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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 be the annual picnic: noon-ish, North Albany Park. Address and directions are given in Mare Goeger's picnic announcement (below.)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy, The summer has been busy, and I have barley had time to brew. Last weekend finally worked out to brew my pale ale. My first ale in a while. It may be more of an IPA because I just can't help adding hops. Each bag smells so good! Also, my new plate chiller worked like a dream with the warm weather, 40 minutes to cool 10 gal of wort. Fermentation is going well if you were wondering.

I am very happy with the activities the club is getting involved in. Our picnic is coming up soon on Aug. 17 and should be fun for the whole club. Charlie has set up a brew day with the Saturday Market in Albany. More details to come. This is a great opportunity to show the community about our club and the benefits home brewing has to offer. Let's see some enthusiasm and help him with this. Another event coming up is Hop Madness. It sounds like we should have quite a few club members there. Bring on the hops, beer, and good times! I have been hearing some talk about the barrel project and that should happen in the fall. There might even be some samples at hop madness.

On my final note, our past President, Royal Willard has made a quick move to New York. He will be working in New York City. I hope he will have fun there and teach those New Yorkers what a real IPA is like.

Good beers for all, Howie

Upcoming Beer Events - by Scott Bruslind, lifted from www.beernw.com/events

I understand that Bob Saathoff relies on this newsletter to plan his beer outings, so here are two top picks-

Hop Madness 2008 is a celebration of hops and their role in beer. Homebrewers come from all over the country to enjoy all that hops can offer. From brewing hop harvest ales to touring hop farms in active harvest, homebrewers can revel in all of the madness that is Hops! Hop Madness is a 21 and older event. A valid ID is required.

When, Where, and How?

The Hop Madness festival will be held on August 30th & 31st from noon to noon at the Willamette Mission State Park just north of Salem. We will be camping at the Lake B camp area. As always tickets are available for purchase at the day of the event, look for the registration table to buy and pick up your wristbands and don't forget to sign up for the BDHB contest. Provide proof of online ticket purchases at registration table for entry. There is also a fee per car that enters the park (\$3.00) which is separate from the

THE ANNUAL PICNIC by mare

The annual HOTV Summer Picnic will be held Sunday, August 17 at North Albany Park, beginning about noon.

The club will be providing sausages, hot dogs and plenty of beer and soda. The rest of the goodies are pot-luck.

Here are some guidelines if you are having trouble deciding what to bring. But don't feel locked in. If your last name starts with H and you have a favorite appetizer recipe, throw the guidelines out the window and bring that appetizer. If your last name begins with:
A thru J: Side dish, vegetable or salad
K thru Q: Dessert
R thru Z: Appetizer

From Corvallis, take Hwy 20 toward Albany. Take a Left at the North Albany Road traffic light. Continue straight on North Albany Road, past a school and up the hill to a traffic circle. Go around the traffic circle 180 degrees (essentially taking a Left turn) onto Gibson Hill Road. Take a Right onto Crocker Lane (you should see a blue sign indicating a county park is in that direction). Follow Crocker Lane, then take a Left on Valley View Drive. Shortly after turning onto Valley View, take a Left on Hillcrest. Follow Hillcrest down and around to the large group picnic shelter on your Left.

From Albany, take Hwy 20 over the bridge. North Albany Road will be the second traffic light. Take a Right and follow as above.

Our picnic is a potluck with sausages, hot dogs, beer, soda and tableware provided by the club. Please RSVP if you haven't already how many adults and children will be attending in your group so that we can plan for adult and kid's activities. We have reserved the covered group picnic shelter which has a sink, counters, several electric outlets and BBQ pits. There are restrooms and a playground very close by. The parking is adequate, but not endless, so we would encourage carpooling.

Mike Gallagher is doing a terrific job organizing a 9-hole round of pre-picnic golf. You don't even have to be close to good to join in. Really.

Pre-picnic GOLF by Mike Gallagher

Hi All, Looks like we can have 4 groups of 4 for the golf this Sunday, Aug 17th if everyone shows up! Golf starts at 8am, so we probably should all be assembled around 7:30am. Cost is \$18. Playing at GCO in Albany, of course.

Signed up members below....

Mike G + guest
David Benson + guest
Bob S
Charley
John S
Jerry M + Danny M + Jenny M
Pete
Scott
Doug+Mare
Mike Hoppe
Howie (possible)

Thx, Mike

Fish farm weekend (07/12 to 07/13/08) - organized by Louis and Karen Hans

What a gift from Louis and Karen and the Bentz family

Hop madness tee so car pooling is encouraged. Fresh hop vines and water will be provided for the harvest ale brewing.

What to bring?

Bring your chairs, tables, tents, sleeping bags, shade (canopies) and a little firewood and everything else you wish to make your stay enjoyable (homebrew, sodas, milk or juice for the kids, etc.). Its always nice to bring some snacks to share around the camp. If you are planning on going on the hop tour please bring one homebrew or commercial beer to go to the hop farmers.

Events:

- Hop Harvest Brewing: Fresh hops and water provided, bring your own brewing equipment.
- Hop Tour: A tour of active Hop Harvest at a local farm (2pm on Sat)
- Homebrew Contest: Best Damn Hoppy Beer in the Pacific North-West homebrew contest.
- Overnight camping: Bring a tent and cover just in case it rains (it is Oregon afterall).
- New!!! Hop Olympics: Organize a team of your fellow club members to compete for homebrewer bragging rights. More details coming soon.

Best Damn Hoppy Beer contest

The Best Damn Hoppy Beer contest is back for its 7th year in a row. Just like last year there will be 2 contests!

- Judged competition
- People's Choice

Here's how it works...

Judged Competition

1. Entrants must submit at least 24 oz. of bottled (or otherwise containerized) beer. Entry will be done at the registration table when you get there.
2. All entries due by 6 PM.
3. NO STYLE GUIDELINES! A panel of judges will select, based on their own tastebuds, the Best Damn Hoppy Beer!
4. Prizes of some sort will be awarded at 8 PM.

People's Choice

1. Entrants will register at the registration table when they arrive. The amount is up to you, but remember, the more you serve, the more votes you'll get!
2. Entrants will be given a sign to post at their campsite showing that they're part of the People's Choice contest.
3. NO STYLE GUIDELINES!
4. Attendees to Hop Madness will be given one voting ticket each at the registration table when the register after arriving at Hop Madness. Give the ticket to the person whose beer you like the best!
5. Attendees will wander from campsite to campsite where the People's Choice entrants will be giving samples of their wares.
6. Prizes of some sort will be awarded at 8 PM.

Donate:

If you would like to help build on the current and future awesomeness that is Hop Madness and promote fresh hoppy beer we happily take donations or contact us directly. See above link for directions and a trip planner or Wheatland Rd., 8 miles N of Salem or take I-5 Exit 263 and follow the signs.

Entry Fee

Tickets are now available online by credit card or paypal account for \$10 per person / \$15 per household. An automatic \$1 processing fee is added to each online ticket transaction. Tickets can also be purchased by mail if received at least three days prior to the event. Send your contact info, email address, cash or check (paid to David Fraser) to "Hop Madness Tics 3036 NE 57th

Ave. Portland, OR 97212"

Blue Den tree farm dynasty. If they could be stewards of this great nation like they are of their 700 acres, we'd have no worries for our seven generations to come; no global weirding, no petro-extortion, nothing but blue sky and frog legs on the plate. Thanks for the opportunity to commune, we are truly blessed.

July Club Brew by Pete Petryszak

Hi all, Just wanted to update you on the Pale we brewed out at the Blue Den Tree Farm & hatchery; which is now kegged and soon to be carbonated and will be ready for sampling at our next meeting. From an initial gravity of 1.053 (1.04937 read on the Anton Paar DMA 500 on 07/13/08-editor,) it fermented down to 1.014 at kegging, giving us 5% ABV, perfect for a light summer pale. Nicely hopped as well, but not over the top. Thanks again to Louis and Karen Hans for putting our camp out together, and to Blue Den for hosting, and to everyone who helped with the brew - especially Mike G for all his help with sparging and cleanup. I look forward to getting your feedback at the next meeting.

Pete

Hops Rhizome Exchange by Mare Goeger

The inaugural Hops Share List is started. Since this list will be ever-changing, you may request an update by emailing me. Contributors, please do the same as you add/delete vines. New contributors are always welcome.

Please send in a submission for one of your favorite places- scott

Wide World of Brewing by Scott Bruslind

Five premier technical brewing societies get together every four years under the banner of the World Brewing Congress:

the Master Brewers Association of the Americas (<http://www.mbaa.com>),
the European Brewery Convention (<http://www.europeanbreweryconvention.org>),
the Brewing Convention of Japan (<http://www.brewers.or.jp/bcoj/bcoj-en.html>)
the Institute for Brewing and Distilling (<http://www.ibd.org.uk/igbsite/home/index.asp>)
the American Society of Brewing Chemists (<http://www.asbcnet.org/>) of which your editor is the Local NW Section 7 Chair.

850+ attendees in Honolulu, HI, 08/02-06 discussing all aspects of brewing- raw materials, water treatment, process technology, filtration, packaging, distribution/marketing, new product development.

I was swimming on Waikiki with Linda and the kids, so I only remembered two numbers:

\$100,000,000- committed by brewers in long term contracts in the last year to ensure an increased and stable U.S. (Yakima Valley) hop supply. This year should be better, Inshallah.

60%- the maximum amount of malt allowed under Japan's tax tier before a surcharge is levied. The result is a 12oz bottle of ≥60% malt beer is \$2.35, 26-59% is \$1.75, and <26% malt is <\$1.00. The only thing I could conclude is the brewers of Japan need better lobbyists.

Japan- the best lab analysts in the world
Europe/Germany- the best engineers in the world
U.S./Canada- the best marketers in the world.

I love the Japanese. They are so forthright, humble and dedicated to continuous improvement. It is beyond me why they would suffer under the political tyranny of

brewing < 60% malted barley beer. The 'Happochu' that

Septemberfest

Heart of the Valley Septemberfest is the northwest beer lover's brewfest. The best of the Valley's craft beer will be featured Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 from noon to 9 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR. Entry is \$10 and includes a glass and two samples. Coordinated by the Heart of the Valley Homebrewers, the event was formerly known as the Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival. After 25 years, the club has decided to split the competition and festival. The competition will remain in May, while Septemberfest makes its debut in September.

Heart of the Valley Septemberfest
The Northwest Beer Lover's Brewfest
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008
Noon - 9 p.m.
Benton County Fairgrounds
110 SW 53rd St.
Corvallis, OR
Entry is \$10 and includes a glass and 2 samples
For more information go to www.hotv.org or
email Howie at vonhowie@msn.com
Septemberfest Chair: Eric "Howie" Howard
Steering Committee:
Armand & Irene Schoppy, Co-Chairs - Logistics
Joel Rea, Co-Chair - Beer Procurement
Bobby Richards, Co-Chair - Beer Procurement
Nick Arzner, Chair - Food & Entertainment
Scott Bruslind, Co-Chair - Marketing
Jamie Howard, Co-Chair - Marketing
<http://www.hotv.org/septfest/>

From The AHA

September/October 2008
Imperial Anything
The imperialization of the beer (ABV, IBU, etc.) must be stated on the entry form.

For more information, contact Fred Bonjour at homebrew@wideopenwest.com.
November/December 2008
Celebration of the Hop (IPA)
This competition covers BJCP Category 14 styles.
For more information, contact Frank Barickman at fbarickm@columbus.rr.com.

HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea, revised by Peter Petryszak

Our club has brew gear that is available for members to use. All of the items reside at Corvallis Brewing Supply. If you check out a piece of club equipment, please clean and return it to Corvallis Brewing Supply as soon as possible for other members to use. 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.
- 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. --Joel

brewing's 7000 malted barley beer. The Happonia that we tasted is refined in an American Lager kind of way - sulfur notes predominate with little hop or malt character; free of defects, well carbonated and refreshing in the lawn mower category. A homebrewer would be well advised to attempt this style with circumspection.

But, the Belgians; they rule the earth, now, with the InBev-A_B deal done. Who would have guessed four years ago when some Flemish also-rans merged with a few South American mass-swill producers, that the pride of St. Louis would topple? A sharp accounting pencil counts more than a well-tended mash tun and yeast brink, the Clydesdales notwithstanding.

If there is one thing the Bush2 Administration will be noted for, it is the relinquishing of American control of domestic beer production. We have nowhere else to turn than our own kettles. Roll up your sleeves, HOTV'ers, there's a country to save from foreign onslaught. The real number, however, is 2600 attendees at the 2008 Craft Brewers Conference in Austin, TX compared with 850 WBC'ers in Honolulu.

Finally, size doesn't matter.

The megabrewers will spew out more cans and bottles with fewer people; but the Craft Brewers and the homebrewers who support them, turn out more people in community. The tipping point is here. What will Charlie Papazian do?



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