality beers being made from 4 simple ingredients. Congrats to Imants for winning the gong the last 2 times and to Lukas for winning the 2010 Brewer of the Year.

Again, many thanks to all.

Rod Kuiper
President

Brewer Of The Year

The Brewer of the Year is decided each year by the cumulative scores of two internal competitions, and best three of six external open competitions. This year, the Brewer of the Year, with 537 points was:

John Strantzen

In second place, very close behind was Lukas Dedman with 531 points and Imants Vitolins came third with 349 points.

Time to start getting your brews ready for the next Brewer of the Year!



Notice of Club Brewday

Sunday **16th October** from 12pm

More information to come but there will be a brewday at Rod & Mary's – [email to request](#). The type of beer will be decided on the day. Dough in from 11am. The club will supply the usual BBQ and nibbles.

CALENDAR

August

- 3rd **Committee Meeting (All welcome)**
AD Ryan's Restaurant & Bar
From 7.30pm – we will discuss the preparation of the weekend's Pale Ale Mania
- 7th **PALE ALE MANIA**
AD Ryan's Restaurant & Bar
69 Main Street Diamond Creek (Cnr Hyde Street) – Melway Map Ref 11 K6
Entries accepted from 11am, Judging to commence at 12.15pm
See attached entry form and flyer for all information

September

- 7th **Committee Meeting (All welcome)**
Location to be confirmed but please feel free to contact a committee member to find out where it will be held if you'd like to attend.
From 7.30pm
- 11th **Beer Tasting & Faults Discussion**
At Lukas & Lily's – **email to request**
From 12.00pm – club will supply a sausage sizzle etc, but it's appreciated if you would bring a chair. Tasting and discussion will commence after lunch.
- 24th & 25th **VicBrew 2011**
Belgian Beer Café, Eureka, 5 Riverside Quay, Southbank (Melway ref 2F E7).
Entries can be submitted up till Saturday 10th September.
See attached entry form and flyer for information or go to www.vicbrew.org

October

- 5th **Committee Meeting (All welcome)**
Location to be confirmed but please feel free to contact a committee member to find out where it will be held if you'd like to attend.
From 7.30pm
- 8th & 9th **Bayside Brewers Oktoberfest**
More information to come, should be available online at their site: www.baysidebrewers.org.au
- 16th **Brewday**
From 12pm at Rod & Mary's – **email to request**. More details in next newsletter.
- 21st & 22nd **AABC Nationals 2011**
To be held in Glenelg, South Australia.
For more information go to www.vicbrew.org and select AABC 2011 menu on left hand side of the screen.



If you have any questions about any of these events, please call a committee member listed on page 2
More information is available closer to events on the website

www.worthogs.net