

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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Hello and thank you for reading your club's newsletter for the month of June. Our "big event" has passed and was a great success! The 25th Annual HOTV Homebrew and Microbrew Festival at the Fairgrounds took a lot of effort, planning, some headaches... but we got through it just fine. □ And not to mention, a number of our great club members took home some awards for their stellar brewing! I have attached a sheet of results sent to me by Doug and Mare, and will let you know if it's posted online elsewhere. [It's currently on the web.](#)

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone who submitted an entry! Thanks also to those who helped with the Festival. Your efforts and commitment are what keep the club a great group of homebrewers and people, and helped immensely with this year's event!

As you've read in some emails, we raised a lot of money and plan to give a lot away, as is tradition. At this time, bills and expenses are being finalized □ and an official announcement will be made soon. □

Thanks to Jerry Malloy for providing some festival photos, to be added shortly at the club's photoblog. If you have any digital photos, please email them to hotvnews-at-yahoo.com

HOTV Photoblog [www.hotvphotos.blogspot.com](http://www.hotvphotos.blogspot.com)

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

You will notice a strikingly similar announcement for this year's and last year's June meeting. In fact, it's almost word for word, with just a few revisions. Most of the credit for this section must go to our past newsletter editor, Ron Hall. Thank you Ron! --

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany. The June HOTV meeting will take place on Wednesday the 20th at 7:00 pm at the home of Doug and Mare Goeger in North Albany. This is one of the most popular meetings of the year because we get to taste all the leftover entries from the festival. We will also be reviewing the festival. Don't miss it!

Directions to Doug and Mare's are as follows:

From Corvallis take Hwy 20 toward Albany. From the Garland Nursery sign, go 1.4 miles to Independence Highway. Turn left and go over hill and dale for 3.4 miles. Make a right turn onto Palestine Road. At the stop sign, continue straight up the hill. Palestine will "T" into Scenic. Turn Left on Scenic. Left at the stop sign by Fir Grove School onto Springhill Road. Left on Alder (second street after your turn). Doug and Mare's is the blue house on the left (4080 NW Alder), about 1/2 way down the road.

## BEER TAX "JUST SITTING THERE." CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE!

I just spoke with Rep. Sara Gelser's aid who told me the looming beer tax (HB 2535) has not been voted on yet. "It's just sitting there, and I don't know how [Gelser] plans to vote." he said.

As you know, this tax would destroy parts of Oregon's brewing industry, and we still have time to contact our representatives. ORE House Bill 2535 is still in the air. A NO vote will "save the ales" and perhaps the tax revenue for the various programs could be obtained from other sources, more relevant to the desired outcome.

While I prefer to keep politics out of the newsletter, this is something that affects us as brewers, beer enthusiasts, consumers, advocates of our friends in the brewing profession, etc.

Corvallis: Sara Gelser-D, District 16 503-986-1416

Albany: Andy Olson-R, District 15 503-986-1415

Rural outskirts of Benton, Western Polk, Yamhill Counties: Brian Boquist-R, District 23 - 503-986-1423

Full listing of State Representatives at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/house/>

Online version of bill:  
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measures/hb2500.dir/hb2535.intro.html>

## OREGON CELEBRATES CRAFT BEER IN JULY

State's Original Brewers Festival Turns 19 This Year

-from LAD Communications - 503-827-6564

Portland, Ore., May 30, 2007 -- Oregon celebrates its profusion of good beer all year, but July is the state's official Craft Beer Month. □ And 2007 marks the 19th anniversary of the Oregon Brewers Festival from July 27th to 30th. This year's festival features 73 really good beers from craft brewers around the country along with educational displays and live entertainment.

Soft, pure water cascades down from the mountains, aromatic hops spring from the valley's fertile soils, and barley thrives on the high plains over on the state's dryer eastern side. Oregon beers are truly local and incredibly delicious. The state's brewers produce traditional styles from pale ales to Belgian bitters to dark stouts, but they've also pioneered new flavor profiles, created organic □ beers, and breathed new life into the typical American beer style with handcrafted lagers.

Tom McCall Park in downtown Portland provides the Willamette River and Mount Hood as backdrops for the Brewers Festival. At least 50,000 beer enthusiasts are expected at the

From Albany take the bridge over the Willamette. At the first light, take a right on Springhill. Begin clocking mileage. At 5 miles, you'll be in a school zone, and see Scenic Drive on your left, then Ridgecrest, then Alder. Turn Left on Alder. Doug and Mare's is the blue house on the left (4080 NW Alder), about 1/2 way down road.

Lost members may call Doug and Mare at 541-928-5023 for search and rescue.

Send an email to [hotv@peak.org](mailto:hotv@peak.org) if you wish to carpool.

### **UPCOMING BEER RELATED EVENTS THIS MONTH & EARLY JULY**

There are a number of events this month, and summer, for that matter- beer lovers take note! All events are in Oregon and Washington, and one is in BC, Canada. More info is available at the links posted below the event name.

If anyone plans on going, send an email to the list if you are looking for company, carpoolers, etc.

(\*\*Please check with each venue before making the trek. There's nothing worse than driving 200 miles to find a cancelled event, then having to resort to Miller or Coors Lite on tap at the nearby Dew Drop Inn.)

New Belgium Brewery Tasting - WED, June 13, 6:30 -9p  
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/14212>

Deschutes Brewery's 3rd Annual Barrel Tasting - SAT, June 16 - 7p  
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/12895>

Washington Brewers Festival - SAT/SUN, June 16/17, 11a-8p  
<http://www.washingtonbeer.com/wabf.htm>

Wyder's Ciders Tasting Event - TUE, June 19th, 5:30 -7:30 p  
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/13523>

Outer Limits Experimental Brew Festival - SAT/SUN, June 23/24 - 11a  
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/12318>

Brewers Summer Games 2007 - SAT, June 23, noon-8p  
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/14136>

Seattle International Beerfest - FRI, June 29 - SUN, July 1 (check website for times)  
<http://www.seattlebeerfest.com/Index2%20SIB.htm>

Early July events \*\*\*

The 2007 Canada Cup of Beer - SAT, July 7, noon-7p <http://canadacupofbeer.com/index.htm>

Portland International Beerfest - FRI, July 13 - SUN, July 15 (check website for times)  
<http://www.portland-beerfest.com/>

Festival during its four-day run.

Other Craft Beer Month events include a beer and sausage fest, cheese pairings by the dean of American beer writers, Fred Eckhardt, a barbecue featuring eight special brews that you can't get at the Brewers Festival, and a rousing parade of brewers strutting to the beat of the March 4th Marching Band.

"We are proud to be the only state that has designated a special month to recognize our local craft brewers as well as those from around the world who focus on quality and tradition," said Brian Butenschoen, Executive Director of the Oregon Brewers Guild. "Beer is one of Oregon's iconographic agricultural products and Craft Beer Month is a wonderful opportunity to stop and lift a glass to all the passion and talent that we have here."

America's beer revival began in Oregon in the early 1980s, and the state, the second largest producer of craft beer in America, is home to 82 craft breweries. Portland has 29 breweries, more than any other city in the world. Industry pioneers such as BridgePort Brewing, Widmer Brothers, McMenamins and what is now Pyramid Breweries started in Portland. Full Sail Brewing, Deschutes Brewery and Rogue Ales also started in Oregon and now have regional, national and international distribution. Emerging breweries such as Terminal Gravity, Ninkasi and Cascade Lakes beers can be found all around the state and local breweries like Amnesia Brewing, Laurelwood Brewing and Roots Organic Brewing offer unique beers on tap at their neighborhood pubs.

A recent book review in The New York Times cited a study from The American Journal of American Nutrition suggesting that beer in moderate consumption is actually good for you, meeting about 11 percent of your protein needs, 12 percent of your carbohydrates, and significant amounts of essential vitamins such as phosphorous, riboflavin, and niacin.

Healthy or not, Oregon craft beers taste delicious. Pour yourself one soon at one of the Craft Beer Month events and visit the Oregon Brewers Festival in July.

Admission to the Festival is free, but a \$4 mug purchase as well as \$1 tokens are required to try the beers. The Brewers Festival opens at noon Thursday, July 27th and runs through Sunday, July 30. Beer taps shut down at 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday. Minors are permitted with a parent all hours.

More links on this topic:

<http://www.ratebeer.com/Story.asp?StoryID=475>

<http://oregonbeer.org/calendar0706.html>  
(proclamations from Gov. Kulongoski and Mayor Tom Potter of Portland)

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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
- 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 Mash tun / 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. --Joel

## AHA COMPETITIONS ON THE HORIZON

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

2007-2008 Competition Year Schedule

### August 2007 **Strong Ale**

Entries are due 8/10/07 and judging will be held 8/18 and 8/19/07. Entry fee \$7 (make checks payable to AHA).

AHA Club Only  
c/o: DeFalco's  
8715 Stella Link Road  
Houston, TX 77025

Hosted by Mike Heniff and the Foam Rangers of Houston, TX. This competition covers BJCP Category 19 beer styles.

For more information, contact Mike Heniff at [m.heniff@earthlink.net](mailto:m.heniff@earthlink.net)

September/October 2007

### **Bock**

Entries are due 10/1/07 and judging will be held 10/9/07. Entry fee \$7 (make checks payable to AHA).

Larry Kemp  
c/o: Data Base Products  
12770 Coit Road  
Suite 1218  
Dallas, TX 75251

Hosted by Larry Kemp and the Cap and Hare Homebrew Club of Dallas, TX. This competition covers BJCP Category 5 beer styles. For more information, contact Larry Kemp at [kempbrewing@aim.com](mailto:kempbrewing@aim.com)

November/December 2007

### **Pilsner**

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Todd Crockett and the Gold Country Brewers Association of Orangevale, CA.

This competition covers BJCP Category 2 beer styles.

For more information, contact Todd Crockett at [toadlc@pacbell.net](mailto:toadlc@pacbell.net) .

January/February 2008

### **Dark Lagers**

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Susan Ruud and the Prairie Homebrewing Companions of Fargo, ND.

This competition covers BJCP Category 4 beer styles.

For more information, contact Susan Ruud at [Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu) .

March/April 2008

**Perfect Porter Challenge**

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Ron Smith and the Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI) of Indianapolis, IN.

This competition covers BJCP Category 12 beer styles.

For more information, contact Ron Smith at [RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com](mailto:RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com)

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