

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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I will not jump the gun and wish anyone a Happy Holiday just yet. It's not even Thanksgiving fer Chris'sake!

Thanks for reading your club's newsletter on this November day. As you saw in the subject line, this month's meeting is a week earlier than usual, and will be held at the home of Charlie Renn in NW Corvallis, starting at 7 PM.

Directions... Drumroll?... (silence; unamused, awkward stares)  
OK, no drumroll.

(may be easiest to check Google Maps or Mapquest - the address is 2750 NW Royal Oaks Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330)

Go to Walnut Blvd.

--If coming from the East, take Walnut past Winco, past Northwest Hills Church and the school on the left hand side of the road until you get to NW Glenridge Dr., which will be on your right. It's near the bend in the road that eventually leads up past MLK park.

--If coming from the South up 53rd Ave., take 53rd past where it bends by MLK Park and look for NW Glenridge, which will be on your left.

\*Follow Glenridge until you can veer left onto NW Ponderosa Ave. Take Ponderosa several blocks until you come up to Royal Oaks Dr., which will be on your left. Turn left.

\*Take Royal Oaks until you reach #2750, which is just past the cul de sac.

Charlie can be reached at 541-753-9105 (home) if there is any confusion. He can also be reached by email at [charley@renns.org](mailto:charley@renns.org)

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month, the club met at Bob Saathoff's place at the edge of Philomath. Our main course of business was the upcoming Holiday Ale competition, which will be the morning of our Holiday Party on Saturday, DEC 8. We are still seeking judges and are hoping for at least 20 to 30 entries in the AHA 21-B category. The hotv website ([www.hotv.org](http://www.hotv.org)) has been updated to showcase the event, but any specific questions can be sent to the event organizer, Bob Saathoff at [bob.saathoff@hp.com](mailto:bob.saathoff@hp.com)

We also discussed the future of our annual homebrew festival. It has become a stressful responsibility for those who have put their time and energy into it, and the club is considering our options. This will be discussed in future meetings, and we are hoping to keep the festival and competition alive- however, this will take dedication from more of our members stepping up to help. In the meantime, you can email our current Festival Director, Scott Caul, who is stepping down his position at the end of this calendar year. His email is [tela94@comcast.net](mailto:tela94@comcast.net)

## QUICK LINKS for November

Club member Charlie Renns has suggested that the newsletter includes something like a "web-crawlers corner" where various beer and brewing related links would appear for interested club members. As this is either my last or 2nd to last Newsletter, I can't promise that it will continue. I do suggest that you send links to

## HOLIDAY HOOPLA and CELEBRATION

As mentioned earlier, our upcoming Holiday Celebration will be in conjunction with a judging event that same morning. The judging will start at 9 AM, DEC 8th, at the home of Michael Hoppe in North Albany, the same location of the Holiday party. Please watch your email for a confirmed time of the actual party in the evening- I don't want to give the wrong time, though I believe it's 6 PM.

Address: 4665 Bramblewood Lane NW, Albany, 97321

Directions: (again, google maps or mapquest is a good source to check) Take HWY 20 to Scenic Drive. (From Albany, turn right. From Corvallis, turn left.)

Follow Scenic Dr. about 3 miles until you see NW Palestine Ave., then turn left. Go about a block until you see NW Bramblewood Ln., then turn right. Michael lives at #4665. This was where last year's Holiday Party was. Please call Michael if there are further questions about directions, party etiquette, etc. 541-924-1925.

## ADVANCED BEER JUDGE TRAINING in HOOD RIVER, DEC. 1st

Judge Camp is an advanced judge training tailored for the serious beer and mead judge. Flavors, both off and ingredient will be explored in styles that are presented in homebrew competitions, not just light beer. It is an all day even Hood River, OR on Saturday, DEC 1, starting at 9:00 AM sharp! Location is Full Sail tasting room. Subjects will taught by Ted Hausotter Master beer judge from Baker City, OR and Ron Bach, Grand Master beer judge from Orlando, FL.

Subjects for the training will include the following:

\*Brewing sugars and their flavor contribution in a Belgian Triple

\*Metallic off flavors in different beer styles

\*Schwarz beer, how do they compare to other styles, history and description

\*Sour sources, compare lactic and acetic in the same beers at different strengths and in a more flavorful style. Some beers with Bret will also be available.

\*Meads: overview, how to judge, off flavors and different honey types.

The training is limited to the first 30 judges that sign up. Cost is \$30 per person till November 10 (this SAT). After that the price is \$40 per person. Preference will be given to BJCP judges that actively judge. This will be a BJCP continuing education training.

For more info, contact Ted Hausotter - Mtn/Northwest BJCP Rep [tednjodie@msn.com](mailto:tednjodie@msn.com)

Full Sail's website:  
<http://www.fullsailbrewing.com/default.cfm>

## NEW BREWERY in McMinnville

Heater Allen Brewing 907 NE 10th Ave McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone: 503-435-9119 [www.heaterallen.com](http://www.heaterallen.com)

Beginning THU Nov. 8th, they will be open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 5:30. Samples are \$1 per taste and bottles will be for sale. The brewery will also be open Nov. 17th & 18th and Nov. 23rd & 24th

our new Newsletter Editor, Scott Brusina, who will be taking over starting next year.

But in the meantime...

URL: <http://oz.craftbrewer.org/Community/>

Description: ...a way for CraftBrewers to interact in an informal, yet informative way. Here you can chat with other brewers, either by email or in real time chat, or get locate a Brew Club so that you can meet in person. There are 660 Members at this site.

URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Grow-Hops/>

Description: Hop growing discussion site.

URL: <http://craftbrewcast.com/podpress/>

Description: A podcast er, Brewcast that is, featuring Microbrew fests, interviews, beer events and brewing news. Jamie Floyd of Ninkasi Brewing in Eugene introduces the most recent podcast on the page.

from 1:00 to 5:00. Four to five beers should be available: the Pale and Amber Lagers, the Coastal Common, the Schwarz and Sandy Paws, and there will be a tasting fee that will depend on the number of beers that are available.

Sandy Paws is comprised of four batches brewed in April, June (2), and August that have been blended together. This beer is more of a sipper, so it's packaged in 12 ounce bottles and 1 liter bottles. The 12 ounce bottles sell for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. The one liter bottles sell for \$11.

Mailing list customers can order now for pick up the weekend of November 17th and 18th. Just send an email to [beer@heaterallen.com](mailto:beer@heaterallen.com) or call (503) 472-4898.



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## UPCOMING BEER RELATED EVENTS

Deschutes Brewers' Dinner - Fri, NOV 9 - Warm Springs, OR

[http://blog.oregonlive.com/thebeerhere/2007/10/preholiday\\_getaway\\_deschutes\\_b.html](http://blog.oregonlive.com/thebeerhere/2007/10/preholiday_getaway_deschutes_b.html)

Hair of the Dog 14th Anniversary Sale - Sat, NOV 10 - Portland

<http://www.ratebeer.com/events-detail.asp?eventID=6643>

Beer Appreciation Class & Beer Tasting @ Belmont Station Biercafe Sun, NOV 11 - Portland

<http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/16021>

MdV Celebration Beers - Tue, NOV 13 - Federal Way, WA

<http://www.ratebeer.com/events-detail.asp?eventID=6645>

Ft. George Brewing Brewers' Dinner - Wed, NOV 14 - Astoria

<http://www.ratebeer.com/events-detail.asp?eventID=6638>

Bosteels & La Trappe Tasting - Sat, NOV 17 - Federal Way, WA

<http://www.ratebeer.com/events-detail.asp?eventID=6576>

Holiday Ale Festival - Thu, NOV 29 - Sun, DEC 2 - Portland

<http://www.ratebeer.com/events-detail.asp?eventID=6475>

Winter Beer Festival - Sat, DEC 1 - Seattle <http://beeradvocate.com/events/info/15954>

## UPCOMING AHA ONLY EVENTS

An ongoing list can be found at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/calendar/events.aspx>

Notice the listing for our club's Holiday Hoopla on DEC 8.

## 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 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. --Joel

### **AHA COMPETITIONS ON THE HORIZON**

Find the up-to-date list at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

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