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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

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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 take place at 7:00pm Wednesday March 19, 2008 at the Oregon Trail 341 SW 2nd Street Corvallis, Oregon, 97333 United States phone: (541) 758-3527 Directions? www.mapquest.com

Thank you Dave Wills for hosting.

The March meeting will highlight "Irish beer of any kind" in honor of St. Patrick. If any details emerge regarding beer in the Old World Deli, we'll post those via the listserve.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy all!

What a great time of year. Brewing is in full swing and new ideas are floating around. I finally got my carboys back from the Triple barrel project and what do you know they were full of yeast! Why not try something new? A Belgium Dubble! This will be the perfume in my garage as I enjoy the Sunday sunrise and my cup of joe. I have also noticed something wonderful but surprising, many hop buds making their way to the sky. As you are pondering what is around the corner, maybe the answer is at the next meeting. We have many great brewers and many great ideas. Let's share some of these and start brewing!

Brews for everyone, Your pres, Howie

Litter pickup

Saturday March 29, 9AM @ Hyak Park By Peter Petryszak

It's that time again when we gather at the park and clean up our stretch of Highway 20. At the last pickup we decided that afterward we should head to Calapooia for some burgers and beer. Please reply with your availability. If you'd like to pitch in but are busy on the 29th, please feel free to suggest an alternative date.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING by Scott Bruslind

Thank you Jerry Malloy for being a generous host and supplying a neutral, predisclosed location. Your editor is a slacker as a functional club secretary, and details are in the dim past. Bob Saathoff got the ball rolling on the 2008 homebrew competition. Charlie Renn shopped the idea of having a brewing demo at the Corvallis Saturday Market. A motion passed to not have a festival on the same day as the competition. A pub crawl to Eugene was passed with a tentative date set for March 15 (revised, see note.)

A lot of parliamentary procedure was bandied about like an

Pub Crawl

excerpted from Mare Goeger's personal communication

Let's celebrate by getting on the cute yellow school bus on Saturday, April 19. Club executives have made the decision of subsidize our outing. Club members (this means you have given Sterner your dues for 2008) will pay \$15 for transportation (including bus beer). Non-members will pay \$20. All money MUST be paid to the Vice Pres (Mare Goeger) or Treasurer (John Sterner) by Saturday, April 12. If there are seats available after this date, the cost will be \$25 (both members and non-members).

This will be a fun trip. Part of the trip will be a walking tour of breweries/pubs through downtown Eugene. You will be provided with a map, and can buddy-up with a group and move at your own pace. Some stops will be reached by riding our yellow school bus. Another stop will be a nifty bottle shop with a HUGE selection, where you can buy bottles to take home, or ask for a glass and open it there. Lunch (suggestions will be on your walking tour map), as well as any beer you drink besides the bus beer, will be at your own expense. So, synopsis: Date: Saturday April 19 Transportation & bus beer cost: Members, \$15 by April 12; Non-members, \$20 by April 12; Anybody after April 12, \$25 Lunch and any beer you buy: At your own expense

2008 Spring Beer and Wine Festival by David Schlink

There are 23 Breweries scheduled for the 14th annual Fest, ranging Alaskan Brewing Company on the north to Sierra Nevada from the south. Although there will be plenty of IPAS on the schedule, they do not dominate the billing as they have in the past. Belgian style beers, including Roots' Belgian Brown and Lost Coast's Great White, are well represented. Deschutes and Stone are bring stouts and Salmon Creek promises their Oaken Porter. Reds and coppers will be abundant, Copperhook, Laurelwood's Freerange and Mad River's Jamaica Red, to name a few. Add in Beertown, Full Sail's Nut Brown and Downtown Brown, those of us on the Dark Side will be well served. Blue Moon is bring two wheats, Kona their Wailua Wheat and Longboard Lager. And what Portland Beer event would be complete without Pabst Blue Ribbon? A complete list is available at <http://www.springbeerfest.com/brewers.htm> Admission is \$5, but you'll probably want the package deal: \$20 buys you admission, a sampling mug and ten tokens. [Oh yeah, there'll be wine & food there too]

March 21 & 22
Oregon Convention Center
12:00 noon till 11:00pm
777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.
Portland, Oregon

Other details on the SB&WF from the website-Scott What are the tokens good for? Beer can only be purchased with tokens. Most beer samples are one token and full glasses are four tokens. All other vendors, be they food, drink or whatever will take festival tokens instead of or in addition to U.S. money. Left over tokens will NOT be bought back. They are good from year to year.

Do I have to buy a glass?

No. If you are not drinking you do not have to buy a glass. Beer is only available in a festival glass or mug. Cider, mead, and wineries may sell samples in tiny plastic cups or have their own glasses for sale or will serve their product in any of the festival glasses. Martinis and single malt scotch come in their own glasses.

Sharing samples is permitted

A lot of parliamentary procedure was brandished about like so much knighthood weaponry, to little effect. A motion passed to have club officers and interested club members meet with Ingalls&Associates, but a date could never be agreed upon. Three entries for the AHA-club only Porter competition were judged and a winner declared whose name escapes. Congratulations, the club will pay for shipping and the entry fee. Entries are due on March 21, 2008 and the judging will be held on March 29, 2008. Entry fee is \$7. Hosted by Ron Smith and the Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI) of Indianapolis, IN

From The AHA

May 2008

Extract Beers

Entries are due by May 2, 2008, and judging will be held on May 5, 2008. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to the American Homebrewers Association. Entry Shipping: The Homebrew Shop 225 W. Main St. St Charles, IL 60174 Hosted by Jim Burzynski and the Urban Knives of Grain of Naperville, 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 Jim Burzynski at james.burzynski@mwumail.midwestern.edu

August 2008

Mead

Entries are due 7/25/08 and judging will be held 8/2/08. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association. Entry Shipping: Midwest Supplies 3440 Belt Line Blvd Minneapolis, MN 55416 Attn: Aug 2008 AHA COC Hosted by Al Boyce and the Minnesota Homebrewers Association of Edina, MN, this competition covers BJCP Categories 24, 25, 26 mead styles. For more information, contact Al Boyce at alboyce@bigfoot.com .

September/October 2008

Imperial Anything

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Fred Bonjour and the Clinton River Association of Fermenting Trendsetters (C.R.A.F.T.) of Macomb Township, MI, this competition covers imperialized versions of all BJCP categories. 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) Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association. Hosted by Frank Barickman and the Scioto Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) club of Delaware, OH, this competition covers BJCP Category 14 styles. For more information, contact Frank Barickman at fbarickm@columbus.rr.com.

2008 Slurp 'N Burp (reminder)

Fearless Brewing (www.fearless1.com) of Estacada, OR is hosting the S&B again this year. The event will take place on Saturday April 5th 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch and a pint of one of Ken's great microbrews will be provided for all judges. Judge sign-up will start around 8:30 AM. For additional info on S&B 2008, please log on to the Strange Brew website (www.strangebrew.org) please reply if you plan to attend and judge. Also, let me know if you have interest in pre-judging some flights Friday night before S&B. Thanks in advance. Cheers, Paul Johnson 2008 Slurp & Burp Judge Coordinator PJ@strangebrew.org (503)810-7624

Smearing samples is permitted.

National IPA Championship

Results are in from the Brewing News National IPA Championship. Complete brackets are here <http://www.brewingnews.com/nipac/nipacroundfinal.shtml> The 2008 winner is Green Flash IPA. Which Green Flash IPA wasn't specified, but here's their lineup- <http://www.greenflashbrew.com/taproom.html>

Homebrewing Code of Honor by Scott Bruslind

"Do no harm" is the Hippocratic Oath; and like many ideals in this State and age, situations arise which test it. Dr. Laine Murphy, MD, and an award winning homebrewer, presents compelling evidence to the salutary effect of moderate beer consumption. He says it's good for you in amounts of 2 or less drinks per day for men and less than 2 for women. Other researchers echo his findings. The beer-wine health debate continues in Dr. Charles Bamforth's forthcoming book Grape vs. Grain: A Historical, Technological, and Social Comparison of Wine and Beer (<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521849371>) Beer, with a pH<5 is, at the very least a mild corrosive, and it's nowhere to be found on the USDA food pyramid. The physiological argument for ethanol consumption in any form is a forced one. Phyto oxidants, found in beer and wine, more readily occur in their juice precursors. So, how to justify this ancient vice, one that is perhaps more ancient than the oldest profession? Ethanol consumption helps us to get along. Up to a point. We often don't get along after 2 or more beers and that point was not lost on the temperance movement who fought ethanol consumption for 150 years until winning with Wartime Prohibition Act in 1918. Commercial sales of ethanol resumed in 1933. But, homebrewing was not legalized until 1979. Why?

Homebrewing is pure anarchy (i.e. the absence or non-recognition of authority and order in any given sphere.) The raw materials are not controlled, neither is the exchange of homebrew in the absence of any remuneration. Anarchy takes a huge amount of self-control and discipline, something which ethanol most readily corrodes. Homebrew clubs walk the tight rope-exercising some collective control in an activity whose sole purpose is to loosen that control. This club has a long history of doing that walk with dignity and panache.



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UPCOMING AHA ONLY EVENTS

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

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

time (preheating masher mash system). Due to the rarity 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. --Joel

AHA COMPETITIONS ON THE HORIZON

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