

AGWB October 2014 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22th October 2014

This Months Topic:

Grainfathers! They're so hot right now. Mike Elwood is going to give us the lowdown on this brewing system.. Rhys Williams will be doing a show and tell session on yeast propagation and growth, from recovery and collection and storage techniques. Damian is also going to talk about some of the yeast strains he's working on. I've tried some of his beer brewed with collected strains, its WILD!

Remember that any alcohol you bring along must be labelled with your name and alcohol content. (The beverage's alcohol content)

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

Bring For Competition:

	6.1	Brown Porter
	6.2	Robust Porter
	12.1	Kolsch
	12.2	Saison
Beer -	12.3	Belgian Blond Ale
	12.4	Belgian Dubbel
	12.5	Belgian Tripel
	12.6	Belgian Golden Strong Ale
	12.7	Belgian Dark Strong Ale
Wine -	41a	Dry Red Berry
	3c	Sweet Red PLum

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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 \$7

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

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A few words from our President

Greetings all,

Firstly, congratulations to Mike McCormack for winning the Premier Beer award at the Regionals with his strong ale. And congratulations to Paul Dunsmuir for winning Best Lager and the Hardies Handle, outlined as epic mouthful that is Beer Maker with Highest Total Aggregate Gold. Not as glamorous as the Premier Beer award but arguably an at least equal achievement.

It was a great appearance from the AGWB beer brewers, cleaning up the Best in Class awards through everything except lagers and low alcohol beer. It would be nice, and not beyond possibility, to take out every beer class at the Nationals next year. Thank you to all of those who entered beers to contributed to our, to be frank, continued domination of beer brewing! So those lager categories are a challenge for you Mike McCormack, perhaps if you ask him nicely Mr Dunsmuir will give you some lessons on consistency!

Now onto the even bigger thanks. Bob completed a terrific job of single handily coordinating the entire event, I would be lying if I said we never had any concerns but Bob pulled it all off magnificently. A man is nothing without a good woman beside him, Cheryl ensured that all judges, stewards and hangers on, such as myself, were well fed on both the Friday and Saturday, it can be surprising what hungry work drinking all day can be but Cheryl ensured everyone was doing it on a full stomach.

Mike McCormack had the unenviable job of event coordinator, plenty of cups of tea, cross referencing numbers to fix the inevitable little mistakes that crop up when manually processing hundreds of bottles of beer, wine and spirits, and two strategy meetings at the old Cock and Bull with his 2IC ensured that everything went without a hitch.

Finally a big thank you to everyone else who donated their time and effort to making the Regionals such a success, I won't try and name everyone as I am sure I would miss at least one or two off the list, I am very proud of our Guild for putting on such a fantastic event.

Cheers!

Mark J

August Competition Results

**Congratulations Rhys.
Winner!
Beer of The Year – Croucher Low Rider**

Regionals Results

We won some major trophies, well done guys! It really shows the quality of brewing we have at the club when we do so well at a regional level.

You can view the rest of the results on our website.

Visit <http://agwb.org.nz/2014-regionals-results/>

Jack House Cup	Paul Dunsmuir	AGWB	Best Lager With Gold
Hardies Handle	Paul Dunsmuir	AGWB	Beer maker with Highest total aggregate Gold
Premier Beer	Mike McCormack	AGWB	Best of GOLD BIC Awarded



Intention to Incorporate - Ratification

Looks like we will vote again on this issue just to make sure everyone had enough notice about the change. As announced earlier this month this coming meeting will be a Special General Meeting in conjunction with our regular meeting.

AGWB Central Brewery Tour

Spring is in the air and its time for brewers to brave the outside world and get amongst it!

It's time for a brewery tour and you're all invited! A great chance to nose around your fellow brewers setups, ask those piercing questions and maybe even sample their offerings.

The tour takes place on Saturday 18th October and the schedule is as follows:

Start at Brendon's

162D Melrose Rd, Mt Roskill. 10am.

Black Sands Brewery

9I Westech Place. Kelston. 11:15am

Mike's

16 Falkirk St, Blockhouse Bay 12.30pm

Bring a plate and beer for lunch.

(Mike will have the BBQ going so anything that needs fire to be edible is welcome!)

For those who are hardy and have stamina to boot we will go to **The Block** in Blockhouse Bay after the tour, it's a great little craft beer bar with tasty offerings for those still in need of sustenance. (568 Blockhouse bay road.)



Check it out on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/theblockcafe>

If a brewery tour sounds like a bit of you please RSVP to brendonnash@paradise.net.nz just so the lads have an idea of how many visitors to expect.



Christmas BBQ

We're all still working hard but the end of the year is getting closer. So save the date, on the 6th December we party.

Now is the time to start brewing if you're going to make a beer for the bash. Any member who kindly supplies beer will be compensated with 5kg base malt. John Golics is coordinating the beer so please get in touch if you're going to brew. (j.golics@yahoo.co.nz)

Suppertime

**Big thanks to Kyle Tocher, we're a hungry mob after Beer of the Year!
It's always nice to end the evening with a decent supper.**

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 for Competition into club competitions and see how you go. These are an ideal forum to get constructive help. 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 connect 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 roll 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