

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, November 17, at 7:00 p.m., at our VP Matt Arsenault's house (1036 NW 25th, Corvallis). Voting for 2005 officers will be on the agenda. We'll also be discussing the OSU Brew Day, Xmas party date and line up of events at Sam Holmes', the Portland Holiday Ale Festival, the possible structure of OHF 2005 and taking names on a first-come-first-serve basis for December litter pick-up. You may pre-register for this popular event to avoid the lines at the meeting.

Directions:
1036 NW 25th Street
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Matt's house is located between Grant and Lincoln on 25th street (for those not familiar with the neighborhood...Grant is the major thru-fare from 9thSt). Coming in from Albany (Highway 20), turn right onto Circle, then Left onto 9th at Bi-mart. Right at the Elks Lodge onto Grant, follow across Kings and left onto 25th Street. If you get to the intersection of 29th and see all the hippies at the Co-op (like Mike) you have gone too far. We are the 4th house on the right on 25th.

He will have the front light on, and the car port light also. Easiest entry is to come in the side door under the car port.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

HOTV members descended on the Oregon Trader in October. Thanks, Gene, for being such a welcoming host and serving up such good beer. In a rowdy business meeting President Caul brought up the OSU Brew Day, Holiday Ale Fest and took nominations for next year's officers.

Nominations are still open if you have someone in mind for a position. Here are

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Scott Caul

Here come the Holidays! Are we ready? I'm not... Anyway, there's lots going on. Club elections, X-mas party, OSU Brew, and decisions about the next Oregon Homebrew Festival will all be dealt with at the next meeting. Please plan on attending. You'll see our nominees in the newsletter, mostly the same batch of knuckleheads and the return of Bill Baxter, past President of the club, who is anxious to take a leading role in the club once again. We can also discuss some proposed changes to the responsibilities of our chairpersons, mainly the VP, who, historically, doesn't seem to do anything. Come cast your vote and help shape the club for next year. Our annual X-mas party will be hosted, once again, by the lovely and talented Sam Holmes. Mark your calendars and we will finalize the date and time at the meeting. We will also need some folks to step up to organize the pot-luck, ring toss, beer/chocolate tastings, and the winner of last year's "Name that beer" contest will be slated to set that up this year. I don't know who won last year as I was out with the flu. Also, we will see who (if anyone) comes up with the best brew for our future "Snow Plow". Hope to see a bunch of you at the meeting. Happy brewing!

OREGON TRAIL BREWERY WINS AWARD

Excerpted from the Corvallis Gazette Times 10/18/04

Oregon Trail Ales of Corvallis received the People's Choice Award at the Newport Microbrew Festival this month (October). The winning entry was Oregon Trail Wit, a Belgian-style hefeweizen containing orange peel and coriander seed. Wit is Flemish for white. Founded in 1987, Oregon Trail was the first microbrewery in the Willamette Valley.



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the nominees thus far:

President: Scott Caul, Bill Baxter

Vice-President: Matt Arsenault

Treasurer: Scott Leonard

Newsletter editor: Mare Goeger

OHF Competition coordinator: John Sterner

was nominated, but not sure of formal

acceptance

OHF "Big Bash" Chair: Joel Rea

CALENDAR

Holiday Ale Festival, 12/3, 4 & 5, Portland's Pioneer Square. This was a fun event for HOTV last year; train ride to and from, lots of holiday brews at the fest, walking tour of a few of Portland's pubs, dinner at Kell's. (www.holidayale.com)

HOTV Holiday Party, TBA some Saturday evening in December.

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. Bring your entries to the club meeting indicated, and our top-notch judges will choose the best entry for sending in. We've done pretty well in the past, let's keep up the good work.

Jan '05 Irish Red Ale Bring to December Xmas party

Mar/April '05 Sour beers No details yet

May '05 Extract (extract must make up greater than 50% of fermentables) No details yet

Aug '05 Belgian & French Ale No details yet

Sep/Oct '05 European Amber Lager No details yet

Nov/Dec '05 Baltic Porter

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