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BABB's News

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2012 Annual Competition

The BABB's Annual Competition was judged on the last Sunday morning in July at Bacchus Brewing.

The team of judges managed to work their way through the 67 entries in little more than three hours. Several of the judges commented on the smooth running of the event and much of the credit for that must go to the volunteer stewards, and in particular to Tony Brown and Howard Mullins, whose preparation and attention to detail have made the BABB's and QABC competitions run more and more efficiently each year.

The results of the competition will be a closely-guarded secret until the August meeting, where the winners will be revealed. The only hints we'll give before then are that the overall standard of entries was very high and that the race for the major Champion Brewer prize was the closest for many years.

As always, the Committee would like to thank Ross Kenrick for making the Bacchus Brewing premises available to the club and for his ongoing support of BABB's.

August Meeting

The next BABB's meeting will be held this Thursday, August the 23rd.

The meeting will feature both the presentations for the BABB's Annual Competition and the 2012 AGM. As a bonus for attending the AGM, the club will be putting on a tasting of several beers from a well-known local brewer.



Expert judges at work during the BABB's Annual Competition.

ANHC 2012

The third Australian National Homebrew Conference will be held in Melbourne from October 25th to 27th, and tickets are still available. This event promises to be the biggest yet and is a wonderful opportunity to fully immerse yourself in the world of brewing for 3 action-packed days.

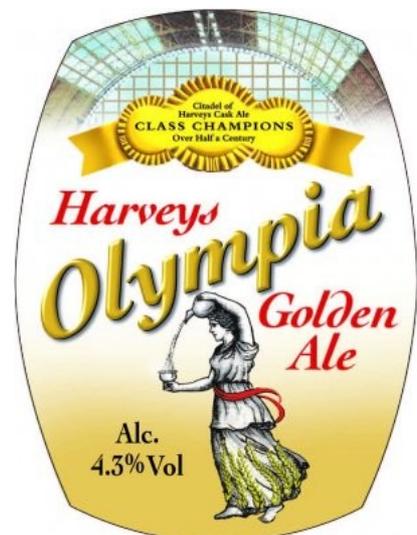
There will be a strong BABB's presence at this year's event, but we'd love to see more members make the journey and show the southerners that amateur brewing is thriving in the Sunshine State.

If you've already signed up for ANHC or are thinking of doing so, please contact Kris Domagala to get yourself added to the mailing list for BABB's members who are interested in ANHC.

It's also worth noting that ANHC will provide a free conference ticket to the winner of this year's QABC (or a refund if the winner already has a ticket).

ANAWBS 2012

The 33rd Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show will be held at the University of Adelaide on September 23rd, with entries for the competition closing on August 30th. Full details can be found online on the ANAWBS website: <http://www.anawbs.org.au>.



Amendments to BABB's Constitution

In the July edition of *BABB's News*, the Committee gave notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution, to be voted upon at the 2012 AGM.

One of the proposed amendments did not make it into the July newsletter, but was described at the July meeting. The full list of proposed amendments is reproduced below.

Rule 11(1)

Current text: *The management committee of the Brewers shall consist of a Brewmaster, Deputy Brewmaster, Secretary, Treasurer and Storeman all of whom shall be members of the Brewers, and such number of other members as the members of the Brewers at any general meeting may from time to time elect or appoint.*

Proposal: delete "Storeman".

Reason for deletion: With the current availability of an abundant selection of quality brewing grains, hops and brewing equipment at local brew shops and online the club store has outlived its usefulness.

Rule 11(3)(c)

Current text: *a list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconders' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the Brewers for at least 7 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting;*

Proposal: replace "shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the Brewers and included in the newsletter for at least 7 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting" with "shall be published in the newsletter preceding the annual general meeting".

Reason : The Brewers do not have an official office and do not own or lease a usual place of meeting that is accessible to club members apart from on the meeting night. The club newsletter is the official form of communication and is posted on the club's website.

Rule 15(3)

Current text: *At every meeting of the management committee a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and appointed to the management committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.*

Proposal: replace "a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and appointed to the management committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members," with "four members of the committee".

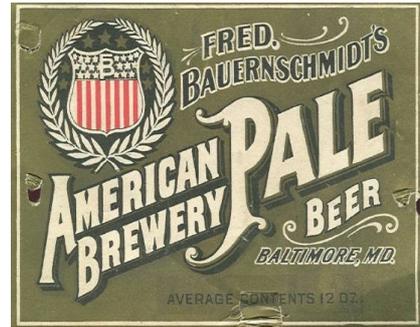
Reason: Management committee has been reduced to four members by the proposed amendment to Rule 11 (1).

Rule 27(9)

Current text: *All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present a report upon such audit to the secretary prior to the holding of the annual general meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.*

Proposal: replace both instances of "audit" with "review".

Reason: Due to changes in accounting regulations, the current definition of a full audit would be far too costly for the club to have undertaken. An independent review provides the club with the level of financial protection it needs without the unnecessary cost of a full audit.



Treasurer's report: July 2012

Income:	(cash/chq)	(dir. dep.)
Subscriptions:	\$ 225.00	\$1020.00
Raffle:	\$ 160.00	
Store:	\$ 30.00	
Comp fees:	\$ 177.00	\$ 27.00
Library:		\$ 17.00
Sub-totals:	\$ 592.00	\$1064.00

Total Income: \$1656.00

Expenses:	(cash)	(cheques)
Food:	\$ 49.00	
Rent:		\$ 70.00
Club badges:	\$ 14.00	
Comp costs:	\$ 48.00	
Prizes/Raffle:	\$ 70.00	
Sub-totals:	\$ 186.70	\$ 70.00

Total Expenses: \$ 256.70

Profit/Loss: \$1399.30

Bank Reconciliation for July 2012

Opening cashbook balance:	\$13513.11
Add Profit/Loss:	<u>\$1399.30</u>
Closing cashbook balance:	<u>\$14912.41</u>
Bank balance @ 31/Jul/12:	\$15120.41
Add outstanding deposits:	\$ 0.00
Less outstanding cheques:	<u>\$-208.00</u>
Reconciled bank balance:	<u>\$14912.41</u>



Tony Brown (left) and Ross Kenrick face-off to choose the BABB's Champion Beer for 2012.

Beer Factor

BABB's own beer-pioneer Damien Cooke was a contestant on Hahn's *Beer Factor*, which was broadcast on Channel GO this month. The programme featured beer geeks from around Australia pitching their ideas to "make beer drinking even more awesome" for a chance to win \$15,000 in prizemoney.

Damien's invention made the final of the series, but didn't quite sway the judges (who must have already consumed a little too much of the sponsor's product) for the major prize. Nevertheless, Damien's idea does have considerable merit, and you can see his entry video online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-O6rmySyNo>. I won't spoil it by describing Damien's idea here. Watch the video for yourself; it's hilarious.

July minutes

Brewmaster Welcome: Chaired by Kris Domagala.

Previous minutes: Approved.

Visitors: Rodney Burrows
Tom Locke
Sjon Wakeham
Wayne Gray

AGM: Members will be required to step up and nominate to fill the positions that will be available.

Annual comp: This Sunday (July 29). Judges/stewards required at Craftbrewer, Capalaba at 8am. Awards presented at the August meeting.



QABC: Entries due at Craftbrewer by 18th August. Judges & stewards required from the club for 2nd & 9th September. Awards dinner will be held the following Saturday (15th September), which will be open to all QAAWBG club members.

Mash Paddle Beers: On tap at Archive now, with a different one each week for the next 4 weeks.

First week is Florian, then Sim, James & Alex. Winner will go on tap again at Archive's Armakeggon event on 26th August and the Mash Paddle Award will be presented at the August meeting.

ANHC Reminder: Melbourne, 25-27th October. Speakers include John Palmer, Matt Brynildson (Firestone Walker brewery) and Stu McKinlay (Yeastie Boys).

Tickets on sale now from www.anhc.com.au. Most of the conference will take place at the William Angliss Institute on the corner of King and La Trobe Streets.

Qld Beer Week Wrap-up: The inaugural Queensland Beer Week was by all accounts a success, with most of the ticket-only events selling out in advance and other general admission events being well attended. The Scratch Bar had their biggest ever day on the homebrew tap takeover, with all winning beers selling out by 6pm.

Treasurer's report: Latest report in the newsletter. Annual report due to be reviewed shortly and presented at the AGM.

Subs now overdue.

Thanks to all who have renewed, including club founder and first Brewmaster, Ernie Melville.

Secretary's report: Notice of constitution amendments proposal.

In addition to the amendments already posted in the July newsletter, there is one more to be added for bringing the terminology for financial reporting and checking up to date. Notice for voting on amendments will go out before the AGM in accordance with the constitution.

Librarian's update: No new books this month, but new BYO & Zymurgy issues.

Storeman's update: Club shirts available for \$30.

Chief Steward's update: Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time for the club championships.

No mini-comp next month, but Lagers & Pilsners mini-comp in September [*Now likely to be moved to October to accommodate a guest speaker at the September meeting, - Ed*].

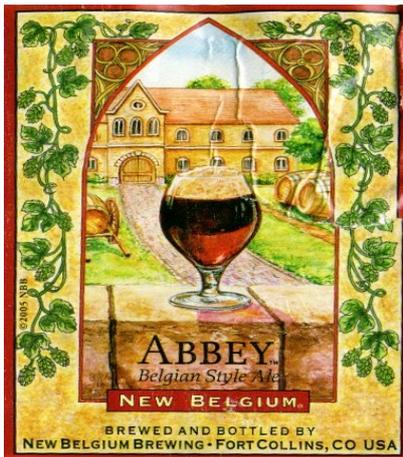
Lead into Belgian & Farmhouse Ales mini-comp.

Home Festival Homebrew Comp

The Home Festival (originally scheduled to run during Queensland Beer Week) will now be held at Raymond Park, Kangaroo Point this Saturday, August 25th.

The Festival includes a homebrew competition, which can be entered on the day of the event. More details can be found at <http://www.home-festival.com/for-the-big-ones/>.





2012 Subscriptions

Many thanks to those members who have already renewed for the 2012/13 financial year. Members who are yet to renew are reminded that subscriptions for the 2012/13 financial year fell due on July 1st.

Details of how to renew your membership have been posted on the announce mailing list and can also be obtained from Mark Davies (treasurer@babbrewers.com).

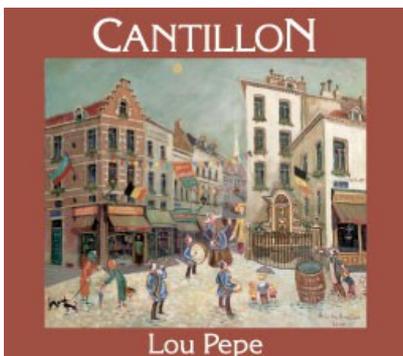
Members must be financial in order to vote at the AGM, to receive prizes from club competitions, to retain their access to the club website and library, and to continue receiving *BABB's News*.

Members who are not intending to renew their membership are requested to contact Mark Davies to let the Committee know whether there are any specific issues that the club could address.

Drinking Wisdom

Milk is for babies. When you grow up, you have to drink beer.

– Arnold Schwarzenegger



July Mini-comp

The Belgian and Farmhouse Ales mini-comp received 16 entries, with Damien Cooke's Fruit Lambic coming out on top with 45 points. Gavin Lovett (38pts), Paul Melloy (37pts), Kris Domagala (36.5pts) and Troy Parker (36pts) filled the minor placings.

Here's Damien's winning recipe:

Name: Ponte Vecchio Lambic	Type: All Grain
Brewing Date: 30/07/2011	Boil Size: 25.25 l
Boil Time: 90 min	End of Boil Volume: 21.84 l
Brewhouse Efficiency: 75.00 %	Final Bottling Volume: 21.00 l
Est Original Gravity: 1.062	Measured Original Gravity: 1.054
Est Final Gravity: 1.014	Measured Final Gravity: 1.010
Estimated Alcohol by Vol: 6.2 %	Actual Alcohol by Vol: 5.8 %
Bitterness: 0.0 IBUs	Est Color: 7.8 EBC

Ingredients:

0.60kg Rice Hulls (0.0 EBC)
 3.40kg Pilsner, 2 Row (3.9 EBC)
 2.26kg Wheat, Flaked (3.2 EBC)
 90g Elsassa [0%], Boil 90.0 min
 1.16 Whirlfloc Tablet, Boil 15 mins
 1.0 pkg Belgian Lambic Blend Yeast (Wyeast Labs #3278) [125ml]
 1.0 pkg SafAle English Ale Yeast (DCL #S-04) [25 ml]
 1.16 tsp Yeast Nutrient (Primary 3 days)

Mash Profile: Double Infusion, Medium Body

Total Grain Weight: 6.26 kg	Sparge Water: 5.77 l at 95 C
Grain Temperature: 22.2 C	Sparge Temperature: 75.6 C
Tun Temperature: 22.2 C	Mash PH: 5.20

Mash Steps:

Name	Description	Temp	Step Time
Protein Rest	Add 11.75 l of water at 55.6 C	50.0 C	30 min
Saccharification	Add 8.00 l of water at 91.5 C	65.0 C	45 min
Dextrine Rest	Add 6.00 l of water at 88.4 C	70.0 C	30 min
Mash Out Decoct	4.97 l of mash and boil it	75.0 C	2 min

Mash Notes: Double step infusion - for medium body beers requiring a protein rest. Used primarily in beers high in unmodified grains or adjuncts.

Carbonation: Used sugar to bottle condition for a month prior to comp.

Stuck fly sparge, so batch sparged. Added 1/3 cup of pilsner DME to compensate.

Hop flowers caused an abortion of a kettle blockage, so strained and poured and did a whole bunch of unsanitary stuff. Uncool. Thank god it is a funky sour beer!

1/8/11 Fermented with US-05 Ale yeast at 21 degrees for 2 weeks FG:1.010 when racked 14/8/11

Racked into glass carboy with Lambic Blend. Added WELL boiled and rinsed 30g of French oak 27/8/11.

Added various dregs of Lambic beers to this carboy about October (Cantillon, Boon etc etc)

4/1/12 added semi frozen 2kgs of Raspberries.

30/1/12 SG 1.005 tastes pretty damn good. Not massively sour, but got a really great lambic sour tang to it. Smells great and funky! Awesome!

21/5/12 Really good funky taste.. V lambic 5.5 brix

25/5/12 Added 2kg of thawed raspberries... bammm

2/6/12 Had a pretty bad blow off, so bottled a 750ml of lambic, let it settle and strained a few weeks later into a sugar primed bottle.

11/6/12 Added another 1 kg of raspberries. Also bottled another strained 750ml bottle. This was the winning bottle, so it conditioned for a month and a half.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRISBANE AMATEUR BEER BREWERS

SCOPE

I have audited the attached financial reports of The Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers (affiliated with the Queensland Association of Amateur Wine and Beer Makers Guilds Inc.), comprising the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended on 30 June 2012 and the Balance Sheet as at that date.

The financial reports have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under their constitution. My audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether these accounts are free from material misstatement.

AUDIT REPORT

As with most organizations of this nature, a proportion of income is only recorded on receipt, and cannot therefore be totally confirmed. This report is limited to an opinion on the books and records as presented to me. With these qualifications, in my opinion, the accounts present fairly the financial position of The Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operations for the period ended on that date.

R.H.Hedge FCA

4 August 2012

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the members' constitution. The Committee of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 "Definition of a Reporting Entity", and therefore as there is no requirement to apply specific accounting concepts or standards in the preparation and presentation of these statements, none have been adopted intentionally.

Income and expenditure are recognised in the accounting period to which they relate, with amounts raised as debtors or creditors where outstanding or prepaid at balance date. The statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost accounting, and stock has been reported at the lower of cost or realisable value.

Note 2: Public Liability Insurance

The association's public liability insurance is provided via membership of The Queensland Association of Amateur Wine and Beer Makers Guilds Inc.

Note 3: Statement of Mortgages, Charges, and Securities

The Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers, as an unincorporated association, does not own real property, and hence has no mortgages, charges or securities thereon.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee, the accompanying accounts properly represent the financial position of The Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers as at 30 June 2012 and the results for the period ended on that date. This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Deputy Brewmaster: David Clarke

Treasurer: Mark Davies

Dated: 4 August 2012

Profit and Loss Account Year Ended 30 June 2012

Income	2012	2011
Subscriptions and Meetings	5,140.00	5,202.00
Raffles	1,701.70	1,272.00
Library	147.00	86.00
Competition Fees	1708.00	1,532.00
Sponsorship		1,962.10
Other Income		55.00
	<u>\$ 8,696.70</u>	<u>\$ 10,109.10</u>

		2012		2011	
Store Trading Account					
Sales			139.50		235.50
<u>Less</u>	Cost of Sales				
	Opening Stock	177.40		299.20	
	Purchases			63.00	
	Closing stock	- 52.80	- 124.60	- 177.40	- 184.80
	Store Surplus		- 14.90		50.70

Expenses	2012	2011
Meeting - Food and Drinks	1,195.40	766.15
Hall Rent	770.00	940.00
Badges / Certificates / Trophies	429.48	647.33
Annual Competition - Prizes	2,500.00	3,969.89
- Costs		57.46
QAAWBG Subscriptions	650.00	650.00
Eagle Heights Brewery trip		558.25
Sunshine Coast Brewery trip		812.31
Raffle	365.00	
Bank Fees		20.00
Speaker Costs		503.00
ANHC		435.00
Barrel Project	186.25	491.01
Other Expenses	227.30	160.21
	<u>\$ 6,323.43</u>	<u>\$ 10,010.61</u>
Net profit	<u>\$ 2,388.17</u>	<u>\$ 149.19</u>

**Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2012**

Current Assets	2012	2011
Bank	13,513.11	7,585.34
Cash on Hand	206.00	206.00
Stock	52.80	177.40
Debtors		400.00
	<u>13,771.91</u>	<u>8,368.74</u>

Current Liabilities	2012	2011
Creditors	2,420.00	420.00
Subscriptions in Advance	1,966.00	951.00
	<u>4,386.00</u>	<u>1,371.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 9,385.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,997.74</u>

Members Equity	2012	2011
Opening Funds	6,997.74	6,848.55
Profit for Year	2,388.17	149.19
Closing Funds	<u>\$ 9,385.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,997.74</u>