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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

2007 is here as we slowly forget the past year. Every day that goes by, the memories get fuzzier. This is yet another year to brew & drink more great beer and continue getting to know one another at least once a month. Special thanks to Michael Hoppe for hosting our Holiday Party last month. We all had a great time, ate some good food and won some prizes in a ring toss and a few rounds of 'Name that Beer.' Our next meeting is coming up very soon. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, JAN 17 at 7:00 PM when our new president, Royal Willard, hosts the event at his Corvallis home.

Address: 3058 SE Sternwheeler Dr.

Directions from Corvallis: Get on 4th St (Hwy 99) headed south. Stay on 4th St for about 2.25 miles (from center of downtown). You will go under the Hwy 34 overpass and passed the 1st alternative co-op grocery and Papa's Pizza. At about 2.25 miles Murphy's bar will be on the right hand side of the street and just beyond that will be a sign that says Willamette Park (This street is Goodnight). Turn left onto Goodnight and go about 1 mile and turn right on Midvale (there will be a sign that says Willamette Landing). About 100 yds after turning on Midvale take a left on Sternwheeler Dr. Go another 100 yds to a stop sign and turn right (which is Sternwheeler, but the sign will have another street name). We are the fifth house on the right hand side of the street. There should be a silver Toyota Tacoma pick-up in the drive way.

Directions from Albany: Coming from Albany on Hwy 34 go over bridge through 2 stop lights. At 3rd stoplight take a left onto 4th street. Coming from Hwy 20 pass HP and head into town about 1 mile, turn right on Harrison St and get in far left lane. Go through first stop light and turn left on 4th St. Follow directions for Corvallis from this point.

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LITTER PATROL

In other news, the club is in desperate need of volunteers to assist with our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup along Highway 20. This Saturday morning, our Litter Czar Kristen is offering a new crock pot recipe and refreshing beer to thank those of you willing to come out and help clean along the highway. This is important for our commitment to keep that stretch of highway uncluttered; if you have time to get out this Saturday morning, let Kristen Taylor know you are available. She can be reached at 541-753-7239. Email: TAYGEL@comcast.net

The plan is to meet at Hyak Park, on Hwy 20 between Corvallis and Albany, at noon. Come on out and help keep our road clean.

CLUB DUES

If you forgot to send in your dues for 2007, you waited too long to save 3 whole dollars. It's OK. There is still hope.

Send \$15 to our new club treasurer, Mike Gallagher.

1345 NW 11th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Small price to pay to be a part of a great club.

ATTENTION BJCP JUDGES

Ed Westemeier would like to invite all BJCP judges in the Mountain/Northwest, North, and Northeast regions to consider tossing your hat into the ring for Regional Representative. Elections in these regions for the BJCP Board of Directors are coming up in February, and ideally, there will be two or more candidates for each office. At this time, there are NO candidates.

Like me, with my position as the Newsletter Editor, you can run unopposed for the position and your chances of winning are pretty good!

More info at
<http://www.bjcp.org/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?p=943#943>



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GETTING TO KNOW _____

For this month's spotlight of a Heart of the Valley Homebrewer, Nobody will be the focus. Nobody sent me information about themselves for a trial feature in the HOTV newsletter. This hopeful column of the newsletter is about getting to know one club member each month, as we learn their preferences in beer, music, what their occupation is, what town they grew up in, etc., in addition to seeing a picture.

Even though Nobody sent information, the show must go on. I originally thought about spotlighting myself, but that's kind of vain. Instead... Nobody, ladies and gentlemen, Nobody!

Nobody is 0 years old. Existence hasn't begun at this point. He is unemployed, doesn't live anywhere and doesn't even like beer. Every time he has tried drinking it, his invisible body can't digest it. It disappears, as if into a black hole. Nobody's least favorite style of beer is Deschutes Black Butte Porter. People are always talking about how great it is, but he can't taste it. If he had a physical capacity for beer, he would likely go for the ones with no taste, like Henry's Private Reserve or Michelob Ultra Light.

His favorite kind of music is minimalist composition though he doesn't listen to too much music, as he doesn't exist. His favorite piece of music is John Cage's 4'33, a composition made of 4 minutes and 33 seconds of silence. http://interglacial.com/~sburke/stuff/cage_433.html

Nobody lives his life by the following quote: "I'm not, therefore... I am not."

Nobody has never brewed a beer, and no photo is available at this time.

Please help make this part of the newsletter more interesting and send me this information about yourself:

Name

Age

Occupation

Town of residence

Town where you grew up

Favorite Beer brand (and why)

Least Favorite Beer brand (and why)

Favorite style of Beer (why?)

Least favorite style of Beer (why?)

Favorite kinds of music

Quote you try to live your life by

When did you brew your first beer?□

...also include a .jpg file photo of yourself or a URL link to a posted online photo. ☺Thanks! The club is looking forward to getting to know you.

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

UPCOMING AHA COMPETITIONS

from <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

UPCOMING AHA CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS

February 2007 Low Gravity/Session Beers (OG < 1.045) Entries are due by 2/8/07 and judging will be held 2/11/07.

Hosted by Drew Beechum and the Maltose Falcons of Woodland Hills, CA.

This competition covers BJCP beer styles with original gravities less than or equal to 1.045. Categories accepted for this competition include: 1. A, B, D (Light Lagers);
2. A, B, C (Pilsners);
4. A (Dark American Lager);
6. A, B, C, D (Light Hybrid Beers);
8. A, B (English Pale Ales);
9. A, B, C, D (Scottish and Irish Ales);
10. A, B, C (American Ale);
11. A, B, C (English Brown Ale);
12. A (Porter);
13. A, B (Stout);
15. A, B (German Wheat and Rye);
16. A (Belgian and French Ale);
17. A, C, D, E, F (Sour Ale);
20. (Fruit Beer);
21. A, B (Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer);
22. B, C (Smoke-Flavored & Wood Aged Beers).

Please refer to the BJCP Guidelines (<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>) for a complete description of the styles listed.

Only entries from this list of categories with a starting gravity at or below 1.045 will be judged in this competition. For more information, contact Drew Beechum at drew@maltosefalcons.com

March/April 2007

Scottish Ale Hosted by Phil Clarke of the New York City Homebrewers Guild of New York, NY

This competition covers BJCP 2004 Category 9 A, B, and C: the Scottish Light 60/-, Scottish Heavy 70/-, and Scottish Export 80/- styles. For more information, contact Phil Clarke at doggiebe@yahoo.com

May 2007

Extract Beers Hosted by John Martin and the Homebrewers Of Peoria (HOPs) of Peoria, IL

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables. For more information, contact John Martin at n922m@dr.com

And coming up on June 21st of this year, the AHA National Homebrewers Convention begins in Denver, CO.

JANUARY BEER RELATED EVENTS

- o 3rd Annual Ellensburg Winterhop Brewfest, Ellensburg, WA - Saturday, JAN 20 - \$15
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/11192>
- o Brewers Dinner at Pelican Pub & Brewery in Pacific City, OR - Saturday, JAN 27 - \$65, reservations required <http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/11025>