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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Welcome from the President



2015 SYDNEY ROYAL BEER & CIDER SHOW

- Record Entries received
- Three Championships awarded
- 15 Gold, 55 Silver and 73 Bronze medals bestowed

Thank you for entering one of our Sydney Royal competitions and congratulations to all entrants who were successful in winning a prestigious Sydney Royal medal.

Our Sydney Royal competitions continue to attract a remarkably high standard of entries from across the country. These competitions provide producers with an important platform to benchmark their products and to be rewarded for agricultural excellence.

Winning a Sydney Royal medal has the power to elevate a product in the consumer's eye and provide producers with commercial and marketing benefits, so I encourage all winners to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Each year, we review our competitions to ensure they remain relevant to industry standards and consumer trends. I hope you enjoyed any new changes or improvements in your competition area this year.

Our Sydney Royal competitions are renowned for their fair yet rigorous judging process to ensure the 'best of the best' are awarded. The standards set at our competitions are recognised across Australia, highlighting the integrity of our competitions. I wish to thank all the judges for their time, knowledge and effort this year.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to all associated sponsors who support the ongoing development of our Sydney Royal competitions each year.

I look forward to seeing winning producers enjoy the commercial benefits of Sydney Royal success. Thank you again for supporting the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and I encourage you to enter again next year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert M. Ryan'.

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Awards shall be determined by the Judges on the following scale of points:

All Classes - Total 100 points

- (a) Gold medal for Exhibits gaining 90.0 pts and over;
- (b) Silver medal for Exhibits gaining 82.0 pts but less than 90.0pts;
- (c) Bronze medal for Exhibits gaining 74.0 pts but less than 82.0pts.

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- G** Gold Medal winner
- S** Silver Medal winner
- B** Bronze Medal winner

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OVERFLOW OF GOLD AT 2015 SYDNEY ROYAL BEER & CIDER SHOW

Friday 18 September, 2015

The Australian Liberal Party weren't alone in unveiling a new Leader this week, as Sydney Royal held its own style of 'spill', appointing Australia's newest beer and cider Champions on Friday night at Sydney Showground.

Record entries were received for the 2015 Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Show, which resulted in the greatest number of Gold medals ever awarded and the crowning of three Championships, two emphatically claimed by the same boutique producer, Sydney Brewery.

Sydney Brewery took out Champion Draught Beer and Champion Cider, while Australia's longest-established craft brewery, Matilda Bay, produced by CUB Cascade Brewery, was awarded Champion Bottled Beer for its Redback Original.

Chair of Judges and Head Brewer at The Australian Brewery, Neal Cameron, said it was a phenomenal effort by both producers: however he was particularly impressed a small brewery could not only master a draught beer but accept top honours for cider as well.

"In all my years in the industry and judging, I have never seen a small producer deliver two Championship products in the draft and cider classes at one event. Sydney Brewery's Lovedale Lager and Sydney Cider are exceptional brews and I encourage all enthusiasts to get out and support them," Mr Cameron said.

"The quality at this year's Show was the highest we've seen, however it's no surprise when entries have climbed over three-fold since inception in 2007 and we award 15 gold medals, the most we've ever seen.

"Australia is seeing an enormous rise in the craft beer and cider industries and we're witnessing quality products successfully enter our market – it's an exciting time for all beer and cider enthusiasts around the country and we're only expecting further growth," said Mr Cameron.

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) hosts the most prestigious and competitive events on the industry calendar with the Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Show showcasing the best in Australian draught and bottled beer, as well as cider and perry, which have boomed in popularity in recent years.

The Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Show awarded 15 Gold, 55 Silver and 73 Bronze medals, in addition to three Championship trophies.

Classes judged in 2015 included Golden Lager, Dark Lager, Pale and Golden Ale, Amber and Dark Ale, Stouts and Porter, Wheat Beer, Strong Beer, Reduced Alcohol Beer, Cider, Perry and Speciality Beer.

Judging took place on Tuesday, 15 September, with winners announced at the sold out #GoodBrew Awards Night on Friday, 18 September, at The Stables, Sydney Showground.

Full results are also available at: www.sydneyroyal.com.au/beercider

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHAMPION BOTTLED BEER (Classes 1 - 13)

CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd
Produced by CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd
Class No. 9 / Cat No. 904
Matilda Bay Redback Original

CHAMPION DRAUGHT BEER (Classes 14 - 26)

Sydney Brewery
Produced by Sydney Brewery
Class No. 14 / Cat No. 1402
Lovedale Lager

CHAMPION CIDER (Classes 27 - 29)

Sydney Brewery
Produced by Sydney Brewery
Class No. 29 / Cat No. 2905
Sydney Cider

CHAMPION PERRY (Classes 31 - 33)

Not awarded

CHAMPION BOTTLE CONDITIONED / METHODE CHAMPENOISE (Classes 30 & 34)

Not awarded

BOTTLED BEER

Class 1 - Golden Lagers - Pilsner Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good examples of the style with two Silver medals. Well balanced beers.

- S** 103 James Squire, *Four Wives Pilsner* (Produced by Malt Shovel Brewery) **85.33**
- S** 102 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Green Coast Lager* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **83.00**
- B** 101 Tumut River Brewing Co, *J.W Pilsner* (Produced by Tumut River Brewing Co) **77.33**

Class 2 - Golden Lagers - Australian Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Technical faults were present. A fine example and a good example were present.

- S** 202 Tooheys Brewery, *New* (Produced by Tooheys Brewery) **82.00**
- B** 203 CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd, *Matilda Bay Minimum Chips* (Produced by CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd) **76.00**
- 204 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Premium Lager* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **51.00**

Class 3 - Golden Lagers - International Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: International lagers were typical for style. The lagers would do better if less sulphur and a little fresher. Beers had good malt bitter balance.

- 303 Napoleone Brewers, *Helles Lager* (Produced by Napoleone Brewers) **71.00**
- 302 Australian Beer Company, *Arvo 51 Premium Australian Lager* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **70.33**

Class 4 - Golden Lagers - Other Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good malt characters and restrained use of hops generally produced balanced beer with good drinkability. Fresh flavours and true to style characters were exemplified.

- S** 403 Burleigh Brewing Company, *Duke Premium* (Produced by Burleigh Brewing Company) **83.00**
- B** 401 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Hell* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **80.33**
- B** 402 Tooheys Brewery, *Hahn Super Dry* (Produced by Tooheys Brewery) **77.00**

Class 5 - Dark Lagers.

JUDGES COMMENTS: A difficult beer to assess overall based on description. Seemed to be a hybrid of quite eclectic styles. Main concerns were balance & integration of characteristics.

- 501 Doctor's Orders Brewing, *Iron Lung* (Produced by Doctor's Orders Brewing) **73.00**

Class 6 - Pale/Golden Ales.

JUDGES COMMENTS: A wide variety of examples from excellent beers showing good hop varietal character to less pleasant examples showing notable levels of oxidation.

- G** 612 Napoleone Brewers, *American Pale Ale* (Produced by Napoleone Brewers) **92.00**
- S** 626 Feral Brewing Company, *Hop Hog* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **86.00**

- S** 620 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Reserve Pale Ale 2015* (Produced by Icon Brewing) **85.00**
- S** 608 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Pacific Ale* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **84.67**
- S** 627 James Squire, *Stowaway IPA* (Produced by Malt Shovel Brewery) **83.33**
- S** 623 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda IPA* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **82.67**
- S** 629 Mash Brewing, *Copy Cat* (Produced by Mash Brewing) **82.67**
- S** 618 Burleigh Brewing Company, *Hasslehop* (Produced by Burleigh Brewing Company) **82.33**
- S** 630 Dainton Family Brewery, *Insane Uncle IPA* (Produced by Temple Brewing) **82.33**
- S** 606 Mash Brewing, *Grass Cutter* (Produced by Mash Brewing) **82.00**
- B** 625 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Cloud Catcher* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **81.33**
- B** 602 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Garden Ale* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **78.67**
- B** 615 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Pale Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **78.33**
- B** 613 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Growers Pale Ale 2015* (Produced by Icon Brewing) **78.00**
- B** 611 Tooheys Brewery, *The Chancer Golden Ale* (Produced by Tooheys Brewery) **77.67**
- B** 301 CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd, *Matilda Bay Lazy Yak* (Produced by CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd) **76.67**
- B** 604 Tooheys Brewery, *150 Lashes Pale Ale* (Produced by Tooheys Brewery) **75.33**
- B** 609 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Growers Golden Ale 2015* (Produced by Icon Brewing) **75.33**
- B** 610 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Pale Ale* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **75.33**
- B** 601 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Harvest Blonde 2015* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **74.00**
- B** 614 Dad & Dave's Brewing, *1 Pale Ale* (Produced by Brew Pack) **74.00**
- 605 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Growers Bright Ale 2015* (Produced by Icon Brewing) **73.67**
- 603 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Golden Ale* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **72.67**
- 617 Tooborac Beer, *Gunslingers American Pale Ale* (Produced by Tooborac Beer) **71.33**
- 632 Carlton & United Breweries (Yatala), *Fat Yak* (Produced by Matilda Bay) **71.33**
- 622 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Pale Ale* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **69.00**
- 621 Tumut River Brewing Co, *Squealing Pig Apa* (Produced by Tumut River Brewing Co) **68.67**
- 628 South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Kaiju! Robohop* (Produced by South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **65.33**
- 616 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Pale Ale* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **64.33**
- 619 Tumut River Brewing Co, *Blowering Blonde* (Produced by Tumut River Brewing Co) **61.67**
- 631 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Golden Ale* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **57.67**
- 624 Hop Nation Brewing Co, *The Fiend Australian IPA* (Produced by Hawkers Brewery) **49.67**

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Class 7 - Amber and Dark Ales.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good use of malt in this diverse Class. Generally interesting and well made beers with several highlights. Diversity in hop usage added interest.

- S** 702 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Jasper Ale* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **89.00**
- S** 707 Redoak, *Chateau Sour* (Produced by Redoak) **86.00**
- S** 712 South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Kaiju! Cthulhu On The Moon Black IPA* (Produced by South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **83.33**
- B** 705 Hickinbotham of Dromana, *Hix Brown Ale* (Produced by Hickinbotham of Dromana) **81.67**
- B** 709 Tooborac Beer, *Maple Cream Brown Ale* (Produced by Tooborac Beer) **79.67**
- B** 701 Black Duck Brewery, *Hérons Craic* (Produced by Black Duck Brewery) **79.00**
- B** 704 Dainton Family Brewery, *Red Eye Rye* (Produced by Temple Brewing) **78.00**
- B** 711 South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Kaiju! Hopped Out Red* (Produced by South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **78.00**
- B** 710 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Dark Red IPA* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **76.67**
- B** 706 James Squire, *Hop Thief 7* (Produced by Malt Shovel Brewery) **76.00**
- B** 708 Endeavour Beverages Pty Ltd, *Reserve Amber Ale 2014* (Produced by Icon Brewing) **74.67**
- B** 703 Stone & Wood Brewing Co, *Forefathers English Brown Ale* (Produced by Stone & Wood Brewing Co) **74.00**

Class 8 - Stouts and Porters.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Excellent use of style appropriate techniques such as smoked other flavours. Generally great flight of beers; main detractor was lack of expected malt fullness in some of the beers.

- G** 813 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Wild Thing* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **91.00**
- S** 807 Lion, *Southwark Stout* (Produced by Lion) **87.33**
- S** 806 Exit Brewing Pty Ltd, *007 Smoked Stout* (Produced by Exit Brewing Pty Ltd) **85.67**
- S** 810 The Little Brewing Company, *Stab In The Dark Imperial Porter* (Produced by The Little Brewing Company) **85.67**
- S** 808 Dainton Family Brewery, *Sneaky Son Smoking Stout* (Produced by Brookes) **85.00**
- S** 803 Hickinbotham of Dromana, *Hix Stout* (Produced by Hickinbotham of Dromana) **84.33**
- S** 809 Flat Rock Brew Cafe, *Devils Pond Barrel Aged Imperial Stout* (Produced by Flat Rock Brew Cafe) **84.00**
- B** 802 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Hatlifter Stout* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **79.33**
- B** 801 Coldstream Brewery Pty Ltd, *Grand Porter* (Produced by Southern Bay Brewery) **77.33**
- B** 811 Feral Brewing Company, *Boris* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **76.33**
- 804 James Squire, *Jack of Spades Porter* (Produced by Malt Shovel Brewery) **73.00**
- 805 Napoleone Brewers, *Breakneck Porter* (Produced by Napoleone Brewers) **72.67**
- 812 3 Ravens Brewery, *Little Ravens Imperial Stout* (Produced by 3 Ravens Brewery) **65.33**

Class 9 - Wheat Beers. Minimum wheat content 30%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: With the exception of one excellent example of aromatics, the Class was disappointing with less attention paid to some of the finer points of a clean fermentation.

- G** 904 CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd, *Matilda Bay Redback Original* (Produced by CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd) **90.67**
- B** 905 Burleigh Brewing Company, *Hef* (Produced by Burleigh Brewing Company) **76.67**
- 907 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Hefeweizen* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **70.33**
- 906 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Wheat - Bavarian Hefeweizen* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **68.67**
- 903 CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd, *Matilda Bay Beez Neez* (Produced by CUB Cascade Brewery Co Pty Ltd) **68.00**
- 902 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Natural Blonde* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **67.33**

Class 10 - Strong Beers - Belgian. Minimum alcohol content 6%

JUDGES COMMENTS: Great intensity of flavours showing versatility of Australian brewers to produce classic belgian style. Good overall quality with many medal winning beers.

- S** 1005 3 Ravens Brewery, *The Druid* (Produced by 3 Ravens Brewery) **85.00**
- S** 1006 The Little Brewing Company, *Mad Abbot Christmas Ale 2013* (Produced by The Little Brewing Company) **84.33**
- S** 1007 The Little Brewing Company, *Mad Abbot Christmas Ale 2014* (Produced by The Little Brewing Company) **83.67**
- B** 1003 La Sirene Brewing, *Saison* (Produced by La Sirene Brewing) **80.67**
- B** 1004 La Sirene Brewing, *Super Saison* (Produced by La Sirene Brewing) **79.33**
- B** 1002 Exit Brewing Pty Ltd, *006 Saison* (Produced by Exit Brewing Pty Ltd) **78.33**
- B** 1008 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Two* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **77.33**
- 1001 La Sirene Brewing, *Farmhouse Red* (Produced by La Sirene Brewing) **73.67**

Class 11 - Strong Beers - English, Scottish, American or Other. Minimum alcohol content 6%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: An excellent Class. Particularly good efforts in managing alcohol. Some great variety in style. Pleasing result.

- S** 1105 South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Kaiju! Aftermath Double IPA* (Produced by South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **85.67**
- S** 1106 Black Duck Brewery, *Once A Year Beer 2013* (Produced by Black Duck Brewery) **84.33**
- S** 1104 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Moonshine* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **84.00**
- S** 1107 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Supershine* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **82.33**
- B** 1102 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion IPA* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **77.00**
- 1103 Doctor's Orders Brewing, *Plasma* (Produced by Doctor's Orders Brewing) **68.67**
- 1101 Frenchies, *Old World IPA* (Produced by Frenchies At Blackrock Brasserie) **68.33**

Class 12 - Other / Specialty Beers. Minimum grain content 30%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good example of brewing technique & experimentation showing a good range of possibilities & variety.

- S** 1206 Tooborac Beer, *Beer Saison* (Produced by Tooborac Beer) **87.00**
- S** 1205 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Saison - Belgian Summer Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **85.00**
- S** 1203 Burleigh Brewing Company, *Black Giraffe* (Produced by Burleigh Brewing Company) **82.00**
- S** 1208 Tooborac Beer, *Chocolate Sanchez Chilli Chocolate Stout* (Produced by Tooborac Beer) **82.00**
- B** 1201 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Raspberry Berliner - Berliner Weisse* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **80.67**
- B** 1207 La Sirene Brewing, *Praline* (Produced by La Sirene Brewing) **79.33**
- B** 1204 Dad & Dave's Brewing, *2 Belgian IPA* (Produced by Brew Pack) **78.33**
- 1202 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Whoa!* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **71.33**

Class 13 - Reduced Alcohol Beer (Alcohol content not less than 1.15% and not greater than 3.5% v/v).

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good diversity of styles in this Class with good definitive style characters showing through. Shows the maturing approach taken with beers of lower alcohol. Good drinkability being achieved.

- S** 1302 Lion, *James Squire The Constable Copper Ale* (Produced by Malt Shovel Brewery) **82.67**
- S** 1304 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Red* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **82.33**
- B** 1306 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Golden Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **80.33**
- B** 1301 The Public Brewery Pty Ltd, *Featherweight Light Ale* (Produced by The Public Brewery Pty Ltd) **77.67**
- B** 1307 Matso's Broome Brewery, *Session Ale* (Produced by Matso's Broome Brewery) **75.33**
- 1305 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Golden Ale* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **70.67**

DRAUGHT BEER

Class 14 - Golden Lagers - Pilsner Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Some large variation in quality of Exhibits. Amazingly low levels of oxidation faults for style, but fermentation faults were evident in several beers. One excellent example wowed the judges.

- G** 1402 Sydney Brewery, *Lovedale Lager* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **90.67**
- B** 1404 Sydney Brewery, *Surry Hills Pils* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **78.67**
- 1403 Blackhorse Brewhouse, *Pilsner* (Produced by Blackhorse Brewhouse) **73.67**
- 1401 Black Duck Brewery, *Sylva Bullet* (Produced by Black Duck Brewery) **66.67**

Class 15 - Golden Lagers - Australian Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: One good example, but the other exhibits showed some faults that took them out of medal contention.

- B** 1501 Australian Beer Company, *Alehouse Premium Australian Draught* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **78.00**
- 1503 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Premium Lager* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **69.00**
- 1502 Redoak, *Harvest Lager* (Produced by Redoak) **64.67**

Class 16 - Golden Lagers - International Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Diversity within class. Beers typical of style but judges were looking for more balance and finesse with lager styles.

- 1602 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Coastie* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **70.00**
- 1601 Rydges Campbelltown, *Fishers Ghost Lager* (Produced by Rydges Campbelltown) **67.33**

Class 17 - Golden Lagers - Other Style.

JUDGES COMMENTS: No class comments. Appropriate for numbers entered.

- 1701 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Hell* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **64.67**

Class 18 - Dark Lagers.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Split panel overall. A drinkable beer but some deviation from style.

- B** 1801 Sydney Brewery, *Darlo Dark* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **78.67**

Class 19 - Pale/Golden Ales.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Overall the Class performed well with a number of medals. Good use of hops generally with few negatives but particularly integration of hop characters into the beer. A Class that seems to be popular and well executed. Fresh beers fared best and a few examples were let down by stale characters.

- G** 1901 Beeblebrox Beverages, *Windsor IPA* (Produced by Bacchus Brewing) **92.33**
- G** 1904 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Moon Bay* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **90.67**
- G** 1909 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Pale Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **90.67**
- S** 1903 Mash Brewing, *Grass Cutter* (Produced by Mash Brewing) **86.67**
- S** 1910 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Angry Man Pale Ale* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **86.00**
- S** 1913 Lord Nelson Brewery, *3sheets* (Produced by Lord Nelson Brewery) **85.67**
- S** 1921 Mash Brewing, *Copy Cat* (Produced by Mash Brewing) **83.00**
- S** 1915 Blackhorse Brewhouse, *Steam Ale* (Produced by Blackhorse Brewhouse) **82.67**
- S** 1918 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Fred* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **82.33**
- B** 1908 Redoak, *Organic Pale Ale* (Produced by Redoak) **80.67**
- B** 1902 Beeblebrox Beverages, *Cream Ale* (Produced by Bacchus Brewing) **80.33**
- B** 1919 Feral Brewing Company, *Hop Hog* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **80.00**
- B** 1912 3 Ravens Brewery, *55* (Produced by 3 Ravens Brewery) **79.00**
- B** 1917 Pact Beer Co, *Mount Tennent Pale Ale* (Produced by Australian Brewers Guild) **79.00**
- B** 1923 The Little Brewing Company, *Fastidious Bastard IPA* (Produced by The Little Brewing Company) **77.67**
- B** 1916 The Little Brewing Company, *Wicked Elf Pale Ale* (Produced by The Little Brewing Company) **76.33**
- B** 1905 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Pale Ale* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **74.67**
- 1914 Sydney Brewery, *Paddo Pale* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **72.33**
- 1907 Sydney Brewery, *Glamarama Summer Ale* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **71.33**
- 1922 Redoak, *Hop Bender* (Produced by Redoak) **69.67**
- 1911 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Pale Ale* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **69.00**
- 1920 Modus Operandi Brewing, *Mona Pale Ale* (Produced by Modus Operandi Brewing) **68.00**
- 1906 Blackhorse Brewhouse, *New World Ale* (Produced by Blackhorse Brewhouse) **67.67**

Class 20 - Amber and Dark Ales

JUDGES COMMENTS: A strong Class with some good examples. Encouragingly good use of malts.

- S** 2002 3 Ravens Brewery, *English* (Produced by 3 Ravens Brewery) **87.33**
- S** 1803 Underground Craft Brewery Pty Ltd, *Black Bon3s* (Produced by Underground Craft Brewery Pty Ltd) **85.00**
- B** 2003 3 Ravens Brewery, *Dark* (Produced by 3 Ravens Brewery) **77.67**
- B** 2004 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Dark Red IPA* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **75.00**

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Class 21 - Stouts and Porters.

JUDGES COMMENTS: No comment.

- G** 2106 Modus Operandi Brewing, *Silent Knight Porter* (Produced by Modus Operandi Brewing) **90.00**
- S** 2105 Blackhorse Brewhouse, *Porter* (Produced by Blackhorse Brewhouse) **84.33**
- S** 2101 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Dark Knight* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **84.00**
- S** 2103 Lord Nelson Brewery, *Anileation* (Produced by Lord Nelson Brewery) **83.00**
- B** 2107 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Stout* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **78.00**
- B** 2104 Sydney Brewery, *Potts Point Porter* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **76.67**
- 2102 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Hatlifter Stout* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **73.33**

Class 22 - Wheat Beers. Minimum wheat content 30%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Diverse styles within the Class. Classic styles with typical attributes tended to score better than some of the experimental approaches.

- G** 2201 Feral Brewing Company, *Watermelon Warhead* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **90.33**
- S** 2203 Murray's Craft Brewing Co, *Whale Ale* (Produced by Murray's Craft Brewing Co) **84.33**
- S** 2202 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Natural Blonde* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **84.00**
- B** 2207 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Wheat - Bavarian Hefeweizen* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **77.33**
- B** 2206 Rydges Campbelltown, *Macarthur Wheat* (Produced by Rydges Campbelltown) **77.00**
- B** 2208 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Hefeweizen* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **75.67**
- 2209 Redoak, *Weizen Doppelbock* (Produced by Redoak) **73.33**
- 2204 Redoak, *Wild Ginger Beer* (Produced by Redoak) **67.67**
- 2205 Redoak, *Wild Wit* (Produced by Redoak) **67.00**

Class 23 - Strong Beers - Belgian. Minimum alcohol content 6%.

No Entries

Class 24 - Strong Beers - English, Scottish, American or Other. Minimum alcohol content 6%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good examples of complex styles. Overall good contenders, Scotch Ale could do with more time & come in with a gold next time.

- G** 2404 Modus Operandi Brewing, *Former Tenant Red IPA* (Produced by Modus Operandi Brewing) **90.67**
- G** 2403 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion IPA* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **90.00**
- S** 2406 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Moonshine* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **83.67**
- B** 2405 Feral Brewing Company, *Cat* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **79.67**
- B** 2402 Flat Rock Brew Cafe, *Red Rye IPA* (Produced by Flat Rock Brew Cafe) **79.33**
- B** 2407 Feral Brewing Company, *Razorback* (Produced by Feral Brewing Company) **79.00**
- 2401 Underground Craft Brewery Pty Ltd, *Stook* (Produced by Underground Craft Brewery Pty Ltd) **63.00**

Class 25 - Other / Specialty Beers. Minimum grain content 30%.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Excellent Class, some great variety and two world class examples. Smaller class than is often available and would encourage more entries.

- G** 2505 Sydney Brewery, *Pymont Rye IPA* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **93.67**
- G** 2506 Flat Rock Brew Cafe, *Barrel Aged French Sour* (Produced by Flat Rock Brew Cafe) **90.67**
- S** 2503 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Whoa!* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **82.00**
- B** 2501 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Raspberry Berliner - Berliner Weisse* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **78.67**
- B** 2504 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Craft Rebellion Saison - Belgian Summer Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **76.33**
- 2502 Modus Operandi Brewing, *Lola Aussie Pale Ale* (Produced by Modus Operandi Brewing) **66.00**

Class 26 - Reduced Alcohol Beer (Alcohol content not less than 1.15% and not greater than 3.5% v/v).

JUDGES COMMENTS: A diverse representation of styles. A class relatively free from faults. One outstanding example.

- G** 2602 Redoak, *Bitter* (Produced by Redoak) **91.00**
- S** 2605 Australian Beer Company, *Alehouse Gold* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **84.67**
- B** 2603 Australian Beer Company, *Yenda Red* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **76.00**
- B** 2601 Macarthur Grange Brewery, *Stockade Golden Ale* (Produced by Brewpack Pty Ltd) **75.67**
- 2604 Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Golden Ale* (Produced by Six String Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **66.67**

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Class 27 - Dry Cider. Specific gravity up to 1005.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Two well made dry ciders, nice to see fruit character and texture without sweetness.

- S** 2701 Borrodell Vineyard, *Heritage Apple Cider* (Produced by Borrodell Vineyard) **82.00**
- B** 2702 Jachmann Apple Co, *Lady William Apple Cider* (Produced by Jachmann Apple Co) **75.67**

Class 28 - Medium Cider. Specific gravity between 1005 and 1012.

JUDGES COMMENTS: A solid Class, the better examples showed fresh fruit characters and more fruit weight & depth. Some fermentation issues evident.

- S** 2806 The Hills Cider Company, *Apple Cider* (Produced by The Hills Cider Company) **83.33**
- B** 2801 Lion, *Kirin Fuji Apple Cider* (Produced by Lion) **79.00**
- B** 2805 Vok Beverages, *Three Oaks Cider Original 'Crushed Apple'* (Produced by Vok Beverages) **77.33**
- 2803 Lion, *James Squire Orchard Crush Apple Cider* (Produced by Lion) **73.00**
- 2811 Flying Brick Cider Co, *Draught Cider* (Produced by Flying Brick Cider Co) **70.67**
- 2804 Sidewood Estate, *Basket Pressed Apple Cider* (Produced by Sidewood Estate) **68.67**
- 2810 Jachmann Apple Co, *Royal Gala Apple Cider* (Produced by Jachmann Apple Co) **68.67**
- 2807 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Twisted Sister Apple Cider* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **68.00**
- 2802 Bilpin Cider Co, *Original Cider* (Produced by Bilpin Cider Co) **64.00**
- 2809 South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd, *Golden Axe Cider* (Produced by South East Brewing Company Pty Ltd) **63.67**
- 2808 Jachmann Apple Co, *Pink Lady Apple Cider* (Produced by Jachmann Apple Co) **62.33**

Class 29 - Sweet Cider. Specific gravity 1012 and above.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Great to see an increasing range of styles and complexity in this Class.

- G** 2905 Sydney Brewery, *Sydney Cider* (Produced by Sydney Brewery) **90.00**
- S** 2912 The Barossa Valley Cider Co Pty Ltd, *Squashed Apple Cider* (Produced by Vinpac International) **82.33**
- B** 2910 Franklin Cider Company, *Frank's Summer Apple Cider* (Produced by Franklin Cider Company) **81.33**
- 2901 Bilpin Cider Co, *Blush Pink Lady Cider* (Produced by Bilpin Cider Co) **73.67**
- 2904 The Apple Thief, *Granny Smith Cider* (Produced by Best Bottlers) **73.67**
- 2903 Flying Brick Cider Co, *Original Cider* (Produced by Flying Brick Cider Co) **73.33**
- 2902 Australian Beer Company, *Pressmans Mid* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **73.00**
- 2906 The Apple Thief, *Pink Lady Cider* (Produced by Best Bottlers) **69.33**
- 2911 Australian Beer Company, *Pressmans Cider* (Produced by Australian Beer Company) **67.33**
- 2908 Sacred Valley Beverages Pty Ltd, *Apple Cider* (Produced by Sacred Valley Beverages Pty Ltd) **64.67**
- 2909 Coldstream Brewery Pty Ltd, *Apple Cider* (Produced by Kellybrook) **62.67**

Class 30 - Bottle Conditioned / Methode Champenoise Cider.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Good fruit characters & ciders that showed potential. Watch acid levels & balance.

- B** 3001 Small Acres Cyder, *2013 The Cat's Pyjamas* (Produced by Small Acres Cyder) **75.67**
- B** 3002 Small Acres Cyder, *2013 Sparkling* (Produced by Small Acres Cyder) **74.67**

Class 31 - Dry Perry. Specific gravity up to 1005.

JUDGES COMMENTS: A difficult style to make well.

- 3003 Flying Brick Cider Co, *Pear Cider* (Produced by Flying Brick Cider Co) **64.33**

Class 32 - Medium Perry. Specific gravity between 1005 and 1012.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Reasonable commercial examples, but there were more confectionary rather than real pear flavours.

- B** 3202 The Hills Cider Company, *Pear Cider* (Produced by The Hills Cider Company) **75.33**
- B** 3201 Sidewood Estate, *Basket Pressed Pear Cider* (Produced by Sidewood Estate) **74.00**
- 3203 Vok Beverages, *Three Oaks Cider 'Crisp Pear'* (Produced by Vok Beverages) **70.33**

Class 33 - Sweet Perry. Specific gravity 1012 and above.

JUDGES COMMENTS: A range of styles, the best balance of sweetness with fresh pear characters.

- S** 3303 Franklin Cider Company, *Frank's Summer Pear Cider* (Produced by Franklin Cider Company) **83.00**
- 3301 The Barossa Valley Cider Co Pty Ltd, *Squashed Pear Cider* (Produced by Vinpac International) **73.67**
- 3302 Grand Ridge Brewery, *Twisted Sister Pear Cider* (Produced by Grand Ridge Brewery) **69.00**
- 2907 The Apple Thief, *William Pear Cider* (Produced by Best Bottlers) **63.67**

Class 34 - Bottle Conditioned / Methode Champenoise Perry.

JUDGES COMMENTS: Interesting styles, the two examples were very different.

- B** 3402 Small Acres Cyder, *2013 Sparkling Perry* (Produced by Small Acres Cyder) **77.33**
- 3401 The Hills Cider Company, *2010 Methode Perry* (Produced by The Hills Cider Company) **71.00**

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