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Editorial

Welcome to my last edition of *BABB's News*, two years as editor being complete. The August meeting is the AGM, so all committee positions will be declared vacant and open for nominations from the members. Having served four years on the committee, I feel it is time to stand aside and let someone with new ideas and interests come on board. I urge all who have the time, commitment and energy to consider standing.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, whether it be an interesting web link, photos or a four page article. Please support our new editor by keeping up a steady stream of submissions – the newsletter doesn't write itself!

August meeting

The 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held at Lynndon Bowls Club, 47 Galsworthy St, Holland Park West on the evening of Thursday, August the 24th. Doors open at 7:30PM, with meeting and AGM formalities starting at 8:00PM.

Following the AGM formalities, we will be holding the traditional international beers night, featuring a range of fine English ales selected this year by the van den Bergh brothers.

We will be accepting entries for the **QAAWBG State Championship** at the meeting. Members entering the state competition should bring along their entries, entry fees and paperwork.



Glory for a winner

The Courier-Mail

Rory Gibson

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KEN Wieden used to race motorbikes. He still has a Suzuki 250cc racing rocket in his garage, sitting alongside the Triumph 900cc road bike the 52-year-old rolls out for his more sedate Sunday runs.



There are few things that can beat the thrill of sitting on a powerful motorbike and hurling it round a racetrack at speed, Wieden, from Yeronga in Brisbane, says.

Last week, however, when one of his home brews took out the champion beer title at the Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers annual awards, the joy he experienced came close.

In all things, winning is good. The back slaps, handshakes and admiring comments from your peers make it worthwhile, especially at these types of competitions, as you get to drink the entries afterwards. Much more fun than a cheese judging.

But for Wieden, the title this year means much more. It comes with a dream prize.

His beer will now be taken to the brewery at the Oxford 152 pub in Bulimba and turned into commercial brew, to be sold over the bar.

"It is pretty exciting," Wieden says. "It is the award everyone wanted to win."

His champion beer was an American-style pale ale, which he modelled after Little Creatures Pale Ale.

"I tried to replicate Little Creatures but mine came out smoother. Little Creatures is a lot more bitter than my pale ale," Wieden says.

That he won the big prize with the pale ale is remarkable for several reasons, not the least being it was the most hotly contested category.

Of the 130 entries across eight classes, about 22 of them fought for pale ale honours.

And while Wieden entered 12 different beers in seven classes (each brewer could enter two brews in each class), his pale ale was little more than a stab in the dark.

"My specialty is pilseners. But the quality of my recent brews has not been good, mainly because I have been experimenting with them too much," Wieden says.

"So I thought I would try something different, and decided on a pale ale, even though I hadn't made one for about a year."

So off he went to copy Little Creatures. When it was ready for drinking he took a swig and was happy with the results. "I knew it was good but I didn't think it would win."

He thought the man whose beer would come frothing out of the taps at Oxford 152 would be Michael Mowbray, the BABB club's web master. Michael was featured in this column a few weeks back in a story on the build-up to the awards and the quest for the grand prize.

"When I tried his pilsener I said to myself 'wow, that's the winner'. In the end there was only half a point between us," Wieden says.

They are a supportive bunch, the amateur brewing crowd, and if Mowbray was disappointed at not snaring the big one, you would never detect it.

He took out some nifty titles as consolation – Champion Novice and Champion Brewer and, indeed, his pilsener did win the gold medal in its class.

"The big surprise this year was the number of kit beers which did very well," Mowbray says. There were 13 entries and seven of them received medals, including a gold and two silvers. "That's really encouraging for new members and novices. Often people won't enter the competitions because they think they need years of experience before they stand a chance," Mowbray says.

The other interesting statistic to emerge was the number of different winners.

"The competition just gets stronger every year, and the standard is getting higher," Wieden says. "In the past, one brewer has usually dominated, winning a majority of classes. This year there was a different winner in every class."

That may be because everyone was busting a gut to win the prize that Wieden will now savour.



He was last week busily compiling his recipe to give to Brennan Fielding, the brewmaster at Oxford 152.

Wieden and Fielding will start on the brew in a week or two, and customers at the popular southside bar will be able to order a schooner of Wieden Pale Ale by early September.

Kölsch mini-comp results

Rank	Name	Score
1	Colin Weaver	23
2	Ken Wieden	22
3	Ernie Melville	20
4	Leo van den Bergh	19
4	Lyll Cottam	19
6	Scott Macqueen	18.5
7	Laurie Brace	18
8	Allan Ryan	14.5
9	Paul Hoepper	8.5
10	Jason McDonald	8

Jason's beer was clearly out of style, and was harshly judged as such, but was actually a very nice brown ale. He later confirmed that his unlabeled bottle was probably a sample of his dark ale.

Club yeast bank

With **no samples yet received**, John Kennedy wishes to remind members that the BABB yeast bank is now open for business. When ordering White Labs tubes, please remember to have them sent to John for culturing. Anyone donating to the yeast bank will receive a rebate of \$5.

The instructions for culturing from a slant will be provided with each culture purchased.

Because the slants are temperature fragile, John will only bring to the meeting cultures that brewers have pre-ordered on 3851 2332 or emailing johnk@readybake.com.au

Members who wish to donate a yeast culture to the club should have their White Labs order posted to John Kennedy, Ready Bake, PO Box 440, Virginia BC, Qld, 4014. John will take a very small sample for culturing, then store the tube under refrigerated conditions and bring it to the next meeting to return to the owner.

Please support John by donating cultures and ordering slants.

Treasurer's report for July 2006

Income:		
Members fees:	\$	162.00
Guests' fees:	\$	30.00
Subs:	\$	530.00
Store:	\$	60.55
Competition fees:	\$	26.00
Comp BBQ fees:	\$	285.00
Total Income:	\$1093.55	
Expenses: (cash) (cheque)		
Snacks:	\$	41.75
Rent:	\$	70.00
Store -hops:	\$	76.20
Bank Fees:	\$	10.00
Mini-comp prizes:	\$	26.95
Glasses:	\$	61.38
Name badges:	\$	35.85
Postage:	\$	3.70
Photocopies:	\$	9.35
Deposit BBQ:		\$200.00
Sub-totals:	\$117.60	\$417.18
Total Expenses:	\$535.18	

Beg. Float:	\$	150.00
Plus Income:	\$	1093.55
Less Cash Expenses:	\$	117.60
Equals Total:	\$	1125.95
Less Float:	\$	150.00
Equals Banking:	\$	975.95
Actual Banking:	\$	975.95
Equals Variance:	\$	0.00

Bank Reconciliation for July 2006

Opening cashbook balance:	\$	2083.77
Add Income:	\$	1093.55
Less Expenses:	\$	<u>535.18</u>
Equals closing cashbook balance:	\$	<u>2642.14</u>
Bank Balance @ 31/Jul/2006:	\$	2912.14
Plus outstanding deposits:	\$	0.00
Less outstanding cheques::		
Chq 453:	\$	70.00
Chq 454:	\$	200.00
	\$	<u>2642.14</u>

Overdue subscriptions

Paul Hoepper advises that \$450 worth of subscriptions are still owed the club from members who have not yet renewed. If your subscription is overdue, and you cannot attend the August meeting, please contact the Treasurer to arrange payment.



June minutes

Meeting Opened: 8:09PM

Chaired by: Scott Macqueen
Apologies: Ernie Melville
Bill Gofton
Peter Buchanan
Mark Davies

Members Present: recorded by treasurer. See treasurer's book.

Visitors: Ross Kenrick
Steve Catchpoole
Graham
Jye

Previous minutes: Certified as a true and correct record.

Moved: John Thorp
Seconded: Adrian Levi

New members: Ben Connery

Inward correspondence: none

Outward correspondence: none

Business arising from correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance: \$2083.77

Moved: Colin Weaver
Seconded: Adrian Levi

General Business: Stewards for annual competition: Howard Mullins, Allan Ryan, Colin Weaver, Adrian Levi (chief steward), Jason McDonald and Barry Ward.

General Business: Entries for the State Championship will be accepted at the August meeting. Ken is organizing delivery of BABB entries to Laidley.

General Business: Members wishing to enter the National Competition should go to their website:

<http://www.anawbs.org.au>

All information required to enter may be found on their website.

Meeting Closed: 8:32PM

2005 Annual

Competition Results

This year's annual competition was the best I have yet attended, with a record number of entries and a wonderful venue courtesy of our host Simon Frankland.

A total of 21 entrants submitted 130 beers for consideration, covering nearly all classes and sub-styles. Every class had a decent number of entries, including 12 in the specialty beer class; it appears that members are really starting to experiment.

The strength of competition in the club was demonstrated by the fact that only one brewer won more than a single class. Another interesting feature of this year's competition was the quality of the kit beers, with two classes won by kits.

Class 1 - Wheat Beer

1st: Colin Weaver, Wit, 26.5 points, Gold
2nd: Colin Weaver, Hefeweizen, 25 points, Silver
2rd: John Kennedy, Dunkelweizen, 24 points, Silver

Class 2 - Pilsner/Lager

1st: Michael Mowbray, Pilsner, 26.5 points, Gold
2nd: Michael Mowbray, Czech Pilsner, 26 points, Gold
3rd: John Kennedy, Pilsner, 25 points, Silver

Class 3 - Bitter

1st: Chris Ossowski, Bitter (kit), 26 points, Gold
2nd: Lyall Cottam, English Bitter, 25 points, Silver

3rd: Michael Mowbray, Ordinary Bitter, 24.5 points, Silver
3rd: Ken Wieden, Australian Bitter, 24.5 points, Silver

Class 4 - Pale Ale

1st: Ken Wieden, APA, 27 points, Gold
2nd: Ken Wieden, APA, 24 points, Silver
3rd: Jason McDonald, APA (kit), 23, points, Bronze

Class 5 - Dark Beer

1st: Jason McDonald, Dark Ale (kit), 25.5 points, Silver
2nd: Michael Mowbray, Oktoberfest, 24.5 points, Silver.
3rd: Laurie Brace, Dark Ale, 24 points, Silver

Class 6 - Stout

1st: John Kennedy, Bitter Stout, 25 points, Silver
2nd: Michael Mowbray, Porter, 24 points, Silver
3rd: Ken Wieden, Bitter Stout, 23.5 points, Bronze

Class 7 - Strong Ale

1st: Colin Weaver, Barley Wine, 25 points, Silver
2nd: Ken Wieden, Belgian Dubbel, 24.5 points, Silver
3rd: Michael Mowbray, IPA, 24 points, Silver

Class 8 - Specialty Beer

1st: Paul Hoepper, Rauchbier, 24 points, Silver
2nd: Leo van den Bergh, Lambic, 23.5 points, Bronze
3rd: Michael Mowbray, Cherry Wheat (kit), 23 points, Bronze.
3rd: Lyall Cottam, "SB", 23 points, Bronze

Champion Beer

Ken Wieden, APA, 27 points, Gold

Champion Beermaker

1st: Michael Mowbray, 31 points
2nd: Ken Wieden, 21 points
3rd: John Kennedy, 16 points

Champion Stoutmaker

1st: John Kennedy, 5 points
2nd: Michael Mowbray, 4 points
3rd: Ken Wieden, 2 points

Best Kit Beer

Chris Ossowski, Class 3, Bitter, 26 points

Champion Novice Beer

Michael Mowbray, Class 2, Pilsner, 26.5 points