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, September 15, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Michael Villiardos.

Directions to Michael's house: From anywhere, start heading South on 4th Street in Corvallis. You'll go on the bridge over the Mary's River and will now be on 3rd Street / Hwy 99W South. At the first traffic light after crossing the bridge, turn Left onto Crystal Lake Drive. The road will curve around and eventually parallel the river. There will be a cemetery on your left. Take a Right on the SECOND entrance to Crystal Circle. Michael's house is the 4th on the Left. It's a blue house, 2028 Crystal Circle. If you screw up, his number is 757-7334.

Meeting preview: Bring your moke-flavored & wood-aged beers to the meeting. Dave will send the one selected by our esteemed committee of tasters on to the AHA Club-Only Competition.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Boy did our president to a good job coordinating things for this year's picnic held at Albany's Bryant Park. Everything came off smoothly with a smaller than usual, but up-to-no-good crowd. Has everybody seen the picture of Scott Caul exiting the port-a-potty with a tub full of water flying thru the air just moments away from contact with the unknowing Scott in it's path? Could Joel be the perpetrator? A picture's worth a thousand words. See Dave Benson's pic for details. Aside from more good food than we all could eat, there was lots of brew and games. Sausages and corn on the grill and bacon wrapped, shrimp stuffed grilled jalapenos were among the many notable goodies too numerous to mention. Check out the golf results below.

PRE-PICNIC HOTV HACKERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Five HOTVers took to the links at the Golf Club of Oregon early on the pre-picnic morn. President Caul organized the round of 9 holes. It apparently didn't matter WHICH 9 holes were played because Doug and Mare Goeger and Gene Gregg somehow ended up on the 18th hole when they should have been playing number 5. They also spent a good deal of time playing off the cart path, but they didn't have a cart. Scott Leonard, Scott Caul and his friend rounded out the two three-somes. It's assumed they did better than the other group, but they're mum about particulars. Barring a call from the PGA with an offer to join some of those big bucks tournaments, we'll be out there again next year, if not before.

NEWPORT MICROBREW FESTIVALBy Joel Rea

The Newport Microbrew Festival and homebrew competition will be Oct. 8 and 9. The deadline for the homebrewing competition is Sept 17. Corvallis Brewing Supply is a drop off point. I do have hard copy entry forms as well. This is a non-sanctioned event. For more information visit www.newportchamber.org/microbrew

CONGRATULATIONS

Several congratulations are in order for our club:

Frank Spirek took home ribbons for two entries at the 2004 Oregon State Fair in Salem: 1st place for Knollbrook Bitter in the Bitter & English Pale Ale category and 2nd place (knocked out of 1st by taste off) for Pumpernickel Beer in the Specialy, Experimental, Historical category. Good job Frank!!!

Stine and Dave Benson showed off the new addition to their family at the HOTV Annual Picnic. Welcome to the club, Briah Benson, their beautiful baby girl.

Wedding vows were exchanged at the Oregon Trader late in August.
Congratulations to Gene and Susan Gregg.

FALL LITTER PICK-UP

Calling for volunteers to help clean up our section of Hwy 20. This quarter we'll be collecting litter on Sunday, Sept. 19th since the day before is a Beaver football homegame (too treacherous). Meet at 11am at Hyak Park. Please let Mare Goeger (mdgoeger@proaxis.com) know if you will be able to help.



CALENDAR

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

HOTV Fall Litter Pick-up, Sunday, September 19, 11am, Hyak Park. Contact Mare Goeger for details if you'd like to volunteer. Refreshments served.

Newport Microbrew Festival, Newport, OR, October 8 & 9. (see above) 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.

Sep/Oct '04 Smoke-flavored & wood-aged beer Bring to September meeting Nov/Dec '04 IPA Bring to October meeting
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

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