

AGWB May 2013 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 22nd May 2013

This Months Topic:

John Golics will be explaining the techniques and principles of sparging. If you are an extract brewer interested in steeping, partial or full mash brewing or if you are keen to increase the efficiency of your brewery then don't miss this demonstration.

Bring For Competition:

	B4.3	Pale Ale
Beer -	B4.4	India Pale Ale
	B4.5	NZ & New World Pale Ale
	4a	Dry White Wine
Wine -	10	Dessert
	2	Dry White Grape

Also Remember that you can bring along beers which fall outside of the guidelines to be entered in the OPEN CLASS. These entries will receive no competition points but will receive experienced judging and feedback.

IMPORTANT!

Remember that any alcohol you bring along must be labelled with your name and alcohol content. (the beverages alcohol content)

Also make use of the feedback table if you would like people to leave feedback on your beer or wine.

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Founded in 1972 The Auckland Guild of Winemakers and Brewers is the oldest club of its kind in Auckland

Meetings take place at the Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall in the Rocket Park Complex on the 4th Wednesday of the month. This is on the corner of New North Road and Wairere Avenue.

Entry is \$5

There is an informal happy hour from 7.30 to 8.00 followed by a presentation, raffle and supper.

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President's Musings

We are nearly half way through the year already!!

First thanks for having me back as your club President. I hope your committee can continue to progress the club in the direction you have said you want it to go. I have the results of the questionnaire but these will need to be considered by the committee before I make further comment. Thank you all for your feedback.

A reminder about the clubs mid winter function on Saturday 8 June. Details are located elsewhere in the news letter but the important thing is that members support the event - having more events like this was requested in the feedback from the recent membership questionnaire. The key thing is we need the numbers and commitment up front. This is a family event by invitation only, which means you may bring a couple of guests but you can't just turn up on the night with unannounced guests. All the people who come to the May club meeting I would like you to buy and pay for your tickets then. If you know you will not be attending the club meeting please email me to say how many tickets you want and prepay into the AGWB account. The least preferred option is that you turn up on the night and pay.

The other reminder is to get brewing for the Nationals to be held in Dunedin in October and the email you've been sent was about the judging classes. Competition success is as much about ensuring your beer is in the appropriate competition class, as it is for making a great beer. If you are in doubt or want a second opinion bring the beer along for monthly judging.

When competition beer gets sent so far we don't have it brought back because freight is too expensive, so keep that in mind. We don't know the exact cost of the transportation yet but the club will pay freight and entry fee for the first 2 bottles from each member and the individual pays the cost of any additional bottles.

See you all on the 22nd.

BobL

The Mid-Winter Function (well, only a couple of weeks early.)

There will be at least half a dozen AGWB beers on tap, the food will be Asian flavour (dumplings, dim-sim, sushi and the like) and there will be (pub) quizzes for those who are interested.

Dunkirk Road Activity Centre at 50 Dunkirk road, Panmure

Saturday 8 June. Start time is 5.30 and end time is 10pm

Cost is \$15 per head - free for children under 13 years.

We prefer you pay cash at the next club night (22 May) else you can direct credit in 38-9002-0914309-00. Ensure you include your name in the particulars.

NB. The club retains the right to cancel the event if there are too few tickets purchased by 3 June.





The Last Supper

One thing that made the AGM worth attending was the treat of Greville's pickled pork. It's always a classic, and one of my personal favourites. Cheers Greville, it was much appreciated.

April 2013 Competition Results

Ordinary Bitter	Mike Cotton	Silver
	Mike Cotton	
	Mike McCormack	Bronze
Dry Mead	John Morawski	Silver
Framboise	Mike Cotton	Bronze
Johnathan Matthews	Belgian Dubble	Bronze
Johnathan Matthews	Flanders Red	Bronze

April Social Activity: AGM

For our April social activity we were all treated to the obligatory annual general meeting. Although little fun, this is an important date for the Guild as members are coerced into roles and participating on the committee. With a number of committee members taking a back seat following years of hard work we are pleased to have some fresh blood, and hopefully some fresh ideas making an appearance. Joking aside, members serving on the committee are very much appreciated as these days people have little spare time to offer and the sacrifice of time and effort to help move the Guild forward is considerable. The committee members for the coming year are:

President	Bob Lawton
Vice President	Hamish Dublon
Secretary	Dean Conger
Treasurer	Brett McMillan
Head Judge	Mike McCormack
Social	Brendon Nash
Newsletter	Mark Jackman
Suppers	Cheryl Lawton
Librarian	Ray Connors

When:

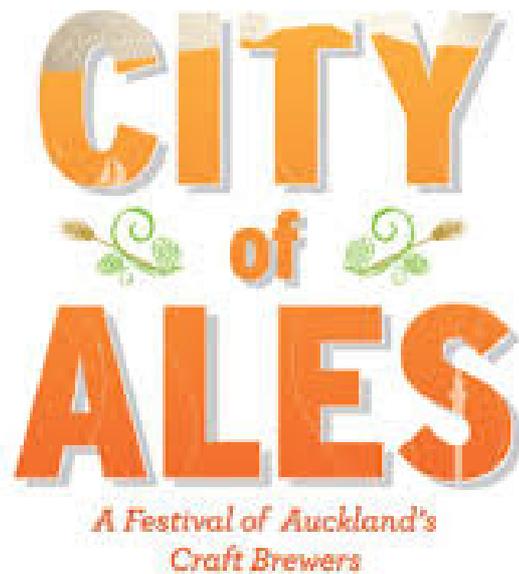
- Sat 29 Jun, 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- Sat 29 Jun, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Where:

The Floating Pavilion, Gate 1, Hobson West Marina, 220 Quay St, Auckland CBD.

Tickets:

- Session 1: \$30.00
- Session 2: \$30.00



Celebrating New Zealand's diverse range of beers!

Following on from last year's sold-out event, City of Ales is back and bigger. This year there are 2 sessions for you to choose from, or if you're really keen you can attend both. There will be around 30 great beers from across the North Island for you to try, some of which will not have been available in Auckland before.

Your ticket gets you entry to the session of your choice, a souvenir glass, 2 beer tokens and a portion of delicious food. Further beer tokens will be available in the venue. More than half the tickets have been sold already.

The City of Ales festival is proudly brought to you by SOBA, the Society of Beer Advocates, and is an R18 event.

BeerGeek PseudoCraft Tasting at Brother Beer

A few weeks ago some club members attended the BeerGeek PseudoCraft Tasting which Marie and I arranged with the help of Nick from Brothers Beer. The aim was to compare "pseudocraft", beers made by macro breweries under an alias and presented as craft beer, and beers which we personally consider to be true craft beers. Some of the results were interesting to say the least, such as everyone present who attends Beervana annually preferred the Monteith's IPA to Epic Pale Ale, however almost unanimously those who were less accustomed to craft beer preferred the Epic. 8 Wired and Hallertau Deception were less favoured than Monteith's Barrel Aged Porter and Mac's Black Mac. If you are interested to see the full results and how the macro breweries compared with one another then visit the page on my BeerGeek site <http://www.beergeek.co.nz/pseudocraft-tasting-results-1.html>





Evidence Alcohol May Make You Smarter!

Although “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog” is considered to be the shortest sentence that includes all the letters of the alphabet, alcohol lovers came up with one of their own “Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs.”

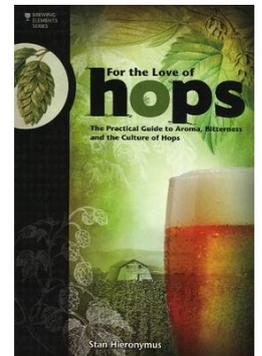
A Bad Joke

Q: What has eight arms and an IQ of 60?

A: Four guys drinking Bud Light and watching a football game!

New Books and Magazines

We have a couple of great new magazines and books added to the library by Ray; 250 Classic Clone Recipes by BYO, For the Love of Hops by Stan Hieronymus. We also have the latest BYO which I got to have a read of before it reached the checkout shelf, it contains a lot of information with tips on increasing the malt profile of your brews and using spent grains in cooking. It also has a guide on building your own motorised, mash stirring, heat jacketed mash tun for those of you looking for a new project for the brewery.



A Smart New Look for the Club Website

The club web site has a fresh coat of paint and a new set of clothes:

<http://agwb.co.nz/>

We have a blog area, please submit anything of interest and we can post on to the site. There is an events calendar showing upcoming important dates in the AGWB world. You can even subscribe on your smartphone, so that the calendar is automatically updated, as events are added.

Please send us any ideas for updates and suggestions; just complete the contact form on the site.

Cheers
Rhys



Free Cask Ale!

Not wanting to hijack the club newsletter with my own BeerGeek stuff but this is one bit that I'm sure most people will be interested in. I have been contacted by beer importer Phil Dale, director of Beertique. He is importing literally thousands of beers and wants to

investigate the possibility of importing cask ale direct from the brewery to NZ. In order to test that the beer arrives tasting as good as it did when it left the brewery he is seeking out a number of volunteers who are generous enough to donate their time for the very important task of supping a few pints and giving some feedback on how it tastes. If that sounds like you let me know and I will finalise the details of when and where.

Action Required by ALL Members!!!

Books and Magazines - Please return all books or magazines you have taken from the club library. Loans should be brought back to the meeting following the withdrawal so others can enjoy and benefit as much as possible. If no one else wants the book or magazine the librarian is happy to reissue them to you. If you are going away for an extended period of time, it's particularly important that you return items before you go. If you cannot get to a meeting, contact any committee member and arrange to deliver the items to them.

Library Rules – Please bear in mind that you must be a financial member of the club and have attended three club meetings before you are permitted to borrow books from the library.

Submit your entry Competition - Into club competitions and see how you go. These are an ideal forum to get constructive help—if you need it. Submit your entry for feedback and appraisal - This has now been re-addressed to achieve a better system of feedback to members who want it. After all that is why many of us are here to learn to make a better wine or beer!!! So pop your beer on the feedback table and ensure you have written your name, the beer style and alcohol content on the laminated sheet. Those tasting your beer will write down the honest appraisal.

Name Tags— A lot of energy and effort has gone into making name tags. Please collect your name tag and wear them so that other members and new guests can see who you are. If you are anything like me I can forget names but not faces between meetings and I need that gentle reminder. Plus we have a lot of new members joining and guests attending and rather than standing back trying to figure out a name you can role right up and take a glance!!!. Don't be frightened to join in any discussions as we all have lots to learn.

Finally... please wash your glass before you leave the meeting.

(Please don't use detergent—it destroys the foam head on the next beer. If you do use detergent, thoroughly wash and rinse the glass)

Time for a Beer! - Speaking of which I would like someone to do a monthly beer review for the end of the newsletter, if you are interested please get in touch with me. Cheers!