

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, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doug and Mare Goeger, 4080 NW Alder, in North Albany, 928-5023. Come grab yourself a few 6-packs of leftover (not necessarily reject) festival entries. Open a few and see if you agree with the judges' scores. A light supper of pinto beans, cornbread and vegetarian chili will be served and Derek promises a keg to supplement all those 12 ounces we'll be trying out.

From Corvallis take Hwy 20 toward Albany. From the Garland Nursery sign, go 1.4 miles to Independence Road. Turn Left and go over hill and dale, 3.4 miles. Make a Right turn onto Palestine Road. At the stop sign, continue straight up the hill. Palestine will "T" into Scenic. Turn Left on Scenic. Left at the stop sign by Fir Grove School. Left on Alder (second street after your turn). Blue house on the left, about 1/2 way down the road.

From Albany take the bridge over the Willamette. At the first light, take a Right on Springhill. Begin clocking mileage. At 5 miles, you'll be in a school zone, and see Scenic Drive on your left, then Ridgecrest, then Alder. Turn Left on Alder. Blue house on the left, about 1/2 way down road.

From Salem, take Hwy 22 West to Hwy 51. Turn Left onto Hwy 51, traveling South through the towns of Independence and Buena Vista until the road ends at a "T". Turn Left onto Springhill Road and go about 1.5 miles. Glenwood Ave. will be on your right, then Alder. Turn Right onto Alder. Blue house on the left, about 1/2 way down road.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Check out Scott's and Ron's festival wrap

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Scott Caul

Holy Cow! What a festival. We pulled off a good one. The competition was as smooth as ever. Congratulations to those who walked away with a ribbon and a big thank you to all who helped make it a success. The Micro-brew fest went just as smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. Again, a big thank-you to those who helped. We should all feel proud to have a club such as ours. I look forward to next year (provided we are up to doing it again).

I'm afraid I won't be here for the next meeting, but I trust you all know what to do with the leftover entries. I'll be thinking of you all as I'm cruising the Inner Passage of Alaska with my family and you can bet I'll bring a full report of what the Alaskan Brewing Co. has to offer. I'll try to bring a little back for the July meeting.

Now that we are beyond the Festival and moving into the summer months, its time to start preparing for the picnic in August. We have our place reserved in Albany this year. I don't remember the name of the park or the date right now, but you can ask Scott Leonard, he made the reservations for us. We'll make more arrangements as the date gets closer.

A couple months back, I announced our invitation to brew at the OSU pilot plant with a complete break down of the brewing process. I only got three responses. At this stage of the game, I would suggest waiting until this Autumn to do this. First, because the summer is always very busy as we all want to get out and play in the sun. Second, because the sun will beat down on that un-air conditioned building and make the experience less enjoyable. I hope when the time comes, there will be enough interest to make it worthwhile. Watch for this to come back around at the end of summer.

Happy brewing, and see you soon.
CHEERS!

IT'S LITTER PICK-UP TIME AGAIN

June 19 is our next quarterly litter collection date on Hwy 20. We're looking for 6 able bodies to comb the roadsides. Oregon Trader beer as reward! Please contact

articles and Dave's tabulation of our club's winners below. (OHF in lieu of May meeting)

HOMEBREW FESTIVAL WRAP

By Ron Hall

Despite the occasional look of panic I wore during the week of judging, everything went pretty smoothly and on-schedule in the Homebrew Competition aspect of this year's Festival. Thanks to a hard-working crew of 60 judges, 8-12 stewards, 2 registrars, and lots of other great volunteers, we worked our way through 270 entries in 3 judging sessions on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. All of the judges seemed to have fun or learn something, and I don't think we ever got to that tipping point where too much judging really becomes a grind. I tried a new format for the Best-of-Show judging, splitting into the 3 groups of Ales, German Lagers and Ales, and Belgian/Specialty/Cider/Meads. The BOS judges seemed to like the format, and it went a lot faster than previous years. Thanks again to all the hard-working volunteers, especially my partners, head steward Karen Caul and head registrar Dave Benson.

AND THE WINNERS ARE... Thanks to Dave Benson

Here's how well HOTV did at our 22nd Annual OHF

Nine 1st place awards

John Sterner for a Northern German Pilsner

Travis Nye for an Export 80/- Scottish Ale

Anthony & Amber Vasquez for an American Amber Ale

Jesse Muralti for a Mild Brown Ale

John Sterner for a Munich Dunkel (European Dark Lager)

Mare & Doug Goeger for a Belgian Strong Golden Ale

John Sterner for a Fruit Lambic-style Ale

Jesse Muralti for a Raspberry Fruit Beer

Ron Hall for a Specialty Cider /Perry

John Sterner for a Muenchner Helles (European Pale Lager)

Jerry Malloy for a Schwarzbier (European Dark Lager)

John Sterner for a Helles Bock/Maibock

Matt Arsenault for a Specialty/Experimental/Historical

Matt Arsenault for a Traditional Mead

Jazmin Sanchez for a Standard Cider/Perry

Four 3rd place awards

Travis Nye for a Cream Ale

Dave Benson for a Tripel

Rob Lorensen for a Specialty/Experimental/Historical

Dave Benson for an Other Fruit Melomel

HOTV took home more ribbons than the other regional clubs. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all who entered.

Mare Goeger (mdgoeger@proaxis.com or 928-5023) for more details or if you would like to help.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES

HOTV membership dues are now only \$15. If you haven't paid up for the 2004, please see Scott Leonard, and bring your checkbook. You might as well pay for 2005 at the same time.



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Portland International Beer Festival, Northpark Blocks in the Pearl District, July 9-11, \$20 includes 10 beer tix or 15 beer tix at Happy Hour, additional tix \$1, for more info: www.portland-beerfest.com

Seattle Beerfest, Seattle Center Mural Ampitheater, July 30-Aug 1, more than 120 beers from 20 countries. \$20 includes 10 beer tix or 15 beer tix at Happy Hour, additional tix \$1, for more info: www.seattlebeerfest.com

Cascade Breweriana Association Annual Garage Sale, August 7, Oak Grove, Hundreds of brewery related items. Neons, lighted signs, tap handles, steins, glasses etc. Contact suzy723@teleport.com

9th Annual Bronze, Blues & Brews Festival, August 14, Joseph, OR, 5 bands, 24 microbrews, \$20 advance/\$25 door. Contact kenh541886@yahoo.com

Great Canadian Beer Festival, Victoria, BC, September 11, 40 breweries from Canada and the PNW. \$20 admission, 4oz samples \$1, for more info: www.gcbf.com

AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Here is the latest list for AHA Club-only competitions. Dave Benson will be coordinating mailings of HDTV'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.

August '04 Wheat beer Bring to July meeting

September Smoked beer

Nov/Dec '04 IPA