

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Laurel Hoffman at Corvallis Brewing Supply / Whiteside's Beer and Wine, 119 SW 4th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330 (Laurel's phone: 715-1908 (W), or the shop: 758-1674).

Meeting preview: Most of Lee's brewing equipment has been moved along to new homes. The remaining equipment on display and we really need people to purchase some of it. Basically, Joel has been real good at consigning Lee's stuff with no commission, so that Helen gets as much money back as possible. Joel would really like to see it all gone before it goes to Goodwill. Priced to sell goodies! As of now over \$1,000.00 worth of Lee's has been sold. Other meeting topics include final decisions on the format for the 2004 Oregon Homebrew Festival, upcoming competitions and the possibility of a Seattle pub crawl. Be at the meeting if you want your input.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Another great party. Thanks again, Sam, for letting us invade your home. For those of you who didn't make it, you missed out. Several selections of our own SnowPlow was available for sipping along with all kinds of good potluck food. The ring-toss game was unusual this year, with extra prizes from Lee Smith's mug collection. Jazmin Sanchez and Travis Nye did a great job coordinating. Joel paired beers with deliciously sinful chocolates, including Sheba Paws. The Name That Beer game was arranged by last year's winner, Gene Gregg. What a trickster Gene is. He threw off a great many participants with an Amber Lager category. 1st place winner Doug Goeger will be responsible for organizing

AN INVITATION TO ALL

I just wanted to refresh everyone's memory of our celebration and tribute this month for Lee. With all this snow and terrible weather, its been so hectic that things are easily mixed in with other happenings.

Karen and Scott Caul have been generous enough to offer their home on Sunday January 18 for all of his friends and family to gather. Its from 2:00 PM until about 4:00 PM - finger foods, dips, sandwiches only - no hot plates and stuff. Beer and non alcoholic punch will be on hand.

If you have anything to share with us about Lee, we'd love to hear it. Thank you all for being such good friends and for looking out for me so well this past 3 months, and for helping me to bear this pain a little better.

Helen

DECEMBER LITTER PICK-UP

As dreadful as December weather in the Willamette valley can be, we were treated to a pretty nice day for litter pick up this quarter. Scott Caul, Scott Leonard, Paul Jensen, Ron Hall, John Sterner, Jerry Malloy and Doug and Mare Goeger stuffed 21 bags full of trash and other cast-off objects from the Highway 20 roadside. After all that hard work we settled in for some terrific microbrew generously provided by the Oregon Trader, some SnowPlow leftover from the HOTV holiday party, a taste of Bar-Lee-Wine from Doug's party winnings and some hot bean dip. Aside from litter pick-up being a huge community service project, good ideas are generated during the rousing discussions at the post-pick-up debriefing. Ron Hall came up with a new Xmas party game with a White-Elephant Gift-Away theme. The gifts will all be wrapped beers (some losers, some winners).

UPCOMING LOCAL & NOT-SO-LOCAL COMPETITIONS

KLCC Microbrew Festival. February 6 & 7, 5-11p both evenings. Non-BJCP homebrew competition, with a few prizes for winners. Joel will have entry forms, or go online for complete info at www.klcc.org. If you'd like to judge, contact Jamie Floyd at

the game next year.

PROCRASTINATORS WILL PAY!

HOTV membership dues are now only \$15. If you haven't paid up for the new year, please see Scott Leonard, and bring your checkbook. Cash also accepted.

BREWING LIBRARY

By Joel Rea

Joel has taken on the roll of maintaining the position of all the club's loaner brewing equipment. Unfortunately, I did not have a chance to go over the clubs equipment with Lee before his untimely passing. So, I am a little bit amiss as to what we have. I would greatly appreciate the help of any of the Clubs equipment, that you have, to get it returned to Corvallis Brewing Supply. The club purchased a couple of Lee's brewing equipment and so have some pretty nice items. They will be on display at the January meeting.

Steelhead Brewing Company.

Slurp & Burp, April 3. BJCP sanctioned event. Corvallis Brewing Supply is a drop-off location, deadline March 24. Entry forms will be available soon at Joel's and also online.

Edmonton Homebrewers Guild 2004 Aurora Brewing Challenge, Edmonton, Alberta, June 3-5. This event is sanctioned by the BJCP and is an MCAB qualifier. The 5 most popular and difficult to judge styles will be split: European Pale Lagers, Bitter and English Pale Ales, American Pale Ales, Brown Ales and Stouts. Expanding these classes from five to ten provides more recognition and more awards to the top placings. This will have no effect on MCAB qualifiers. More information will be available soon from Competition Chair Glen Hannah at www.ehg.ca.

No information on the Mill Creek Classic held by Capitol Brewers. This competition usually occurs the month prior to Slurp & Burp.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Here is the latest list for AHA Club-only competitions. Dave Benson will be coordinating mailings of HOTV's top beer to these categories. There is plenty of lead time for everything listed (except the mead but maybe you've got one or two stashed in your basement). Bring your entries to the club meeting indicated, and our top-notch judges will choose the best entry for sending in.

April '04 Mead Bring to Feb meeting

May '04 Extract brew for any BJCP category Bring to April meeting

August '04 Wheat beer Bring to July meeting

September Smoked beer

Nov/Dec '04 IPA