

AGWB January 2015 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th January 2015

This Months Topic:

Age before beauty, or something like that. Old beer, if you're a prolific homebrewer sometimes its hard to get through it all while its at its best. This month Ian Ramsey is going to talk about how beer ages, members are welcome to bring along old beer to taste!

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:

Beer -	2.1	German Pilsner
	2.2	Bohemian Pilsner
	2.3	NZ and New World Pilsner
	3.1	NZ Standard Lager
	3.2	Munich Lager
	3.3	Munich Helles
Wine -	5a	Dry Rose
	5b	Sweet Rose

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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

Back to school time,

Well it looks like it is going to be a long, hot summer full of great beer. With the recent reduction of the drink driving limit there is a glut of lower alcohol beers. Although not often my go to options it is great to see that most if not all breweries are offering great beers at between four and five percent alcohol. And Weezledog is no exception! We have our Easy Weezy: Session NZIPA launches at SkySport Grill this Sunday from 1pm. Nearly everyone gets the Monday off so come down for a few hoppy beers that won't put you on your arse.

Another great thing about the sunny season is the number of beer events that are happening each week. It seems that there is an excuse to go out and enjoy some great beer almost every night. So while you are waiting for those beers you brewed over your Christmas holidays to condition you may as well get out amongst it and celebrate the great breweries NZ has to offer.

With the start of a new year it is also time to start thinking about what you can give back to the club. With the April AGM quickly approaching it is time to consider standing for a role on the committee, it is not too big of a demand on your time and a lot of fun, as well as being vital for our club to function.

See you all on Wednesday for a few, although unfortunately perhaps a couple less beers than we have enjoyed in the past.

Cheers!

Mark Jackman

December Prize giving and Beer of the Year Competition

Congratulations to all the winners of trophies at the BBQ Prizegiving.

November End of Year results

Mike McCormack	Gold	New World Pilsner
Mike McCormack	Gold	Strong Ale
Mike McCormack	Gold	Strong Ale
Mike McCormack	Gold	Robust Porter
Mike McCormack	Gold	Dopplebock
Mike McCormack	Silver	Dopplebock
Mike McCormack	Silver	Dry Stout
Mike McCormack	Silver	Dry Stout
Mike McCormack	Silver	NZ Lager
Mike McCormack	Silver	German Pilsner
Mike McCormack	Silver	Bohemian Pilsner
Mike McCormack	Bronze	Russian Imperial Stout
Mike McCormack	Bronze	Russian Imperial Stout
Mike McCormack	Bronze	Smoked Beer
Mike McCormack	Bronze	NZ Lager
Mike McCormack	Bronze	Vienna Lager
Mike McCormack	Bronze	NZ Lager
Mike McCormack	Bronze	German Pilsner

Rhys Williams	Gold	Strong Ale
Rhys Williams	Silver	Belgian Golden Strong Ale
Rhys Williams	Bronze	Belgian Tripel

Ben and Chris Gilmore	Gold	Belgian Tripel
Ben and Chris Gilmore	Silver	Mild
Ben and Chris Gilmore	Bronze	Dopplebock

Dean Conger	Bronze	Foreign Extra Stout
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Mike Cotton	Silver	Russian Imperial Stout
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Mike Cotton	Bronze	Russian Imperial Stout
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Hamish Dublon	Bronze	Other Specialty
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Tim L	Gold	Other Specialty
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Reuben Rowntree	Gold	Dry Stout
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Reuben Rowntree	Silver	Wood-Aged Beer Spice/Herb/Veg
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Reuben Rowntree	Silver	Beer
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Reuben Rowntree	Bronze	Pale Ale
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Reuben Rowntree	Bronze	Light Beer
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Ray Connors	Gold	Pale Ale
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Ray Connors	Silver	Ordinary Bitter
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Bob Lawton	Silver	Sweet Stout
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Bob Lawton	Bronze	Strong Ale
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Bob Lawton	Bronze	Fruit Beer
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Bob Lawton	Bronze	Weizen/Weissbier
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End of Year Prize Giving



Beer Awards

Novice Brewer	Bill Herbert
Most improved	Kyle Tocher
Champion Stout Brewer	Mike McCormack
Beer of the Year (Low Rider clone)	Rhys Williams
Champion Ale Brewer	Rueben Rowntree
Champion Lager Brewer	Mike McCormack
Best in Show	Mike McCormack
Champion Brewer	Mike McCormack
Peoples Choice Award	Kerry Templeton and Geoff Gill
Champion Strong Ale Brewer	Mike McCormack

Wine Awards

Best of show	Dean Conger
Champion wine Maker	Brendon Nash

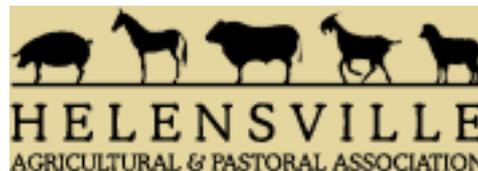
Any one keen for a Brew Pub Tour?

Deans been thinking (I can see the steam from here) that an afternoon visiting some of Auckland's far flung brew pubs could possibly be a good time and frankly I agree. Perhaps Hallertau, Deep Creek Brewing, Galbraiths and picking a spot to finish at for dinner. Deans going to do a bit of a poll next meeting to see how many people would be interested in such an event and if you've got any pubs you're keen to visit please mention them. If there's enough interest we'll look into the cost of hiring transportation, and book a final destination for dinner and of course more beer sampling.

Helensville A&P Show

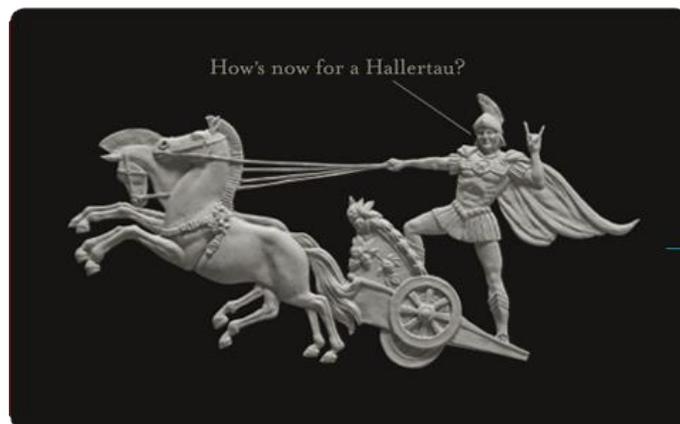
Don't forget bottles have to be in by the 14th of February, more information is on our website (including the entry form).

<http://agwb.org.nz/helensville-ap-showcompetition-2015/>



Western Brewers Conference

The WBC is a homebrewing competition every other month at Hallertau. Every other competition is a clone and the third place winner chooses the style on the next competition. Last clone was Epic Pale Ale which was judged by Luke Nicholas (Epic brewer). The next style is a saison in March – dates aren't booked yet but the competition is always at 3pm on Saturday.



10\$ per entry and it's expected that everyone bring one bottle for judging, plus one for sharing with the group. It is always good to also bring other beers brewed to share and get feedback. The group is laid

back and friendly. Judges are whomever Barbara can get to volunteer - so not always an experienced judge. They also need to know how many entries to expect so there are enough judging sheets (and so Hallertau staff can be prepared).

If you're interested in attending join <http://www.forum.realbeer.co.nz/groups> under Western Brewers Conference. You need to sign up to realbeer before you can access the groups. I have heard people waiting a while for this to happen too, so I am not sure how reliable the site is these days.

The other option is for people to email Barbara and ask to be added to the email list. She will send out reminders when dates are confirmed with Hallertau. Send your request to: nzbeeriq@gmail.com

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 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 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)