



# Castle Hill & Hills District Agricultural Society Inc & NSW State Home Brewing Championship 2014/15

## Major sponsors



# Sponsor Prizes

## ***State Champion Brewer***

The Mel Robson Trophy for Most Successful Brewer is sponsored by The Brew Shop.

A perpetual trophy for the Mel Robson Trophy (to be kept at The Brew Shop) with each year's winner's name added to it. A stainless steel beer mug with inscription and presentation box will be sent to each year's winner.

The winner will also receive \$250.

The Champion Brewer will also be given the opportunity to brew with Batch Brewing Co. with the potential for one of their beers to be brewed commercially.\*

## ***Best of Show beer***

BOS Award to receive \$150 sponsored by The Brew Shop.

## ***Category winner prizes***

Category winner will receive prizes from the relevant sponsors. (Details are included in the list of categories on page 7-8 below.)

Category winners are eligible to enter the Australian National Homebrewing Competition 2014, to be held in Canberra on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

## ***Second and third place winners***

Second place in most categories will win a White Labs vial voucher.

Those placing 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> in each category are also eligible to enter the Australian National Homebrewing Competition 2014, to be held in Canberra on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

*\* At the discretion of Batch Brewing Co. and dependent on commercial viability.*

# Entry details

The *NSW State Home Brewing Championship* will be judged on the **23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014** in conjunction with the *2015 Castle Hill and Hills District Agricultural Society Annual Show* ([www.castlehillshow.com.au](http://www.castlehillshow.com.au)). The competition has been registered with the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) and will use the Australian Amateur Brewing Championship (AABC) style guidelines for beers, meads and ciders.

All enquiries contact Head Steward, Stuart Upton, [stusterbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:stusterbrewer@gmail.com)

*Entries must be received by*

- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August (COB)** at listed brew shops  
OR
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August** by post (address below)  
OR
- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm** directly to the Showground

## Entry fees

\$5.00 per entry.

## Entry Requirements:

- Entrants **MUST** complete an electronic entry form available at **<http://tinyurl.com/lglh9ac>**
- Each entry will consist of 1 bottle of a minimum of 500 ml (or two 375 ml containers).
- All styles of bottle will be accepted, however, the organiser will not accept responsibility for any light strike, resulting from packaging in clear glass or plastic. Organisers will not accept responsibility for any entries entered in the wrong category, although feedback will still be given.
- Bottles will not be returned at completion of judging.
- The competition is restricted to amateur brews, that is to beers that have not been brewed on premises licensed as a commercial brewery. Beers produced from extract kits and wort kits and Brew-On-Premises beers are allowed as they not considered to be commercially brewed. Entries must be submitted under the brewer's name(s).

**All entries must be accompanied by completed entry forms including a signed copy of the indemnity form (see the last page of this document).**

# Entry points

## ***Home Brewing retailers***

Entries, fully packaged for transportation containing entry forms and fees may be lodged at the following participating home brew retailers by ***midday Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August.***

The Brew Shop  
60A Henry Lawson Drive  
Peakhurst

The Brew Shop Campbelltown  
2/55 Queen St

The Brew Shop Nowra (drop off deadline Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August)  
U1/32 Jellicoe St, Nowra South

Dave's Home Brew  
Shop 1/283a Miller Street  
North Sydney

Absolute Homebrew  
Shop 7, 40 Phillip St,  
St. Marys

Mark's Home Brew  
18 Maitland Road  
Islington 2296

## ***By Post***

Entries (securely packaged with fee) may be posted to *be received by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August***

Castle Hill and Hills District Agricultural Society  
PO Box 6101  
Baulkham Hills BC 2153

## ***Direct to Showground***

The showground office will be open on ***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm*** for receipt of entries to:

The Castle Hill & Hills District Agricultural Society Show Office  
Federation Pavilion  
Castle Hill Showground  
Doran Drive (off Carrington Road)  
Castle Hill NSW 2154

# Awards

## Conditions for an Award:

- For awards to be made to any category there must be a minimum of three (3) entries in the category.
- An award will not be made to any category if, in the opinion of the judges, the quality of entries do not warrant an award.
- Champion Brewer will be awarded on the basis of the most points with 3 points for category wins, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the event of a tie, the average scores for the placing beers will be used.
- Best of Show beer will be awarded to the entry with the highest average score. (No overall competition best of show round will be held.)

## Beer Awards:

In addition to prizes offered by sponsors, the following awards may be given by the Castle Hill and Hills District Show 2014/15. These will be awarded in time for the show which is held in March each year.

Grand Champion Ribbon for Grand Champion Brewer

Champion Ribbon for Best in Show

Rosette and card will be awarded for beers placing 1<sup>st</sup> in each category

Ribbon and card will be awarded for beers placing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category

## Provision of Awards:

Results will be mailed to exhibitors as soon as possible after 24<sup>th</sup> August with tasting sheets and sponsor prizes. Results will also be posted on the Castle Hill and Hills District Show website and the AHB website ([www.ahb.com.au](http://www.ahb.com.au)) following the completion of judging, as well as through brew clubs and brew shops.

## Judges Decisions:

The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding such decisions. Neither *The Castle Hill and Hills District Agricultural Society* nor the *All Sydney Brewers* will be responsible for any loss or damage to entries or loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of entering the competition. The organising judge reserves the right to alter the competition conditions and rules without notice if deemed to be in the best interests of the competition.

# Categories and Style

Categories and styles are as per AABC listings at the AABC website ([www.aabc.org.au](http://www.aabc.org.au)).

Note: There is a limit of 2 entries per category (so 40 is the most you can enter!), max 1 entry per style.

1. **LOW ALCOHOL (<4% ABV)**  
*Sponsored by Absolute Homebrew*
  - 1.1 Light Australian Lager
  - 1.2 Leichtes Weizen
  - 1.3 Scottish Light Ale
  - 1.4 Southern English Brown Ale
  - 1.5 Mild Ale
  - 1.6 English Bitter
2. **PALE LAGER**  
*Sponsored by Rocks Brewing Co*
  - 2.1 Australian Lager
  - 2.2 Australian Premium Lager
  - 2.3 Pale Continental Lager
  - 2.4 Munich Helles
  - 2.5 Dortmunder
3. **PILSENER**  
*Sponsored by Absolute Homebrew*
  - 3.1 Classic American Pilsner
  - 3.2 German Pilsner
  - 3.3 Bohemian Pilsner
4. **AMBER & DARK LAGER**  
*Sponsored by Dave's Homebrew*
  - 4.1 Oktoberfest/Marzen
  - 4.2 Vienna Lager
  - 4.3 California Common Beer
  - 4.4 North German Altbier
  - 4.5 Munich Dunkel
  - 4.6 Schwarzbier
5. **STRONG LAGER (>6% ABV)**  
*Sponsored by The Brew Shop Nowra*
  - 5.1 Strong Pale Lager
  - 5.2 Maibock/Hellesbock
  - 5.3 Traditional Bock
  - 5.4 Doppelbock
  - 5.5 Eisbock
6. **PALE ALE**  
*Sponsored by Barleyman Homebrewing Supplies*
  - 6.1 Cream Ale
  - 6.2 Blonde Ale
  - 6.3 Kölsch
  - 6.4 Belgian Pale Ale
  - 6.5 Australian Pale Ale
  - 6.6 English Pale Ale
7. **AMERICAN PALE ALE**  
*Sponsored by Rocks Brewing Co.*
  - 7.1 American Pale Ale
8. **BITTER ALE**  
*Sponsored by ESB Brewing Supplies*
  - 8.1 Australian Bitter Ale
  - 8.2 English Best Bitter
  - 8.3 English Extra Special/Strong Bitter (ESB)
  - 8.4 American Amber Ale
  - 8.5 Düsseldorfer Altbier
9. **BROWN ALE**  
*Sponsored by The Brew Shop Campbelltown*
  - 9.1 Northern English Brown Ale
  - 9.2 Irish Red Ale
  - 9.3 Scottish Ale
  - 9.4 Australian Dark/Old Ale
  - 9.5 American Brown Ale
10. **PORTER**  
*Sponsored by Barleyman Homebrewing Supplies*
  - 10.1 Brown Porter
  - 10.2 Robust Porter
  - 10.3 Baltic Porter
11. **STOUT**  
*Sponsored by Black Duck Brewery*
  - 11.1 Dry Stout
  - 11.2 Sweet Stout
  - 11.3 Oatmeal Stout
12. **STRONG STOUT (>6% ABV)**  
*Sponsored by The Brew Shop Peakhurst*
  - 12.1 Australian/Foreign Extra Stout
  - 12.2 American Stout
  - 12.3 Russian Imperial Stout
13. **INDIA PALE ALE**  
*Sponsored by Dave's Homebrew*
  - 13.1 English IPA
  - 13.2 American IPA
  - 13.3 Imperial IPA
14. **STRONG ALE (>6% ABV)**  
*Sponsored by Wayward Brewing*
  - 14.1 Old Ale (English Strong Ale)
  - 14.2 Strong Scotch Ale
  - 14.3 English Barley wine
  - 14.4 American Barley wine

**15. BELGIAN STRONG ALE (>6% ABV)**

*Sponsored by Hunter Beer Co.*

- 15.1 Belgian Blond Ale
- 15.2 Belgian Strong Golden Ale
- 15.3 Tripel
- 15.4 Dubbel
- 15.5 Belgian Strong Dark Ale

**16. WHEAT & RYE BEER**

*Sponsored by Barleyman  
Homebrewing Supplies*

- 16.1 American Wheat or Rye Beer
- 16.2 Weizen/Weißbier (Wheat)
- 16.3 Dunkel Weizen
- 16.4 Weizenbock
- 16.5 Roggenbier (Rye)

**17. FARMHOUSE ALE & WILD BEER**

*Sponsored by Barleyman  
Homebrewing Supplies*

- 17.1 Witbier (White)
- 17.2 Saison
- 17.3 Biere de Garde
- 17.4 Flanders Red Ale
- 17.5 Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin
- 17.6 Berliner Weiße
- 17.7 Straight (unblended) Lambic
- 17.8 Gueuze

- 17.9 Fruit Lambic

**18. SPECIALTY BEER**

*Sponsored by Shenanigans Brewing*

- 18.1 Fruit Beer
- 18.2 Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
- 18.3 Christmas/Winter  
Specialty Spiced Beer
- 18.4 Classic Rauchbier (Smoked Marzen)
- 18.5 Belgian Specialty Ale
- 18.6 Wood-aged Beer
- 18.7 Other Specialty

**19. MEADS**

- 19.1 Dry Mead
- 19.2 Sweet Mead
- 19.3 Braggot
- 19.4 Metheglin
- 19.5 Melomel
- 19.6 Other Mead

**20. CIDERS**

- 20.1 Common Cider
- 20.2 English Cider
- 20.3 Other Cider

*Please include sufficient information for judging of specialty beers, meads and ciders.*

*For specialty beers please include the base style if there is one, plus other information that you think would aid judges such as brewer's intention, use of unusual ingredients or methods. This information should be added to the online entry form or as an additional page attached to the entry form.*

*If Specialty Beers (particularly Other Specialty Beers), meads and ciders do not have further details, the judges may not be able to give full comments or scores on the beers (though all attempts to judge these entries will be made).*

# Castle Hill & Hills District Agricultural Society Inc

## Home Brewing Championship 2014/15 Entry Form

Please fill out bottle description labels and tape securely to bottle. Include this form and entry fee in envelope attached to one bottle. Entrants must also fill out indemnity form (p.10) and online entry form. For bulk entries, please include payment in a single envelope with a list of brewers and beer entries paid for.

Name		Club (if applicable)		
Address				
Email		Phone		
<i>Entry</i>	<i>Cat. No.</i>	<i>Style No.</i>	<i>Style Description</i>	<i>Additional info</i>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
Cost per entry: \$5				
Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>				
Cheques should be made out to Castle Hill and Hills District Agricultural Society.				



# Bottle Description Labels

- Please complete bottle labels and tape securely around bottles.
- One bottle of minimum 500ml or two bottles of 375ml required. PET bottles accepted.
- Put numbers for category and style as on pages 6 & 7, then style in words.  
For example **Category:** 11, **Style:** 1, **Style in words:** Dry Stout.

<b>Bottle 1</b>	<b>Bottle 2</b>
Category: .....	Category: .....
Style: .....	Style: .....
Style in words: .....	Style in words: .....

<b>Bottle 1</b>	<b>Bottle 2</b>
Category: .....	Category: .....
Style: .....	Style: .....
Style in words: .....	Style in words: .....

<b>Bottle 1</b>	<b>Bottle 2</b>
Category: .....	Category: .....
Style: .....	Style: .....
Style in words: .....	Style in words: .....

**PARTICIPANTS INDEMNITY & WAIVER**  
**RISK WARNING**

***The Agricultural Societies Council of NSW advises that the participation, including passive participation, in events or activities at an agricultural show contain elements of risk, both obvious and inherent. The risks involved may result in property damage and/or personal injury including death.***

**TO BE SIGNED BY PARTICIPANT OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE:**

1. I the signatory acknowledge, agree, and understand that participation, including passive participation, in events and activities at this, or at any show contains an element of risk of injury and I agree that I undertake any such risk voluntarily of my own free will and at my own risk.
2. I the signatory acknowledge, agree and understand that the risk warning at the top of this form constitutes a 'risk warning' for the purposes of Division 5 of the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW).
3. I the signatory acknowledge the risk referred to above and agree to waive any and all rights that I, or any other person claiming through me, may have against the Castle Hill Show Society in relation to any loss or injury (including death) that is suffered by me as a result of the undersigned's participation in any event held by the show.
4. The signatory must continually indemnify the Castle Hill Show Society on a full indemnity basis against any claim or proceeding that is made, threatened or commenced and any liability, loss (including consequential loss and loss of profits), damages or expense (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) that the Castle Hill Show Society incurs or suffers, as a direct or indirect result of the participant's participation in any event held by the Castle Hill Show Society.

I have read this Indemnity and Waiver form and acknowledge and agree with its contents. I have made further enquiries which I feel are necessary or desirable and fully understand the risks involved in this activity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF SUBJECT MINOR**

1. I the signatory acknowledge agree and understand that participation, including passive participation, in events and activities at this, or at any show contains an element of risk of injury.
2. I the signatory acknowledge, agree and understand that the risk warning at the top of this form constitutes a 'risk warning' for the purposes of Division 5 of the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW).
3. I understand that by participating in this show, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of minor) may become exposed to the risk of injury, and I consent to the participation.
4. I, the signatory assert that the above named minor voluntarily consents to participation in this Show
5. I, the signatory acknowledge the risk referred to above and agree to waive any and all rights the above named minor, or any other person, may have against the Castle Hill Show Society in relation to any loss or injury (including death) that is suffered by the above named minor as a result of participation in this show.
6. The signatory must continually indemnify the Castle Hill Show Society on a full indemnity basis against any claim or proceeding that is made, threatened or commenced, and any liability, loss including consequential loss, and loss of profits, damage or expense (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis that Castle Hill Show Society incurs or suffers, as a direct or indirect result of the above named minor's participation in any event held by the Castle Hill Show Society.

I have read this form and acknowledge and agree with its contents. I have made further enquiries which I feel are necessary or desirable and fully understand the risks involved in this activity.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am the

parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_