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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of BABB's News. This being my first edition as the regular editor, I would like to take the opportunity to thank outgoing editor Colin Weaver for his efforts in producing the newsletter for the past two years. I'm sure all members will agree that Colin has set a very high standard for your new editor to live up to.

For the technologically-minded I can proudly report that your newsletter is now being produced using 100% free software: the *OpenOffice.org* word-processor running on SuSE Linux. Colin was already using OpenOffice for Windows, so the transition to the new environment has been very smooth.

As always, the newsletter needs plenty of contributions from you, the members, to keep it fresh and reflective of the interests of the members. If you have an idea for an article, would like to submit an article or your own, or you come across any interesting news reports, internet sites or other information, please get in touch. I'll print anything vaguely related to beer.



QAAWBG State Championships

I am pleased to be able to begin my tenure as news editor by reporting the welcome news that BABB's has regained the title of Champion Beermaking Guild at this year's QAAWBG State Championships.

The club improved its position from last year's joint second place to a commanding first place, more than doubling the score of the second-placed club.

This result reflects the rising standard of brewing in the club. This improvement was also demonstrated at this year's club competition, where the eight classes were won by seven different brewers.

Particular congratulations must go to John Kennedy, who fell just one point short of winning the title of Champion Beermaker, and also to Michael Mowbray, who achieved the rare feat of taking out the Champion Beer award as a novice.

Full results appear on the back page of this newsletter.

Of course, we cannot sit back and enjoy our success for long. We now have a challenging task to equal or better this result next year. With the talent in the club at the moment, I know that we can do it.

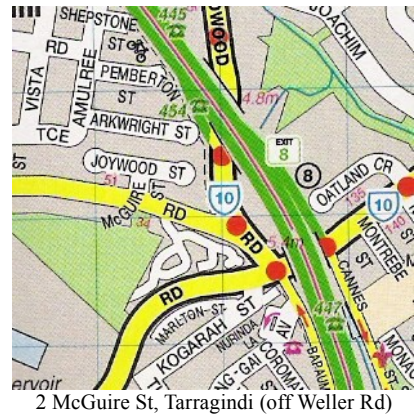
September meeting

The next meeting will be held this Thursday, September the 28th.

The meeting will feature the Wheat Beer Minicomp and an auction of the brewing gear donated to the club by the wife of the late Norm King. A list of the available equipment appears later in the newsletter.

Oktoberfest

This year's BABB's Oktoberfest gathering will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 3PM. Once again, Ernie Melville has kindly agreed to host the event at his home at 2 McGuire St, Tarragindi.



2 McGuire St, Tarragindi (off Weller Rd)

UBD Map 180

Guests are advised to park around the corner in Joywood St rather than parking on the busy Weller Rd.

Ernie will be providing a sausage sizzle, plates, knives and forks. Guests are asked to bring savouries & nibbles, bottles and kegs of beer, their own folding chairs, and plenty of good yarns.



New Committee

Another Annual General Meeting has been and gone, the memories of which have been almost entirely obliterated by the excellent selection of foreign beers presented thereafter at the traditional Foreign Beers night.

However, minutes of the AGM have survived, and show that the newly elected committee is:

<i>Brewmaster:</i>	Scott Macqueen
<i>Deputy Brewmaster:</i>	Ken Wieden
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Michael Mowbray
<i>Secretary:</i>	Lyndon Cottam
<i>Storekeeper:</i>	Chris Ossowski
<i>Editor:</i>	Jason McDonald
<i>Webmaster:</i>	Michael Mowbray
<i>Providor:</i>	Beatrice Brace
<i>Librarian:</i>	Howard Mullins

The new committee would like to thank the departing committee members (Leo van den Bergh, Colin Weaver, Paul Hoepper and Adrian Levi) for their service to the club over the last year.

On a more personal note I would like to express the hope that these fine gentlemen are simply taking a well-earned rest to recharge their batteries for a return to the committee in the not-too-distant future. All members of the previous committee have made a significant contribution to the continued growth of our club, both in the number of members and in the quality of brewing.

Treasurer's report for August 2006

Income:

Members fees:	\$168.00
Guests' fees:	\$ 18.00
Subscriptions:	\$270.00
Store:	\$ 52.10
QAAWBG Dinner:	\$ 40.00
QAAWBG Comp:	\$ 24.00
Club Comp:	\$ 96.00
Club Comp BBQ:	\$195.00

Total Income: \$863.10

Expenses:

	(cash)	(cheque)
Snacks:	\$ 38.70	
Rent:		\$ 70.00
Minicomp beers:	\$ 16.00	
Glasses – engraving:		\$ 99.00
QAAWBG Sponsorship:		\$ 40.00
Trophys and engraving:		\$ 40.00
BABBs Comp food:		\$456.75
BABBs Comp cutlery:		\$ 43.90
Auditor's Honorarium:		\$ 69.00
Postage:		\$ 1.00

QAAWBG Affiliation Fees:	\$500.00
Foreign Beers:	\$206.80
Bank Fees:	\$ 10.00

Sub-totals: \$54.70 \$1536.45

Total Expenses: \$1591.15

Beg. Float:	\$150.00
Plus Income:	\$863.10
Less Cash Expenses:	\$ 54.70
Equals Total:	\$958.40
Less Float:	\$150.00
Equals Banking:	\$808.40
Actual Banking:	\$808.40
Equals Variance:	\$ 0.00

Bank Reconciliation for September 2006

Opening cashbook balance:	\$2642.14
Add Income:	\$ 863.10
Less Expenses:	<u>\$1591.15</u>
Closing cashbook balance:	<u>\$1914.09</u>
Bank Balance @ 31/Aug/2006:	\$1914.09
Plus outstanding deposits:	\$ 0.00
Less outstanding cheques:	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$1914.09</u>

August minutes

Meeting Opened: 8:15PM

Chaired by: Scott Macqueen
Apologies: Lawrie Kehoe
Ben Connery
Alan Ryan
Barry Ward
Ernie Tamati
Peter Buchanan

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

Visitors: D. McGovern
M. Davison
S. Thomas

Previous minutes: accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Paul Hoepper
Seconded: Steve Elgey

New members: None

Inward correspondence: Received entry forms for Oktoberfest competition at Brewhouse on Albert St in the city.

Outward correspondence: none

Business arising from correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance: as recorded by treasurer.

Moved: Adrian Levi
Seconded: Steve Elgey

General Business: New Life Members – Laurie Brace and Bill Gofton were presented their life membership badges.

General Business: Lyall Cottom received his trophy for the June stout Minicomp.

General Business: A reminder of the September wheat beer minicomp.

Meeting Closed: 8:35PM



BABBs mailing lists

Michael Mowbray - BABB's Webmaster and self-confessed computer geek.

BABBs currently has three mailing lists intended for members and the committee to communicate important announcements, committee business and general discussion.

If you have provided an e-mail address in your contact details then you are automatically subscribed to the "Announce" list. Note that this is a "one-way" list - any member replies to these messages are discarded. It is set up to act as a simple distribution

list to all members for important announcements from the committee. It is expected that traffic on this list will be low-volume.

Members of the committee have a specific list on which to discuss committee business.

The most interesting list is the "Discussion" list. Once you have subscribed to this list, all messages sent by list-members to the address "discussion@babbrewers.com" will automatically be distributed to all other members of the list.

Subscription is open to all current members of BABBs and is as easy as sending a mail message to the address "announce-subscribe@babbrewers.com".

You'll then need to reply to the confirmation message (this stops anyone signing you up if you don't want to) and then the list administrator needs to confirm your subscription (this stops just anyone joining our club list).

Alternatively, there is also a Web Page where subscription and other settings can be managed; go to <http://www.babbrewers.com/mailman/listinfo/discussion> and take it from there.

Traffic on this list is dependent on how active people want to be, but potentially could be quite high. Because of this, members will not be automatically subscribed to that list, as the volume of mail may clog up your Internet access if, say, you are still on dial up.

The lists also have a Web based archive so there's no need to keep each and every message - you can always consult the archive for that gem of wisdom posted 3 months ago.

Please come and see me if you'd like any further information or assistance in subscribing - the more people we have on board the more varied opinions and ideas will be generated. This is our chance to take BABBs beyond a once a month contact with our fellow brewers - let's make the most of it.



How brewing beer can get bitter

By Ollie Stone-Lee
BBC News

They called it The Battle, and being a brewery they had no trouble toasting success with a specially-made Victory Ale.

Bateman's Brewery in Wainfleet, Lincolnshire suffered one of a long line of family feuds seen in the world of real ale.

What makes it different from most is that it has survived as an independent family brewer, fighting off the takeover bids from the big boys.

Bateman's started brewing close to Skegness in the 1870s.

Current chairman George Bateman, 78, is the grandson of the brewery's founder.

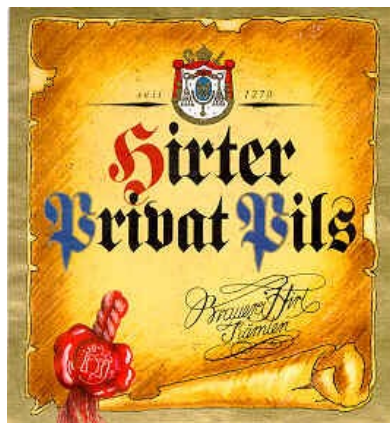
And it was on his watch that the storm began.

In March 1985, his brother John and sister Helen announced that they wanted to sell the brewery and its pubs - as was their right.

Mr Bateman says he was "devastated", although for months or years he and his brother had held diverging views on how the business should be run.

"It was not good-natured, it became exceptionally bitter," he says.

The planned sell-off meant Mr Bateman, with his slogan "death or glory" was left struggling to raise enough funds to buy out his siblings with their 60% shares.



And all the time, hopeful buyers and their accountants circled the brewery, trawling over the accounts, he says.

"The staff and tenants were obviously concerned for their futures and felt great resentment that their life of working in a happy family atmosphere was being turned upside down," he explains.

For two years Mr Bateman says he did not know which way it would fall, despite the brewery's premium ale winning the "Beer of the Year" award in 1986.

But he toured branches of the Campaign for Real Ale to help raise funds and found many people in brewing, local farmers, even children, wanted to help out.

One local farmer knocked on the door to offer to invest £3,000.

And by February 1987, with help from a lot of bank loans, he was the "happiest man alive" after securing a deal to buy his brother and sister's shares back into the brewery.

So why was it so important to keep the brewery as a family concern?

"This is back to the intangible of being a community," he says.

"In a small town - you might say village - there was a consciousness through the years that I and my father before me and my grandfather before that had depended on the strength of local people."

Other brewers have not been so fortunate.

Fifteen years ago the Family Brewers of Britain group had 64 members. Now it has 31.

And Bateman's is by no means alone in seeing family divisions.

When Scottish and Newcastle took over Theakston's in North Yorkshire, one of the family, Paul Theakston, split from the rest to set up a rival brewery, appropriately called Black Sheep.

The original Theakston's company was sold back to the family in 2004, although Black Sheep remains.

Mr Bateman's daughter Jacqui, the firm's marketing director, believes

being a family concern can be a real selling-point and a mark of quality, especially now there are fewer of them.

And she says: "The advantage we have, being a family-owned business, is we don't have shareholders breathing down our neck the whole time."

Her brother Stuart, 46, the brewery's managing director, says: "The labels we have talk very much about our brewing heritage and the fact that the brewing is therefore run by brewers, not accountants."

But there are difficult choices to make in marrying more than a century of brewing with modern technology.

When the brewery's chief executive, finance director and head brewer originally proposed building a new brewing house, it was the three family members who opposed the idea.

But Mr Bateman explains they agreed a trade-off where the old Victorian brew house would still be used for anniversary ales, blending with the "state of the art technology" of the new arrival.

The old adage is that the first generation starts a family business, the second generation manages it and the third generation blows it all, or sells it off.

Mr Bateman thinks his father's problems - and survival - means the brewery is back at the first generation again.

His eight-year-old wants to work in the Bateman's visitor centre kitchen and his 11-year-old wants to be a brewer.

There's hope for the next generation already.



New Library Books

The club library has received four new books for use by members:

Brown Ale – Ray Daniels & Jim Parker Classic Beer Style Series #14

Smoked Beers – Ray Daniels & Geoffrey Larson Classic Beer Style Series #18

Mild Ale – David Sutula Classic Beer Style Series #15

Prost: The Story of German Beer – Horst D. Dornbusch

These titles should all be available for borrowing by members at the September meeting.

Kegging gear for sale

A friend of Brewmaster Scott Macqueen has various kegging equipment for sale.

2 x 18L Kegs

2 x Pluto guns

1 x regulator

1 x CO2 bottle (not leased but not privately-owned)

Price: negotiable.

Please contact Nick on 0413 703 317 or Scott Macqueen on 3899 2974.

Auction at September meeting

The club has received a gift of a large amount of brewing equipment which belonged to late member Norm King.

The committee has decided to auction this equipment during the September club meeting.

All items will be sold as-is. No refunds will be offered, so please inspect the items carefully prior to the auction.

Any equipment remaining unsold after the September meeting may be added to the BABB store's stock.

Note that all plastic fermenters and conditioning cubes will require a thorough clean.

Fermenters:

1 x 60L Fermenter
2 x 30L fermenter
2 x 25L fermenters
2 x 15L fermenters

Pails:

3 x 25L Pail/fermenters with lids

Conditioning Cubes:

4 x 20L Racking cubes

Beverage Tube Hard:

8 x 5mm
7 x 4mm

Soft Clear tubing:

¾, 1/2 & ¼ inch diameters.

Bottle Caps & Corks:

Plastic wine tops
Corks
Spirit caps various, rum etc

Various:

Bottle tree
2 x 60cm Stainless Braid Hoses
2 x Inline water filters
Bottling sugar dispenser
Water pump high temp
Beverage pump
Packet Airlocks & Stoppers
Digital thermometer
Beer tap, rear nut missing
Regulator
Gas disconnect with tube & bicycle valve connection
¾ inch ball valve
O clamps and O rings
Thermostat



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2006 CLASS AWARDS

BEER

CLASS 1 – PALE LAGER

FIRST – BRONZE	R. Munro	33 Entries	LB
SECOND – BRONZE	H. Roberts		BB
THIRD – BRONZE	L. McKinley		CB
HC – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	M. Mowbray		BB
HC – BRONZE	S. Roberts		CB
HC – BRONZE	L. Cottam		PB

CLASS 2 – DARK LAGER

FIRST – SILVER	R. Kenrick	17 Entries	BB
SECOND – SILVER & BEST NOVICE	M. Mowbray		BB
THIRD – BRONZE	L. McKinley		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Pin		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Catchpoole		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Catchpoole		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	M. Mowbray		BB

CLASS 3 – PILSNER

FIRST – GOLD & BEST NOVICE	M. Mowbray	27 Entries	BB
SECOND – GOLD	L. Cottam		PB
THIRD – BRONZE	R. Walls		PB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Kennedy		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Eddy		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Munro		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	K. Wieden		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Kenrick		BB

CLASS 4 – PALE ALE

FIRST – GOLD	R. Walls	38 Entries	PB
SECOND – BRONZE	D. Bakay		CB
THIRD – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	J. McDonald		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Munro		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Kenrick		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	M. Mowbray		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	K. Wieden		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Smith		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. van den Bergh		BB

CLASS 5 – DARK ALE

FIRST – SILVER	J. Kennedy	24 Entries	BB
SECOND – BRONZE	R. Kenrick		BB
THIRD – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	J. McDonald		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	M. Duplock		IP

CLASS 6 – BITTER BEER

FIRST – SILVER	K. Wieden	29 Entries	BB
SECOND – SILVER	R. Munro		LB
THIRD – BRONZE	K. Wieden		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	D. Bakay		CB
H.C. – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	M. Mowbray		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Munro		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Kennedy		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Walls		PB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Catchpoole		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	B. Toon		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. McKinley		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. van den Bergh		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	M. Duplock		IP
H.C. – BRONZE	L. Cottam		PB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Pin		LB

CLASS 7 – STOUT

FIRST – GOLD	J. Faber	26 Entries	PB
SECOND – SILVER	R. Munro		LB

THIRD – BRONZE	H. Roberts	CB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Roberts	CB
H.C. – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	M. Mowbray	BB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. Cottam	PB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Kenrick	BB

CLASS 8 – PALE WHEAT BEER

FIRST – SILVER	J. Kennedy	14 Entries	BB
SECOND – BRONZE	S. Catchpoole		CB
THIRD	S. Catchpoole		CB
BEST NOVICE	J. Kerr		LB

CLASS 9 – STRONG ALE

FIRST – GOLD	L. Cottam	15 Entries	PB
SECOND – SILVER	J. Kennedy		BB
THIRD – SILVER	R. Kenrick		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	K. Wieden		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. van den Bergh		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Munro		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Faber		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	J. Kennedy		BB
H.C. – BRONZE & BEST NOVICE	B. Toon		CB

CLASS 10 – SPECIALTY BEER

FIRST – SILVER	S. Eddy	15 Entries	CB
SECOND – SILVER	L. van den Bergh		BB
THIRD – SILVER	L. McKinley		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	D. Bakay		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	M. Mowbray		BB
H.C. – BRONZE	D. Bakay		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. Cottam		PB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. Cottam		PB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Pin		PB

CLASS 11 – LAGER (KIT BASED)

FIRST – BRONZE	V. Muller	17 Entries	LB
SECOND – BRONZE	J. Faber		LB
THIRD – BRONZE	K. Wieden		BB
BEST NOVICE	J. Kerr		LB

CLASS 12 – STOUT (KIT BASED)

FIRST – SILVER	D. Bakay	14 Entries	CB
SECOND – BRONZE	R. Munro		LB
THIRD – BRONZE	R. Pin		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	V. Muller		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	L. McKinley		CB
H.C. – BRONZE	R. Pin		LB
H.C. – BRONZE	S. Lee		LB
BEST NOVICE	J. Kerr		LB

CHAMPION BEER & CHAMPION NOVICE BEER

M. Mowbray	BABB	Class 3 German Pilsner
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RESERVE CHAMPION BEER

R. Walls	PUBS	Class 4 American Pale Ale
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CHAMPION KIT BEER

D. Bakay	BCB	Class 12 Stout
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CHAMPION BEERMAKER

R. Munro	LABG	21 pts
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RESERVE CHAMPION BEERMAKER

J. Kennedy	BABB	20 pts
L. Cottam	PUBS	20 pts

CHAMPION BEERMAKING GUILD

BABB	85 pts
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RESERVE CHAMPION BEERMAKING GUILD

LABG	35 pts
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CLUB ABBREVIATIONS

BA	Brisbane Amateur Wine Club	HB	Hervey Bay A.W.C.
BB	Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers Inc.	IP	Ipswich Wine & Beermakers Guild
BC	Brisbane Brewing Club	LB	Locker Amateurs Brewers Guild
CB	Brisbane Craft Brewers	PB	Pine Rivers underground Brewing Society
WS	Western Suburbs A.W. & B.M.	TB	Toowoomba Amateur Brewers