

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, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Shannon O'Boyle.

Directions to Shannon's house: 1335 SW Sunset Dr Corvallis OR. 97333 Ph. (541)-753-1011 Just 1 mile from Reser Stadium, the best way to get there is to be coming FROM the West on Philomath Blvd, and make a right on sunset, the second house on the left.. Folks that are brave can take Hwy 34 from Corvallis, after they pass 35th street start to watch for a quick left where the Hwy merges. If they miss it, go on and make a left at the Burger King, turn around and come back, making the right on Sunset. She has a huge place for a great gathering!

Meeting preview: Nominations for 2006 officers. Portland Ale Festival crawl discussion. Oktoberfest!!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Paul Jensen, sore back and all, was still able to host the September HOTV meeting at his home in Albany. The evening was perfect for an outside party, and although the beer supply was rather lean (where's the club vice-president when you need him), we survived on homebrews contributed by members and Paul's tasty snacks. There were a lot of new faces and not a lot of club business. President Caul put the bug in everyone's ear that nominations for next year will be coming up at the October meeting. Mike Basinger reminded everyone about "Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day" (see contact info in calendar below).

HOLIDAY ALE FESTIVAL

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!

PREZ's CORNER

by who else but Scott Caul

Well, so much for summer. Time to start whipping up some hearty brews for a long cold winter. Lucky for us, we all have a hobby that makes winter tolerable if not down right welcome! So brew like mad! Some change is around the corner for our little club. We will be making nominations for our next batch of officers at the October meeting. We are currently without a vice president and some other officers will not seek another term. Now is the time to think about what you want from this club and what you're willing to do in order to achieve it. As I've noted before, we have had a "core group" of members who have worked very hard to ensure success in our many ventures. I think I can speak for many of us when I say we're getting tired. I am confident that the club will continue to thrive, but I think its time we get a little fresh blood mixed in. If you have been one of the many loyal folks who gives their time to volunteer for tasks at a moments notice, consider taking on a spot in the planning and organization of our events. Its easier than you think.

The October meeting will also be the time to set a date for our annual Christmas party! This year may be the final bash at Sam Holmes place, so we should make it one to remember. I know it seems a little early to start thinking about Xmas, but if we get it on the calendar soon enough, we can all plan around it and have a good turn out.

One other little thing, we did not have a pub crawl this year.(Booo! Hissss!) All is not lost. I don't know the dates yet, but a train trip to the Holiday Ale Festival (see below) in Portland has proven to be a marvelous trip over the past couple seasons. Lets talk about it at the meeting. Hope to see you there. Cheers!

FALL QUARTER LITTER PATROL

We picked up a TON of garbage this quarter. Hats off to picker-uppers Paul Jorgenson, Will Anthony, John Sterner, Frank Spirek, Geoff Cerruti, and Doug & Mare Goeger. And a special thanks to Dave Wills for his generous donation of a pig full of luscious Oregon Trail IPA. Between the brew, some deviled eggs and some homemade hot sauces and chips (thanks Frank), we got Hwy 20 looking respectable again. Our theory of "nice weather = open windows = trash on highway" is holding true. We will be gathering more data for our highly scientific study again in December.



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

Nov 5 Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day, contact Gary Glass at 888/822-6273 or gary@brewersassociation.org

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