

# 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. There will be no formal HOTV meeting during the month of May. Taking its place, the 23rd Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival will be held Saturday, May 21st at the Benton County Fairgrounds. If you haven't yet signed up for a job at the festival, please do your part to help out. Visit the HOTV website at [www.hotv.org](http://www.hotv.org) or contact our festival director, Joel Rea, for details.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Prez Scott Caul entertained us in his backyard on a cool spring evening. A lot of members really liked the free-standing firepit, smoke and all. As would be expected, most of the business discussed centered around the upcoming 23rd Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival and concurrent "Mirco"-brew fest. Those in-the-know can figure that one out. Things are moving along at a good pace with most everything on schedule for a spectacular event on May 21st. If you haven't signed up to help out, please do. Other topics covered at the meeting were Slurp 'n Burp (see below) and pub crawl - no new action to date. The next official meeting (June) will be at Doug and Mare Goeger's house at which unopened homebrew entries will be up for grabs. Watch your June Newsletter for details.

## HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea

Our club has brew gear that is available for members to use. All of the items reside at Corvallis Brewing Supply. There is a one week check out limit unless pre-arranged with the equipment dude...that would be me.

- RIMS (Recirculating Infusion Mash System) Due to the tenacity of this piece of equipment I would strongly suggest that you have a training brew session with

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Scott Caul

OK folks, this month's message is pretty simple. COME TO THE FESTIVAL, VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL, BRING FRIENDS TO THE FESTIVAL, BRING FRIENDS OF FRIENDS TO THE FESTIVAL, TALK IT UP BIG, AND ENJOY YOURSELVES.

That's all I have, read on and be ready to jump in and help out! Thanks.

## SLURP 'N BURP MEDALS TO HOTV ENTRIES

HOTV took home 10 medals from the 2005 Slurp 'n Burp competition. According to their website, here's how they break down:

### 1st Place Winners:

- Ron Hall: Bock
- Frank Spirek: Belgian Strong
- Gary Terrell: Smoke Flavor/ Wood Aged

### 2nd Place Winners:

- John Sterner: European Amber Lager
- John Sterner: Dark Lager
- John Sterner: Bock
- Joel Rea: IPA

### 3rd Place Winners:

- Brian Ross: Stout
- Doug Goeger: German Wheat & Rye
- Frank Spirek: Belgian & French Ale

### People's Choice:

- Gary Terrell
- Joel Rea



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someone who has experience in using it. Scott Caul has in the past been gracious to hold open house brewing sessions with this fine piece (of equipment) usually several times of the year.

- Motorized Grain Mill
- CO<sub>2</sub> kit - Includes CO<sub>2</sub> bottle, regulator and tool box full of draft parts
- Oxygen Bottle and Infusion Stone
- Counter Pressure Bottle Filler
- Low-Pressure Burner with tank
- 12 gallon Stainless Steel Liquor Tank
- 15 gallon Stainless Steel Mashtun / Lautertun
- Bench Capper
- 10 gallon Cornelious Keg
- AHA Style Guidelines Books 1-8

If you have a piece of equipment that is collecting dust and you would like to donate it to the club please let me know.

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

May 10 & 11: Registration for OHF homebrew entries, Oregon Trader, Albany

May 20: Judge training and judging for OHF, Fairgrounds, Corvallis

May 21: Oregon Homebrew Festival and Microbrew Festival, hosted by HOTV at the Benton County Fairgrounds

June 16-18: National Homebrewers Conference, Baltimore, MD

July '05: National Beer Month

Aug 21: HOTV Annual Picnic, Avery Park, Corvallis

### **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 try and out-do Strange Brew in number of points scored.

Aug '05 Belgian & French Ale, Entries due August 16, so bring to July mtg

Sep/Oct '05 European Amber Lager No details yet

Nov/Dec '05 Baltic Porter, Entries due Oct 21, so bring to September meeting

Feb '06 Big Beautiful Belgians, Entries due February 4, 2006