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New Committee

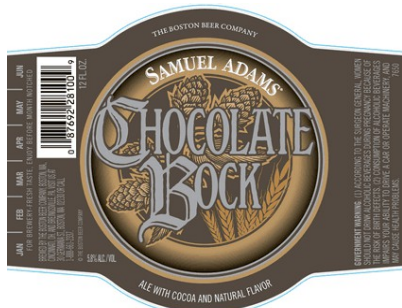
With several committee members needing to stand down, this year's AGM saw some new faces joining the BABB's Committee. Contact details for the 2012/13 Committee can be found above.

The new Committee would like to thank outgoing members Neil Silvester, Ben Connery, Chris Ossowski, David Clarke and Tony Brown for their hard work for the club over the past year.

BABB's Champion Beer at the Spotted Cow

As part of the Milking The Cow Festival, the Spotted Cow in Toowoomba chose Kris Domagala's Robust Chocolate Porter as the winning beer in their Porter Homebrew Competition. A fifty-litre keg of Kris's winning brew will go on tap at the Spotted Cow this Saturday.

This is the same beer that won the Champion Beer title at the BABB's Annual Competition, and is sure to sell out fast. If you fancy a roadtrip this weekend, a visit to the Spotted Cow would be a great way to show your support for our new Brewmaster.



David Clarke receives the BABB's Champion Brewer trophy from outgoing Chief Steward Tony Brown at the August meeting. Photo: Kris Domagala.

No Longer the Bridesmaid

Hearty congratulations to David Clarke who won the Champion Brewer title in this year's BABB's Annual Competition and the Champion Beer award in the QABC.

Those who have been around the club for a while will know that Dave has come perilously close to claiming both of these titles in recent years, and also that he has put a lot of time into the club behind the scenes as a Committee member, as Chief Steward for this year's QABC, and in pursuing BJCP certification for club members.

These accolades are a just reward, not only for Dave's brewing skills, but also for his dedication to the club. Very well done Dave!

September Meeting

The next BABB's meeting will be held this Thursday, September the 27th.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned talk by the folks from Burleigh Brewing has had to be postponed. Instead, the club will be running a hands-on beer flaws tasting session, where we'll get to taste how common flaws change the taste of some familiar brews. This exercise will be a good opportunity to hone our beer judging skills, particularly for those with ambitions for BJCP certification.



August minutes

Brewmaster Welcome: Meeting chaired by David Clarke.

Previous minutes: Approved.

Visitors: Pat Barnes
Aaron Ellul
Matt Glanville
Mat Woolnough
Ben Kmita
Aaron Fogel
Jon Dake

New Members: Aydan Rogers
Cameron Morrison
Jiri Suk

QABC: Registration completed Tuesday - 263 entries. Hope to get it all done on 2nd September. Judges & Stewards still required.

Members to wear name tags.

Presentation dinner 15th September at Yamanto. BABBs to supply bus. Raffle tickets - see Mark Davies if able to support.

ANAWBS Comp: Entries due 30th August (next week). Details in email and newsletter.

Home Festival Competition: Postponed to 25th August (this Saturday). Details in email and newsletter.

September and October Meetings: Brennan from Burleigh Brewing will be presenting at the September meeting. The Pilsner/Lager mini comp that was scheduled for the September meeting will now be held at the October meeting.

As a number of members will be attending the ANHC on the scheduled date of the October meeting, that meeting will now take place on the third Thursday of October, ie, 18th.

IBD Judging Course: 8th October in

Brisbane for \$120. See David Clarke if interested.

Treasurer's report: Accounts as per newsletter. Approved.

2012 AGM minutes

Brewmaster Welcome: Meeting chaired by David Clarke as Acting Brewmaster.

Previous minutes: Not available.

Brewmaster's Report: Review of last year's club activities and future possibilities.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed financial report, as per August Newsletter. The club is in a sound financial position.

Vote on Constitution Changes: Rule 11(1), Rule 11(3)(c), Rule 15(3), Rule 27(9).

All proposed amendments as per August Newsletter were passed unanimously.

Appoint independent Chairman: Special thanks to Ross Kenrick for standing in as Independent Chairman.

Election of Office Bearers:

Brewmaster: Kris Domagala.
Nominated by David Clarke, 2nd by Mark Davies.

Deputy Brewmaster: Angus Rich.
Nominated by Ben Connery, 2nd by David Clarke.

Secretary: Alex Hyde.
Nominated by Kris Domagala, 2nd by Ben Connery.

Treasurer: Mark Davies
Nominated by Jason McDonald, 2nd by Howard Mullins.

Cheif Steward: Geoff Tewierik.
Nominated by David Clarke, 2nd by Kris Domagala.

Librarian: Howard Mullins.
Nominated by Mark Davies, 2nd by Jason McDonald.

Webmaster: Ed Schache.
Nominated by Ben Connery, 2nd by Kris Domagala.

Editor: Jason McDonald.
Nominated by Howard Mullins, 2nd by Chris Ossowski.

Providore: Harry Roberts.
Nominated by Chris Ossowski, 2nd by David Clarke.

Brewmaster Resumes Chair: AGM Resumed by Kris Domagala.

Special thanks to the outgoing committee members; David Clarke, Ben Connery, Tony Brown, Chris Ossowski and Neil Silvester.



A bird's-eye view of the QABC judging day on September 2nd.

QABC 2012 Results

The QABC and QAAWBG beer competitions were combined for the first time this year, with BABB's looking after the co-ordination of the event for the fourth time.

The competition received 263 entries from around Queensland, exactly the same number of entries as in 2011. The number of brewers represented increased however, from 42 brewers in 2011 to 54 this year.

BABB's members were very successful in this year's competition, with the club retaining the QAAWBG Champion Club title by a significant margin and taking the top two places for the Champion Brewer title.

All placegetters in this competition have earned the right to enter their beers into the national AABC comp, for which entries are due in Melbourne by October 13th – see <http://www.aabc.org.au> for entry details.

A summary of the QABC results appears below, with BABB's members shown in bold, and full results can be found online at www.qabc.org.au.

Class 01: LOW ALCOHOL

1 st	Simeon Bonetti	44.50	Gold
2 nd	Gerrard Connors	42.50	Silver
3 rd	Andrew Mahony	38.50	Silver

Class 02: PALE LAGER - 14 entries

1 st	Greg Hooper	41.50	Silver
2 nd	Brett Cavanagh-Ochiai	38.50	Silver
3 rd	Ernie Butler	36.50	Bronze

Class 03: PILSENER - 15 entries

1 st	Lyll Cottam	39.00	Silver
2 nd	Simeon Bonetti	38.50	Silver
3 rd	Simeon Bonetti	38.25	Silver

Class 04: AMBER & DARK LAGER - 11 entries

1 st	Greg Hooper	45.00	Gold
2 nd	Ralph Devoil	42.50	Silver
3 rd	Brett Cavanagh-Ochiai	40.75	Silver

Class 05: STRONG LAGER - 5 entries

1 st	Kris Domagala	40.00	Silver
2 nd	Christopher McMullin	34.25	Bronze
3 rd	Florian Loehr	24.00	

Class 06: PALE ALE - 11 entries

1 st	Andrew Mahony	42.00	Silver
2 nd	Brett Cavanagh-Ochiai	40.00	Silver
3 rd	Simeon Bonetti	39.50	Silver

Class 07: AMERICAN PALE ALE - 22 entries

1 st	Rodney Lock	41.00	Silver
2 nd	David Clarke	39.50	Silver
3 rd	Matthew Fender	39.00	Silver

Class 08: BITTER ALE - 23 entries

1 st	David Clarke	38.50	Silver
2 nd	Grant Gilmore	37.00	Bronze
3 rd	Andrew Mahony	34.50	Bronze

Class 09: BROWN ALE - 16 entries

1 st	Kris Domagala	40.50	Silver
2 nd	Grant Gilmore	38.00	Silver
3 rd	Michael O'Shea	36.25	Bronze

Class 10: PORTER - 11 entries

1 st	Robert Reynolds	34.50	Bronze
2 nd	Matt Thompson	34.00	Bronze
3 rd	Andrew Mahony	32.75	Bronze

Class 11: STOUT - 17 entries

1 st	Simeon Bonetti	37.50	Bronze
2 nd	Ernie Butler	37.00	Bronze
3 rd	David Colville	36.75	Bronze

Class 12: STRONG STOUT - 14 entries

1 st	Ian Brooks	38.25	Silver
2 nd	David Colville	37.25	Bronze
3 rd	Dean Tummers	37.00	Bronze

Class 13: INDIA PALE ALE - 20 entries

1 st	David Colville	43.25	Silver
2 nd	David Colville	43.00	Silver
3 rd	Gerrard Connors	41.00	Silver

Class 14: STRONG ALE - 8 entries

1 st	David Clarke	43.50	Silver
2 nd	Andrew Mahony	35.25	Bronze
3 rd	James Newell	31.25	Bronze

Class 15: BELGIAN STRONG ALE - 12 entries

1 st	Stephen Staples	41.25	Silver
2 nd	Danny Fuller	39.50	Silver
3 rd	David Clarke	36.25	Bronze

Class 16: WHEAT & RYE - 9 entries

1 st	Florian Loehr	40.25	Silver
2 nd	Florian Loehr	39.25	Silver
3 rd	Greg Hooper	38.00	Silver

Class 17: FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER - 10 entries

1 st	Greame Starke	38.00	Silver
2 nd	Campbell Ritchie	37.50	Bronze
3 rd	Ralph Devoil	34.50	Bronze

Class 18: SPECIALTY - 30 entries

1 st	Stephen Staples	40.00	Silver
2 nd	John Buhse	39.00	Silver
3 rd	Florian Loehr	37.00	Bronze

Champion Beer

David Clarke English Barley Wine

Champion Kit Beer

John Buhse Smoked Schwarzbier

Champion Novice Beer

Brett Cavanagh-Ochiai Marzen

Champion Brewer

Simeon Bonetti (on countback from **David Clarke**)

Champion Club

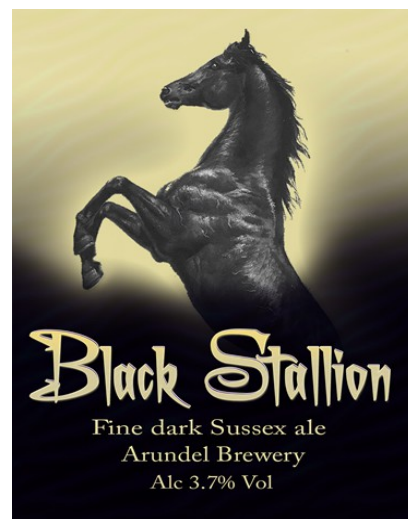
1 st	BABB's	41pts
2 nd	PUBS	17pts
3 rd	LABG	2pts

Treasurer's report: August 2012

Income:	(cash/chq)	(dir. dep.)
Subscriptions:		\$ 935.00
Raffle:	\$ 182.00	
Sponsorship:		\$ 40.00
Sub-totals:	\$ 182.00	\$ 975.00
Total Income:		\$1157.00
Expenses:	(cash)	(cheques)
Food:	\$ 49.00	
Rent:		\$ 70.00
Certificates/trophies:		\$ 218.54
Comp costs:		\$ 100.00
Comp Prizes:		\$ 380.00
QAA Subs:		\$ 605.00
Audit:	\$ 54.00	
Sub-totals:	\$ 103.00	\$1373.54
Total Expenses:		\$1476.54
Profit/Loss:		\$-319.54

Bank Reconciliation for August 2012

Opening cashbook balance:	\$14912.41
Add Profit/Loss:	\$-319.54
Closing cashbook balance:	<u>\$14592.87</u>
Bank balance @ 31/Aug/12:	\$16104.41
Add outstanding deposits:	\$ 0.00
Less outstanding cheques:	<u>\$-1511.54</u>
Reconciled bank balance:	<u>\$14592.87</u>



BABB's Annual Comp Results

A summary of the awards, as announced at the August club meeting is shown below.

Please contact the Committee if you have not yet received your scoresheets or certificates.

Class 1: Wheat and Rye - 5 entries

1 st	Florian Loehr	36.00	Bronze
2 nd	Cary MacDonald	34.00	Bronze
3 rd	Florian Loehr	30.66	Bronze

Class 2: Pilsner / Lager - 12 entries

1 st	Florian Loehr	40.50	Silver
2 nd	Ralph Devoil	40.25	Silver
3 rd	Kris Domagala	36.25	Bronze

Class 3: Pale and Bitter Ale - 7 entries

1 st	David Clarke	41.00	Silver
2 nd	Mark Davies	38.33	Silver
3 rd	Ralph Devoil	36.00	Bronze

Class 4: American Ale - 10 entries

1 st	Angus Rich	43.83	Silver
2 nd	Gerard Connors	37.33	Bronze
3 rd	Chris Moss	35.66	Bronze

Class 5: Amber and Dark Ale - 8 entries

1 st	David Clarke	40.33	Silver
2 nd	Mark Davies	39.33	Silver
3 rd	Gerard Connors	36.33	Bronze

Class 6: Stouts and Porter - 11 entries

1 st	Kris Domagala	42.00	Silver
2 nd	Ryan Felstead	37.00	Bronze
3 rd	Ed Schache	36.50	Bronze

Class 7: Strong Ale - 3 entries

1 st	David Clarke	44.66	Silver
2 nd	Angus Rich	44.33	Silver
3 rd	Nick Barnes	37.00	Bronze

Class 8: Belgian and Farmhouse Ales - 4 entries

1 st	Gerard Connors	40.66	Silver
2 nd	Mark Davies	31.33	Bronze
3 rd	Angus Rich	30.66	Bronze

Class 9: Specialty - 7 entries

1 st	Gerard Connors	40.83	Silver
2 nd	Steven Wharton	38.66	Silver
3 rd	Kris Domagala	33.66	Bronze

Champion Beer:

Kris Domagala Robust Porter

Champion Novice Beer:

Mark Davies Mild

Champion Brewer:

David Clarke 9pts
(on countback from Gerard Connors)

Asia's Growing Thirst for Beer

BBC News Singapore, 6 September 2012

Beer has been brewed in Asia for 7,000 years but it's only in the past few years that it has overtaken Europe and the Americas to become the biggest beer-drinking continent. It's also the fastest growing beer market - a sign of a young, upwardly mobile, and increasingly hedonistic population.

Even on a weekday night, the Lau Pa Sat street restaurants in Singapore's business district have a party atmosphere. Part of the street is blocked off with patrons sitting in the open air, engulfed in the smoke from several satay grills.

Hungry office workers, families and tourists are in a feeding frenzy, as a live band plays pop songs and waitresses whizz by balancing five jugs of beer at a time.

"For spicy food if you've got an ice cold beer, that is really nice," says Ben, a visitor from Hong Kong, as his wife and kids dig into an array of delicacies on their table.

He also has another reason for his chosen drink: "It's the weather, it's very very hot." A typical daytime temperature at the moment is 31C (88F), and in the evening 27 or 28C (81-82F).

Although this part of the world is not particularly renowned for making beer, increasing amounts are being drunk.

Per head of population, Asia is still far behind Europe.

The Czech Republic is top of Euromonitor's list of per capita drinking nations - with 174 litres (306 pints) per person of legal drinking age in 2011 - followed by Ireland and seven other European countries. South Africa comes 10th and the US 11th. Japan is the first Asian country on the list, in 41st place, with 64 litres per year.

But taken as a whole, Asia overtook Europe and the Americas in 2007. In 2011 it drank 67bn litres of beer, to the Americas' 57bn and 51bn in Europe, according to Euromonitor.

What's more, as developed markets such as Europe, the US and Australia stagnate, Euromonitor forecasts that beer consumption (by volume) will grow by 4.8% in Asia Pacific every year between 2011 and 2016.

Part of the reason is Asia's growing and young population. But experts say it also stems from the increase in prosperity in many Asian countries in recent years.

"Beer has a clearer correlation with strong economic growth," says Nirgunan Tiruchelvam, a consumer research analyst from Standard Chartered.

"People tend to drink beer in times of growth. They drink spirits when times are good and when times are bad."

During the great depression in the 1930s, beer consumption plummeted, he says, while spirits weren't much affected.

This looks to be in line with how beer is marketed around the world with slogans such as the "King of Good Times" for India's Kingfisher beer.

"It could be the fizz factor," says Mr Tiruchelvam, "It's the same element as a soft drink. When people are enjoying themselves they go for beer."

"Not many spirit products are seen in that hedonistic light."

It's China that is chiefly responsible for Asia's rise to the top of the international beer-drinking league. In almost every country, it seems, beer sales take off when a certain level of prosperity is reached. In China this happened in the 1980s and 1990s. It overtook the US in 2003.



It is also now the world's biggest beer producer, brewing 44bn litres in 2010, followed by the US (23bn litres), Brazil (12bn litres) and Russia (10bn litres). Snow, a Chinese lager, is globally the top selling beer brand, according to market specialists Plato Logic, even though it's not really drunk anywhere outside of China.

But the countries with the biggest growth prospects in the region are Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, where Euromonitor forecasts that volumes drunk will grow at up to 9% per year between 2011 and 2016.

Not everyone regards this a good thing. It's often attributed, in this part of the world, to growing Western influence.

In Singapore, which imposes a very high "sin tax" on alcohol to discourage excessive drinking, being drunk in public is punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and up to a month in prison.

But an article in the Singapore Medical Journal in July noted with alarm that alcohol consumption in the country was fast approaching levels in the US - doubling between 1992 and 2004.

Binge drinking "already an epidemic in many Western countries", it added, was on the rise. The paper's recommendations included the creation of a national body to address problem drinking, and limits on alcohol advertising.

None of this appears yet to be deterring Singapore's drinkers. One recent trend, though, is a greater appetite for more expensive beers.

"A more affluent population will go for the exotic, more interesting tastes available in premium beer," says Goh Han Peng, who studies consumer products for DMG and Partners Securities.

In the Arab Street area of Singapore, the iconic two-storey shops have almost all been converted to trendy restaurants and bars.

That's where Dennis Chan co-owns Wit Bier cafe, which imports labels mainly from Belgium, Germany and Australia. He says he's confident that

the demand for foreign and smaller volume beer will grow greatly because it gives people a taste of something different.

"They have a choice," he says, over a pint of Warsteiner. Instead of the ubiquitous Carlsberg, or Singapore's own Tiger beer, "they might say I want a wheat beer, I want a pilsner, I want a fruit beer."

Microbrewers as well as importers have come into vogue. Scott Baczek, an American brewer at the Pump Room bar and restaurant, makes four beers year-round - lager, ale, india pale ale and wheat ale - and one additional seasonal beer.

He sees the burgeoning of beer in South-East Asia as a big opportunity.

"If you're sitting outside on a sweltering Singapore Sunday afternoon, you will most likely want something thirst-quenching, light in body, with a dry, crisp finish - probably not an imperial stout, more likely a light, crisp lager," he says.

But he has noted that the "local palate" is a diverse one - providing brewers with a wide range of possibilities to explore.

Munich's Brewers Need Bottles and Kegs for Oktoberfest

www.npr.org, 6 September 2012.

German beer drinkers are eagerly awaiting Sept. 22, when the first Oktoberfest beer barrel will be tapped in Munich and two weeks of revelry begin. But when that happens, they might want to drink up — because the city's brewers are worried they won't be able to supply enough beer for the massive party and its huge beer tents.

The brewers aren't out of beer — there's plenty of that to go around, they say. The trouble is that makers of beers like Paulaner and Hacker-Pschorr don't have enough bottles to supply the festival. In some cases, they've fallen tens of thousands of bottles behind their production schedule. Others say their kegs are in short supply.

The situation led Heiner Mueller of the Paulaner and Hacker-Pschorr brewery to appear in Munich's *TZ* newspaper.

"Dear Munichers — bring back your crates," he said, according to the German news site The Local. "We need our empties!"

The reason for the shortage is simple: People have been drinking a lot of beer in Munich lately. The spike in consumption is being blamed on some really nice weather the city's been having at the end of summer.

As we reported in 2011, 7.5 million liters of beer were served at Munich's Oktoberfest last year. And of course, much of it is consumed in the festival's famous steins, the large mugs that hold draft beer.

Because the brewers wash and reuse their bottles over and over — as many as 50 times, according to *TZ* — they rely on their customers to turn them back in. That hasn't been happening quickly enough to let beer-makers build up the supplies they need.

"We're tens of thousands of bottles short," said Stefan Hempl of the Hofbrau brewery.

The Local describes what, for some, would be a nightmare scenario:

"The crisis has led to Hofbrau prioritizing its two most popular beers — Helles and Wiesnbier. 'At the moment we could have a situation where we don't have any dark beer for a few days,' said Hempl, sending a chill down many Bavarian spines."

Even the big boys like Spaten and Lowenbrau — both of them owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev — are feeling the squeeze. Those breweries say they're running out of kegs.

