

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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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 July 16 at 7:00pm, Bill Baxter's house in Independence. Look for address/directions via the listserve. One of the meeting items will be to judge Meads to advance to AHA judging (see AHA schedule.)

Thanks Bill for hosting.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy,

I hope that you all had a good 4th weekend. It was nice to have 3 days off. I did a little bit of hop maintenance and brewed some beer. What beer would I be brewing this time of year? A porter? A Scottish ale? No, an Oktoberfest beer. No time like the present to brew those clean lagers for those cool late summer nights. By using my newer 10 gallon brewing setup and new plate chiller I got from Joel it took no time to brew in the heat of summer. The setup still needs some tweaks so I will just have to brew some more to figure them out. Next up is a Pale Ale that will use up some of the leftover hops in the freezer.

On my next note, we have encountered some nice support from our local brew shop, brewery, and brewpubs. Corvallis Brewing Supply, Oregon Trail, Block 15 and Calapooia have all kicked in to help out with our Septembeerfest advertising. You can check out our first ad in Beer Northwest. Any opportunity you have to help out our local brewing heroes will be well received.

Good beers to everyone,

Howie

**Fish farm this weekend (07/12 to 07/13/08)** - organized by Louis and Karen Hans Fish farm outing is back and now includes a club brew.

Louis and I are hosting a party at the Blue Den Trout Ranch near Scio on July 12 and 13. You are welcome to arrive any time after 2:00 PM and stay through the night to Sunday. Blue Den is a 800 acre tree farm with a trout growing operation. There are several ponds and lakes stocked with rainbow trout for catch and release fly fishing. The menu will include crayfish and bullfrogs (you catch'em and we'll cook'em). Please bring a pot luck dish to share and any other entrée you want to BBQ (be brave, try the bullfrog). Bring the kids (we send them out to catch dinner) and friendly dogs are welcome too (just be sure to keep them close by as there are chickens at the Ranch). Also, bring musical instruments and we can have a jam session. Those who want to stay over night are welcome to bring tents, tent trailers, or RVs, or there is a lodge where you can crash on the floor. The Lodge has bathroom and shower as well as a kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and microwave. I will bring a coffee maker.

The Blue Den is located Blue Den Ranch is located at 38620

## June Club Brew by Pete Petryszak

HOTV June club brew took place on Saturday the 14th at Corvallis BrewingSupply, hosted by proprietor Joel Rea and his flatulent plastic friendGustav (ask Joel if you can meet him next time you're in the shop). Clubmembers Louis Hans, Pete Petryszak and Bob Saathoff attended, as well astwo potential members Steve and Jeremiah (we were so informal we didn'tget their last names). The beer of the day was a special 100% wheat beer with all the hopsadded to the mash tun, none at the boil. OK, not quite 100% wheat. Atiny amount - less than 1/4 lb. - of acidulated barley was added to themash to insure a proper pH. This unusual technique served a dual purpose- first, the hops provided a filter medium (unlike the barley used inbrewing, wheat has already been separated from the chafe and using toomuch wheat in the mash can lead to a stuck runoff during the sparge).The second purpose for hopping the mash was top provide a very light hop flavor to a very light easy-drinking summer beer. We sampled some of Joel's previous batch and unanimously agreed that it's a great light-tasting beer perfect for the upcoming 100+ degree days. Some notes to point out regarding this hopping technique: first of all,hopping the mash does not even come close to a full utilization of the hops, so a low alpha-acid hops were used. Using a high % alpha hops would be a waste. Secondly, since no hops were boiled, the wort only needs to be boiled for about 20 minutes. All we wanted to do with theboil was to sanitize the wort. Once the brew was under way Joel bottled up a batch of hard cider,sending us all home with a six-pack. Pete Petryszak

## Volunteers needed for Picnic planning, by Mare Goeger

We reserved Sunday, August 17 at North Albany Park for our annual summer picnic. Please put this date on your calendar. Please contact me to help with planning and volunteering for various activities that make it a fun and memorable day.

**Upcoming Beer Events-** by Scott Bruslind, lifted from [www.beernw.com/events](http://www.beernw.com/events) I understand that Bob Saathoff relies on this newsletter to plan his beer outings, so here are two top picks-

Portland International Beer Festival · July 18,2008  
North Park Blocks in the Pearl Portland, OR 4:00 PM  
With more than 130 brews from 15 countries, you're bound to enjoy this tasting event. Taste rare and specialty brews while snacking on a variety of local cuisine. Cost is \$20 for a tasting mug and 10 tasting tokens. [www.seattlebeerfest.com](http://www.seattlebeerfest.com)

Oregon Brewers Festival · July 24, 2008  
Tom McCall Waterfront Park Portland, OR 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

One of the premier craft beer events in the nation, this festival boasts more than 72 beers from 18 states. Join 60,000 beer lovers from around the world and enjoy a weekend of craft beer, local food, and entertainment. Admission is free; \$5 tasting mug and \$1 tastes. [www.oregonbrewfest.com](http://www.oregonbrewfest.com)

OR State Fair Competition, deadline 07/31/08-

How does your homebrew beer stack-up against the competition? The 2008 Oregon State Fair will hold its annual Homebrew Beer Competition on Saturday August 9, 2008 in the Floral Building. From popular ales to a variety of specialty beers, the competition is sure to attract home brewers throughout Oregon. The Oregon State Fair Home Brew competition sanctioned by the

Lulay Rd Scio, OR 97374.

Go east 6.7 miles of Scio on Hwy 226 toward Lyons . Turn right on to Camp Morrison Road , cross the covered bridge and go 0.4 miles, turn right on to Lulay Road , go 0.6 miles to Blue Den. Turn right in to the driveway then stay right as you drive pass the houses, the barn, over the bridge and then left to the trout hatchery. Here is a map from Scio

### MAP

Louis' cell number is 541 247 3474 is you get lost.

Please send us an email (fishheads@peak.org) if you plan to come so we know how many to expect. Feel free to contact us if you need more information (752 9806). Karen and Louis Hans

Use the listserv (hotvatpeak.org) to get more of your questions answered (what else to bring, when does it go to 'clothes optional'...)

Brewing is added to the list of activities and Pete Petrol has a light Pale Ale in mind.

Karen has been thinking about a group breakfast for the campers since there is a kitchen in the lodge. How about everyone planning on staying the night, bring breakfast stuff (eggs, potatoes, pancake mix, surup, muffin mix, etc) and we will have a potluck breakfast? -Karen

### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING** by Dan Crall

The meeting at Doug and Mare's place in Albany was the usual must-be-at-meeting-in-June when the club got to enjoy hundreds of left-over brews from our competition. Though this year's turnout in entries was relatively low (253), there were still plenty of brews and styles to choose from, ranging from chocolate truffle stouts to orange spice beer and plenty of familiar favorites like Pilsners, IPAs and Porters. There was a resounding appreciation for the competition's venue this year, which was Calapooia Brewing in Albany. Bob Saathoff and others talked about the convenience and coziness of this place and the hope of having the competition there next year. This year's Best in Show award went to Ted Hausetter for his "Berliner Weisse" which is on its way to AHA Nationals. One item of discussion was the upcoming festival in September, aptly named "Septembeerfest." It is slated to take place at the Benton County Fairgrounds on September 27, from 12-9P. We will be charging \$10 for an entrance fee, which includes a glass and 2 beer chips. At this point, the wheels are in motion for planning the event, thanks to several people who have volunteered to help.

Your help is needed, and you can contact the following people if you are interested in assisting.

Logistics: Armand and Irene Schoppy  
Marketing: Scott Bruslind  
Food and Entertainment: Nick Arzner  
Beer Procurement: Bobby Richards and Joel Rea

Other than the festival, Hop Madness is coming up on August 30. Our president Howie would like to see more club involvement in this great event, and what do we have to lose? The stories and experiences from Hop Madness only seem to get better; what else might you expect from an event that celebrates hoppy brew? Even before Hop Madness is the day at the Trout Farm coming up July 12th. Speaking of great stories and experiences, the idea of getting away to enjoy fishing, bullfrogging, swimming, hanging out with fellow HOTV members... I can't contain myself! I can't write another word, I'm so excited.

American Homebrewers Association (AHA) and by the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). The entry deadline is Wednesday July 30, 2008. Join us for the awards ceremony scheduled for Saturday August 30, 2008 during the Oregon State Fair! For more information contact Jeff.Trejo@state.or.us.

From The AHA August 2008 Mead

Entries are due 7/25/08 and judging will be held 8/2/08.

For more information, contact Al Boyce at alboyce@bigfoot.com .

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.

### **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.



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### **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.

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- 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
- 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