



Newsletter of the Wort Hogs Amateur Brewing Club Inc.
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Newsletters are scheduled for publication every two months

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

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

Christmas Party

Date: Saturday 3rd December 2011

Venue: North Eltham
Adventure Playground
From 12pm



Our annual Christmas party is nearly here. It will once again be at the North Eltham Adventure Playground. Usual plans – 12pm barbecue, soft drinks and beer supplied, salad and bread etc.

If we are not located under a permanent structure, we will be there somewhere under our temporary marquee, with our Wort Hogs sign out the front.



Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Beer Competition

Date: 3rd March 2012

Venue: TBA

More information to come, but put the date in your diary.

ANHC 2011

Pictures from the ANHC Beer & Food Pairing dinner are available at:

<http://newclearimages.zenfolio.com/anhc2011>

There is also a DVD available with over 8 hours of presentations from the 2010 ANHC. For more information, and to purchase, have a look at their website www.anhc.com.au/home.

COMMITTEE:

President:

Rod Kuiper [email](#) to request

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Hog Waffle

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2011.

The next event is our Christmas Party and then it all goes quiet for a while, so enjoy this time with your families.

Don't forget that memberships are now very overdue, and if it's more convenient you can pay direct to our account:

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.

Sarah

VICBREW REPORT

VicBrew was run in September and the Wort Hogs came 4th in Best Club, with 6 entrants.

Congratulations to **Imants Vitolins** for coming 1st in the Brown Ale category.

Congratulations to **John Strantzen** for coming 2nd in Low Alcohol, and again in Bitter Ale.

Congratulations to **Lukas Dedman** for coming 3rd in Strong Stout.

Commiserations to one of our newer members **Shane Rosenberg**, for narrowly missing a place in the Specialty Beers by coming 4th.

Thanks for representing us! Some pictures are up on our website.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DECEMBER

3rd

CHRISTMAS PARTY

FEBRUARY

1st

Committee Meeting

19th

Golf Day

MARCH

3rd

Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Beerfest

7th

Committee Meeting

17th

Social Night

President's Report

Hi all,

The brewday held at Rod and Mary's was a fantastic turn-out, we enjoyed a BBQ and some great beer tasting, also the beer made dark ale went along great.

The club ale comp was not so good, maybe we had 2 functions too close to each other, only 4 members showed up with only two entries in for Brewer of the Year competition, very disappointing.

On another point the club xmas breakup is on soon so all please make an effort to turn up as it's always a fantastic day.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish everybody a happy xmas and a happy and safe new year.

Cheers Rod.

Melbourne Brewers BeerFest 2012



Friday 10th February – Sunday 12th February

Venue: The Grand Ridge Brewery, Mirboo North (Mel 356 D4 or 97 D8)

Accommodation: If you are looking for accommodation close to the venue, the Grand Ridge Brewery has recently purchased Grand Ridge Manor across the road from the Brewery and Restaurant. To book - telephone 5668 2222.

Melbourne Brewers has access to the Scout Hall out the back of the brewery and quite a few Club Members and members of other clubs sleep in the hall or pitch their swags outside the hall.

The Golf Club also has units, although these are a fair distance from the Brewery.

For more information including the weekend activities planned, go to www.melbournebrewers.org

Beerfest 2012 Call for Judges and Stewards

This is an open request for Judges and Stewards for BEERFEST.

Brewers are encouraged to participate in the Judging and Stewarding activities, experienced or novice. We emphasise that no qualifications are necessary, and novice judges will be placed with more experienced judges. Feel free to give judging a go even if you've never done it before - it's a great way to explore beer styles, get understanding of what brewers are doing, and learn a LOT about brewing.

BEERFEST 2012 Format

Beerfest includes three judging sessions:

FRIDAY (Starting time 7.00 PM)

SATURDAY Morning (Starting time 9.30 AM)

SATURDAY Afternoon (Starting time 2 PM)

Details of the styles being judged are available from the beerfest website.

To register your interest, please email apply@melbournebrewers.org, and specify:

- **Name**
- **Best contact phone number**
- **Availability for Friday 7pm, Saturday 9.30am and Saturday 2pm**
- **Preference for Judging or Stewarding**

Judges are discouraged from judging categories which they have also entered in. The roster will be drawn up to try to ensure that this situation is avoided. Please do not nominate categories that you are planning on entering.

Richard Whitebrook

Beerfest Judge Director

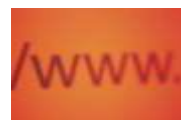
The Melbourne Brewers

A Bit of Internet Fun For You



I came across an interesting article online regarding Christmas Ales (overseas). Glenn suggested I share it with you, so go and have a look if you're interested!

<http://www.pastemagazine.com/blogs/lists/2011/11/11-christmas-ales-ranked.html>



BrewBelles Report

The last BrewBelles gathering for 2011 was at Degani's in Eltham once again. It was lovely to see everyone, and we hope all the newer members of the Wort Hogs are aware of us – we're the females of the 'hogs, and we like to get together for a social gathering every few months without any beer related activities. We usually contact each other a couple of weeks ahead and organise a suitable date by email, so you won't always find advance notice of our events in the newsletter (depends on the timing). If you'd like to be notified when we're having an event, please send an email to webmaster@worthogs.net to be added to the list.

Lager Comp & Brewday Report

Dark Ale Xmas beer was an excellent day, it was probably the best turnout for the year which was great to see.

We had a BBQ lunch which was enjoyed by all thanks, then after lunch continued with the beer sampling and the brew.

Here are the details

Cheers Rod.

7KG JOE WHITE PILS

3KG JOE WHITE DARK MUNICH

400G WEY. CARAFA TYPE 2

400G CHOCOLATE

40G PEARLE

100 PACIFIC JADE

Hop lowdown

Pearle 40g - 60 min

Pacific Jade 20g - 40 min

Pacific Jade 40g - 30 min

Pacific Jade 40g - end of Boil

1 tablet Irish Moss.

With the beer made on 23rd October, we decided to split the beer in half and keep a stronger version and make a less alcohol one for our xmas breakup.

The xmas beer was kegged on Saturday 26th November and the final gravity was 1012.

21 litre @1050.

20 litre @1062.



Christmas Special

Beer Growler Sale

Available till December 20th 2011

For a great Christmas present we are currently offering 2 flip-top 2 litre beer growlers for \$45*. Visit the Brewnut web-store purchase 2 growlers and enter the following code at checkout: **christmasgrowler2011**

* Note price does not include postage

only at

<http://www.brewnutbrewing.com/bar>

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CALENDAR

December

No Committee Meeting

3rd

Christmas Party

North Eltham Adventure Playground
Club will supply beer/BBQ/salads/soft drink etc
From 12pm

January

No Committee Meeting

February

1st

Committee Meeting

Scheduled to be held at Glenn & Sarah's (from 7.30pm)

10th – 12th

Melbourne Brewers Beerfest

Grand Ridge Brewery, Mirboo North – see page 4 for more information

19th

Golf Day

More information to come

March

3rd

Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Beerfest

Venue still to be confirmed

Further information hopefully will become available on their site:

<http://www.brewerschoice.net.au/html/Yarra%20Valley%20Brewers.htm>

7th

Committee Meeting

Location to be confirmed

17th

Social Night

More information to come – Dinner out somewhere
Maybe you can wear green to celebrate St Patrick's Day!



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