

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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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 16, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by John Sterner. This is a very important meeting in that elections will be held for 2006 officers. Nominations for officers was held at the October meeting, but is still open via e-mail. Another highlight: Our host usually can be persuaded to give a tour of his impressive brewing set-up. Find out first hand where the king of lagers cooks things up.

Directions to John's house:

From Albany, cross the Willamette River/Highway 20 bridge like you're heading to Corvallis. Turn Right at the 2nd traffic light, which is North Albany Road. Soon after you cross RR tracks, you will be approaching a school zone. Turn Right onto East Thornton Lake Drive. If you pass the school on your right, you've missed his street. John's house is the first one on the Left, 735 E Thornton Lake Dr.; phone 757-6112

From Corvallis, take Hwy 20 to North Albany Road (the first traffic light you come to as you approach the bridge over the river entering downtown Albany). Turn Left on North Albany Road. Road. Soon after you cross RR tracks, you will be approaching a school zone. Turn Right onto East Thornton Lake Drive. If you pass the school on your right, you've missed his street. John's house is the first one on the Left, 735 E Thornton Lake Dr.; phone 757-6112

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Shannon O'Boyle hosted our October meeting in full Oktoberfest style with brats, saurkraut and German chocolate cake as well as a great supply of homebrew and microbrew. Business taken care of at the meeting included nominations for the 2006 roster of club officers. Nominations will be open via e-mail until the afternoon of November 16 (next meeting). Voting will take place at the November meeting.

To date, nominations are:
President: Jerry Malloy
Vice-president: Royal Willard
Treasurer: Scott Leonard
Newsletter editor: Ron Hall
Festival director: Scott Caul

Also available, but not an elected position, is Litter Pick-up Coordinator. If anyone would like to nominate someone or themselves for any of these positions, or is interested in assuming a roll in coordinating the HOTV quarterly litter

PREZ's CORNER

we only have to listen to him one more time

Brace yourselves, the Holidays are near. But more importantly, elections for our new officers will be the very next meeting. Please plan on attending so you may vote and show some support for those who will be running the show for another year.

That's all I have this time. Happy brewing!

HOTV HOLIDAY PARTY...

The annual Xmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 9.

HOLIDAY ALE FESTIVAL-for you who didn't read this last month

The 10th Annual Holiday Ale Festival is set for December 1-4 at Pioneer Square in Portland. For the past several years, a group of HOTV'ers has gone up by train to check it out. The fest is open 11am-10pm Thurs thru Saturday and noon -6pm on Sunday. There will be more than 30 potent winter ales featured as well as a mead tasting and complimentary root beer bar for kids and designated drivers. Entry to the festival is free, but in order to sample brews you must purchase a fest mug for \$4. After that, tastes are \$1 or a full mug is \$4. There will also be a "Big Boy Bar" with 10 exclusive beers, many of them imports which will be \$4 per taste. Let's get a group together and head up there!

Newport Microbrew Festival Homebrew Competition Results

Here are our HOTV winners in the homebrew competition held last month:

Jesse Muratli: 1st place Bock, Maibock/Helles
Dick Blankenship: 2nd place Light Hybrid Beer, American Wheat or Rye
Doug & Mare Goeger: 3rd place American Pale Ale, American Pale Ale
Joel Rea: 1st place Belgian & French Ale, Belgian Specialty Ale
Dick Blankenship: 1st place Sour Ale, Straight Lambic
Dick Blankenship: 1st Place Smoke-flavored or Wood Aged Beer
Dick Blankenship: 1st place Traditional Mead, Semi-Sweet Mead

Jesse Muratli was the winner of Joel's gratis festival tickets. He won them by entering his one entry first. Congrats Jesse...Joel hopes the ol' stomping grounds (he was keg boy at Rogue for a stint last year) was fun!!

Good news about brews (Health Magazine)

Put on your lederhosen, its time to drink to your health. It looks like certain compounds in beer may help with bone health, prevent hot flashes, and even help you avoid cancer. Fred Stevens, PhD, an assistant professor of chemistry at Oregon State University and author of a recent study in the journal Phytochemistry, says beer is one of the few dietary sources of a special cancer-fighter.

patrol, please contact either President Scott Caul, or Brewsletter editor Mare Goeger. Also on the agenda at the October meeting: dates for the club holiday party were tossed around, with a final "decision" to ask Sam if he had a preference and go from there. (Date has now been set for 12/9). In absentia, Joel offered to organize the late winter/ early spring traditional pub crawl.



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 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
- CO₂ kit - Includes CO₂ 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

Dec 1-4 Holiday Ale Festival, Portland Oregon. For more info: www.holidayale.com

Dec TBA HOTV Winter Party at Sam Holmes' house

Dec 17 Winter Litter Patrol. 11am Hyak Park

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.

Feb '06 Big Beautiful Belgians, Entries due 2/4/06, bring to January mtg