

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. This month's meeting will take place at 7:00pm on January 18 at the home of Reiner Bohlen in North Albany. Thanks Reiner for hosting and giving us a new place to visit! We will be doing the AHA Club Only judging for our entry in the Big Beautiful Belgian category. Bring your BBB's to the January meeting for tasting, and win free entry and shipping into this national competition. I am sure our Festival Organizer Scott Caul will want to start beating the bushes for help with this year's festival at this meeting as well.

Directions to Reiner's house:

5184 NW Springhill Dr in Albany, phone 928-3559:

From Corvallis: Take Hwy 20 towards Albany and hang a left on Scenic Dr before you hit the bridge (near milepost 8). Continue on Scenic until it dead-ends at Springhill (~4 miles) and hang a right. We're about 3/4 mile down on Springhill on the right-hand side, immediately across from Linnview Lane. We're the last house at the end of the long gravel road (~1500 ft).

From Albany: Head over the bridge as if you're going to Corvallis, and take the immediate right onto Springhill Dr. We're ~4.4 miles down Springhill on the left, immediately across from Linnview Lane. We're the last house at the end of the long gravel road (~1500 ft).

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Sam Holmes hosted the ever-popular Annual HOTV Holiday Party at his place on December 9th, and a grand time was had by all. There were lots of strong beers on tap, a great spread of inventive food, a decadent beer and chocolate tasting by Bill Baxter, and a well-run ring toss by Michael Villiardos (despite the fact he didn't know he was running until that day.) The traditional Name-That-Beer Contest was won convincingly by Scott Leonard in the Brewer category, followed by Mike Connors in second place and John Sterner in third. Jenny Miller won the upstart Amateur category (despite cries of insider dealings with the contest organizer), followed by Kristen Taylor and Murray Slayer. Scott has also won the honor of running the contest next year.

Sam has hosted this party for about 8 years in a row, and this will likely be the last time as Sam may be selling his house this spring or summer. Huge thanks to Sam for his gracious

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jerry Malloy

Welcome to 2006! First, Thanks a lot to Sam Holmes for hosting another great end of year party for the club! It will be challenging to come up with as good a venue for future parties. This year brings some new faces to old club roles, and some old faces to new roles. Thanks are due to all who have given their time and expertise over the past few years, especially to Scott Caul who managed to keep us active in numerous ways. Please give him your support in his new role as Festival Chair. Pay your Dues! We're actually doing pretty good here, but there are still around 25 members from last year who have yet to pay for 2006. We'll be talking about a pub crawl (thanks to Joel) at the next meeting, and rumor has it there will be a discount for paid members. Brew! Now is the time to be fermenting your entries for the upcoming competition season. For those that won blue ribbons in categories 1 - 19 at our festival last year (John Sterner, Doug & Mare Goeger, and Frank Spirek (?!)), they are eligible to enter the MCAB VIII contest. Judging will be March 11th in St. Paul MN. The entry window is February 22nd through March 4th. Details can be found at <http://hbd.org/mcab/>

PUB CRAWL

by Joel Rea

On your hands and knees, let's see you crawl! After a year hiatus, the pub crawl will happen again and a date has been set! So, get your 2006 calendar out or fire up your palm pilot and mark Sunday, February 19th! Yes, the 20th is President's Day and I would imagine of good deal of us banker and barber types will have the day off.

The pub crawl historically has been partially subsidized from proceeds from the festival. I'll chat with our new officers to see how much is going toward this year's crawl and a member price and a non-member price will be set in a few weeks. RSVP's will be required and 2 weeks before the event I'll open the bus to Whiteside / Corvallis Brewing Supply customers....so, don't delay on your reply!!

A LIST OF INTERESTING LISTS

From the NW Brewing News 2005 Reader's Choice Awards

Best Oregon Brewery--Rogue Ales, Newport OR

Best Oregon Brewpub--Laurelwood Public House and Brewery, Portland, OR

Best Washington Brewery--Boundary Bay Brewing Co., Bellingham WA

Best Washington Brewpub--Elysian Brewing Company, Seattle, WA

Best Northern CA Brewery--Lagunitas Brewing Co., Petaluma, CA

Best Northern CA Brewpub--Magnolia Pub, San Francisco, CA

hospitality and for making this party one of the best of every year. We will be looking for a special place to host this party next year, so start thinking about adding on that big party room to your house this summer.

LITTER PICK-UP

Kristen Taylor ran her first highway litter pick-up on December 17 as the newly elected Litter Czar, with some good coaching from departing Czar Mare Goeger. Many thanks to Mare (and Doug) for the last few years of service, and to Kristen for taking on this challenge. The hearty souls who braved the rains of December to clean the highway on December 17 were John Sterner, Bill Baxter, Jerry Malloy, Doug Goeger, Mare Goeger, Jim Cantey, and Kristen Taylor.

Congrats to all these fine establishments! ☐
I have fond memories from them all!

Specialty Brews I Would Like to Taste (but haven't had the courage to brew)

1. Cabernet barrel Dapplebock
2. Ginger Lime Mead
3. Chipotle Cider
4. More of Michael V's Jelly Bean Mead
5. Rodenbach Alexander clone (or any other good Flander's Red)



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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

1/18/06 HOTV January Meeting

2/20/06 HOTV Pub Crawl

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