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## Higher Learning



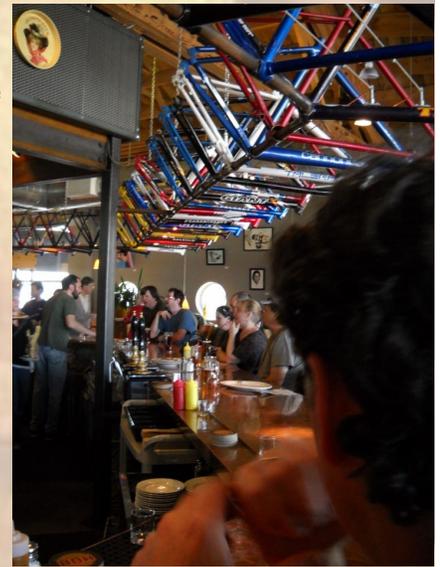
**President:  
Armand Schoppy**

As I write this President's Corner my head swoons of images and memories of the brewery education tour which happened only a few days ago. My.... What an eventful trip it was. I would like to thank Gary Terrell, our esteemed Vice President, for planning such a dynamite trip, which was filled with revelry and frivolity. I also wish to thank the folks in the white Subaru. When that little white Subaru pulled into Reeser Stadium parking lot packed like a clown car, my first thought was that we were going to need more beer for the bus ride to Portland. Unknown to me, there was a soon-to-be new member amongst them once they found out what a fun-loving group we are. I just have to say welcome new member

Drew; that was a most excellent keg stand you did while the bus was driving 55 miles an hour down I-5. All I can say is that you helped make this trip a most memorable event. I think we started with 34 participants when we left Albany, we returned with less than 30. You know that was a good time when you return with less people than you started out with. Where those other folks are, it is still not known. We had a wonderful time; there was lots of community outreach, lots of sun and lots of fun. We all learned about different beer styles and how they taste; nobody pulled a "Howie" on the way home and miraculously, we even had a little beer left over at the end of the trip. Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to the participant who had surgery only 2 days before the event. He managed to come and have a good time. I'm sure there was no mixing of medication and alcohol, because that would be just wrong.

For those members who were unable to attend and miss this amazing experience, perhaps we could ask Gary to plan another trip. If he agrees I would dare not to miss it.

Remember, drink responsibly,  
drink homebrew.



April Meeting at 7pm on  
the 18th at  
Calapooia Brewing in  
Albany

<http://www.calapooiabrewing.com/>

Links to More Beer Events and Information in our area can be  
found at:

<http://www.portlandbeer.org/>

<http://beervana.blogspot.com/>

<http://beernorthwest.blogspot.com/>

<http://brewpublic.com/>

Be sure to check out the all-new look of our HDTV Homebrewers  
**Facebook** page! "Like" us and share your brewing  
(and consuming pics) with the group!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Heart-of-the-Valley-Homebrewers/64257932787>

# Homebrew Competition News

By Irene Schoppy



Competition season is in full swing! Armand and I went up to Estacada and judged for the Slurp & Burp Homebrew Competition, and will shortly be helping out our friends at Capitol Brewers with their competition at the Oregon Garden. I can tell you that

starting the day with IPA's is not easy for my taste buds, I hope to get a gentler category at the Homebrewers Classic! As a certified beer judge, you need to be ready to judge any of the 28 styles of beer, cider and mead. Judge coordinators try their best to match you with your preferred styles, but keep in mind that all categories have to be judged, and you cannot judge those categories you enter. This is why I missed out on stouts in Estacada and was put on IPA's. Luckily my flight was on the small side, with 7 entries, 5 of which were Imperial IPA's. Once you get some experience you really don't need to taste very much of the sample to get an impression of the beer, luckily for my lightweight self! Speaking of the Slurp & Burp, congratulations to our own Da-

vid Swisher, who got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2 categories, Pilsner and English Brown Ales!

Now, most importantly, our competition on May 19 is almost here! I know I've just painted a very rosy picture of judging, trust me it is fun. Getting a judge sheet back from a certified beer judge is great, too. They can give you honest feedback on your beer, and sometimes even suggest ways to improve. Entering competitions will make you a better brewer, so get to it! I can't wait to see entries pour in. That reminds me, [our registration site](#) is up and running, thanks to Bill Baxter for his hard work in getting that accomplished.

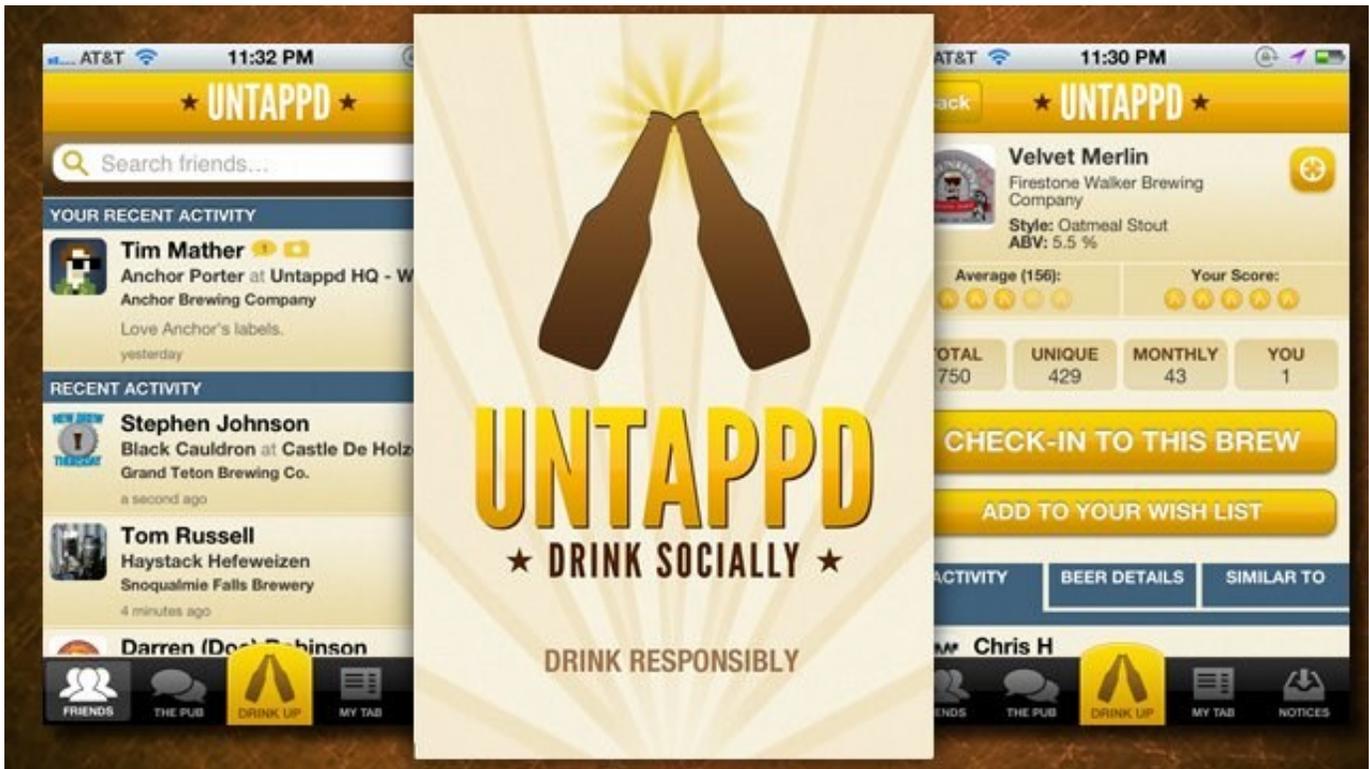
During the club meeting before entries are due, HOTV members can bring in their beers for consideration into the AHA Club Only competitions. Beers will be judged side-by-side by BJCP certified club members (and anyone else who wants to try them). We'll select one beer to enter to represent our club and the club will pay the shipping (ground only) and entry fee. The winner is responsible for the packaging and getting the entry down to Joel's shop in time to make it by the deadline.

Competition Name	Venue	Date of Comp
<a href="#">Homebrewers Classic</a>	Oregon Garden, Silverton	April 14
<a href="#">NHC 1<sup>st</sup> round</a>	Hopworks, Portland	April 21
<a href="#">Sasquatch Homebrew Contest</a>	Eugene, OR	May 5
<a href="#">The AleChemist Homebrew Challenge #4 (Biere de Garde)</a>	Corvallis Brewing Supply (get recipe/info from CBS)	May 6, entries due by May 5 at CBS
<a href="#">Oregon Homebrew Competition</a>	Calapooia Brewing, Albany	May 19

## AHA Club Only Competitions

Monthly meeting	Beer Style	BJCP Style number
April	Scottish & Irish	9
July	Porter	12
September	Light Hybrid Beers	6
October	Old Ale	19A

# Wanna keep track of your beer? There's an app for that...



Have you ever wanted to keep track of the beer you liked and didn't? Or figure out other beers to drink based on similar beer styles or friends' recommendations? Or wondered how much beer you actually drink? Yep. There's an app for that.

In fact, there are quite a few apps for that. But my favorite - and by far the most widely trafficked - is [Untappd](#), which comes in two flavors: iOS or Android. Of course, you don't have to have a smart phone (dumb user?) to work it - you can do so on any internet connection - but it's handy.

So what is Untappd? It's a mobile application (or web platform) that allows you to share with your friends the beer you're currently drinking and, if you so choose, where you're drinking it and your

thoughts (as notes) on it. It's basically a comprehensive beer and brewery database combined with geo-locational (yep, that phone GPS comes in handy) and social media services all wrapped into one! And you can also keep track of late-breaking beer news from various manufacturers, breweries and friends. I've been using it for about a year and love it. But don't take my word for it. Go give it a try! I'd love to connect with you on Untappd at [JeremiahOsGo](#).

Of course, there are a number of other great beer apps out there, too. Check out a few of the better blog posts about them [here](#), [here](#), and a dated but still great [Beervana](#) list [here](#). And if you're looking for something a bit more local (Oregon), check out the great [Bend Ale Trail app](#) for iPhone and Android to help you navigate the Bend beer and vacation scene.

Tap In, I Just Did  
And best of all it was free. Also register at <http://untappd.com>

# HOTV has club equipment that is



HOTV is still missing some club equipment. It should be turned back in at CBS ASAP so we can inventory it. If you have the brew kettle, hot liquor tank (older milk can), grain mill, or RIMS system, please return them to Corvallis Brewing Supply (CBDS) ASAP. As soon as we complete the inventory, they'll again be available for checkout. Also, did you know that the club has a brewing library at CBS? Check it out! You'll find a plethora of great brewing books.

## A special, Thanks to Irene

Each HOTV member needs to say "Thank you Irene" the next time they see her. The reason is because of all the effort she puts into HOTV. First and foremost she keeps Armand pointed in the right direction. Secondly she is willing to step in and help anyone and everyone who needs it. I should know, she has been willing to take the minutes for the meetings I have missed. The next time I see her I will have to thank her once again, why, because I have bronchitis and have been order by the Dr. to stay home. Yes, I know it sucks. I have to not had a beer in over a week and it is Cascade Dark season. So, next time you are unable to do your part for HOTV just know that if Irene is not doing it for you she has found someone who will. **Thank You Irene**



## Deschutes donation keeps water flowing

April 2nd, 2012 | Posted by Real Beer

Deschutes Brewery has made a one billion gallon annual water restoration commitment through one of its local non-profit organizations, the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC). This donation marks the DRC water leasing program's largest private donation to date, and equals 14 times more water than Deschutes Brewery and all of its suppliers use per year.

Through the water leasing program, local farmers are paid for the lease of their irrigation water and then that water is legally protected in-stream at the brewery's namesake waterway – the Deschutes River. By doing this, stream flow and water quality is increased in the river, creating opportunities for life to flourish.

"We've always been avid supporters of the DRC and its mission," said Michael LaLonde, chief operating officer for Deschutes Brewery and a board member of the DRC. "By creating this new partnership, we are able to give back to the river in a significant way, preserving the lifeblood of the Central Oregon region."

In the spring and summer, water flows are greatly decreased in the river due to irrigation withdrawals. By increasing flows in the Deschutes River through the leasing program, fish habitat is revitalized and water quality is improved. Other benefits include overall enhanced ecosystems for plants and animals, while also improving recreation and tourism opportunities.

## Craft beer sales surge 13% in 2011

March 26th, 2012 | Posted by Real Beer

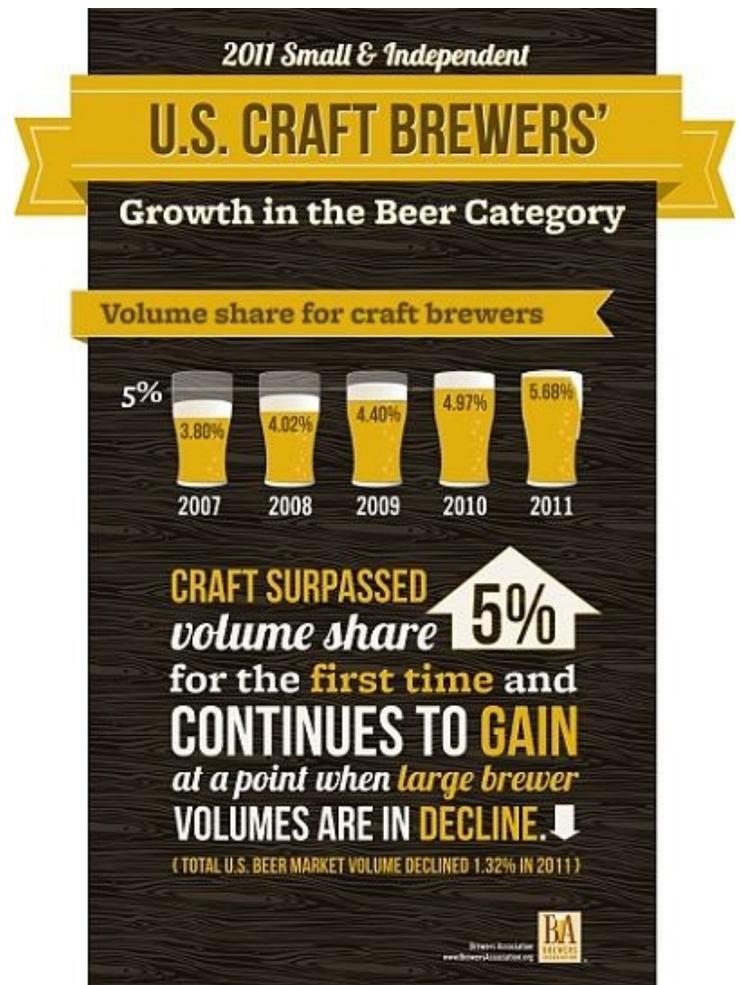
The Brewers Association announced that craft beer sales increased 13% in volume in 2011 and that revenue grew 15%.

In 2011, craft brewers represented 5.68% of volume of the U.S. beer market, compared to 4.97% in 2010. Production increased 1.3 million barrels to 11.5 million barrels. The BA estimates the actual dollar sales figure from craft brewers in 2011 was \$8.7 billion, up from \$7.6 billion in 2010.

"While the overall beer market experienced a 1.32% volume decrease in 2011, craft brewing saw significant growth, surpassing five percent total market volume share for the first time," said BA director Paul Gatza. "It's becoming increasingly clear that with the variety of styles and flavors to choose from, Americans are developing a strong taste for high-quality, small-batch beer from independent brewers."

The association reported that 250 breweries opened, 37 closed and that 1,989 were operating by the end of the year.

"We saw rapid growth in brewery openings last year, particularly with microbrewery start-ups, and these numbers are poised to rise even more in 2012," Gatza said. "In February 2012, we already topped 2,000 operating breweries—a truly remarkable milestone. We look forward to even more success and the continued expansion of the craft beer market."



# HOTV Monthly Meeting

March 2012

## HOTV Brew Club Meeting



By Irene Schoppa

Armand called the meeting to order at 7:30, and started off by noting that it was snowing outside. Then he thanked Irene for hosting the meeting. He thanked Ron Bjerklund and his beer cat Shadow for their submission to the newsletter. You too can get published in our

newsletter, just send our secretary Jon Fulton a note. Armand welcomed new member Jon Wika.

The secretary and treasurer were both absent from the meeting, nothing to report.

Vice President Gary Terrell talked about the Brewery Education Tour (aka Pub Crawl), scheduled for April 7. Portland is the destination, specific stops are top secret. The bus will be leaving Corvallis at 9:15, returning by 8:00pm. \$25 per person for members, \$30 for non-members. Email Gary to sign up, or if you have any questions.

Erik reported on the Litter Patrol. The next litter pickup will be in May/June. The February litter patrol was the best to date, we picked up a lot of trash.

Scott Caul reported on Septemberfest, scheduled for September 15 (aka Brewmagedden 2012). Logos are being prepared. He needs a few volunteers: 1) Assistant for Marketing (someone with people skills), and 2) Volunteer Coordinator (Jon Wika volunteered). The major sponsor has not been decided yet, he needs to decide how to choose the major sponsor, since all local brewpubs have been sponsors in the past. A long discussion ensued about what process to use to determine, including: random pick of interested parties; auction of sponsorship; rotation among the 3 local brewpubs (B15, Flat Tail, Calapooia). If you have ideas contact Scott.

Christiane, the education chair, talked about the BJCP exam and asked if anyone was interested in taking the exam,

or taking a class preparing for the exam. She will send out an email with more information.

Irene spoke about the upcoming Oregon Homebrew Competition, scheduled for May 19 at Calapooia Brewery. The website is just about ready, competition committee has been meeting, and volunteers will be sought out to help judge, steward, and help out. Email Irene if you are interested.

Capitol Brewers are having their competition on April 14 at the Oregon Garden. The Best of Show prize is a New Belgium Bike! Entries are due March 31, and CBS is a drop off location.



Bob Saathoff reported on the Board and their activities. 501(c)3 is progressing, should be done this year.

Jeremiah talked out the HOTV club equipment, currently housed at Joel's. Some equipment is missing, if you have any HOTV club equipment please return to Joel at Corvallis Brewing Supply ASAP! He also discussed different options for keeping track of this equipment, as the current set up is frustrating when the shop is busy.

Next meeting is April 18 at Calapooia, there is no meeting in May (the competition replaces the monthly meeting), June meeting is at Doug & Mare's, July at Bill & Christiane's. August 4 is the picnic and that replaces the August meeting.



**Jon Fulton: Editor**

# IT IS ALMOST DONE

Since I started brewing I have been searching for an all grain system that would fit my needs and space. I found it in the Brutus 10. For 2 years now I have been building it in my head over and over again. The good news is, it is no longer

being built in my head. As you can see from the photo, the stand is built, one burner is installed, my gas valves have been test fitted, I even have a swivel arm mounted on

the side so when I am not using it I can swing the control box I plan to attach to it out of the way. I have already purchased two Love temperature controllers, two Aceco gas valves, Chillzilla, and a host of odds and ends. I am just lacking two burners, a ton of QD's, a control box, some switches, gas lines and yes, more odds and ends. My goal is to have the first beer I brew on it chilling at my 50th birthday party July 7th. If I really buckle down I may even have two on tap. The only things slowing me down now are time and the fact that the freezer I was using as a fermentation box died. So if anyone knows where I can pick up a 15 cubic foot chest freezer for cheap let me know.

I will keep posting updated pictures in upcoming newsletters so keep reading.

Cheers



## The 2012 Oregon Homebrew Festival

**Saturday, May 19 at Calapooia Brewing in Albany, OR.**

This is an AHA and BJCP sanctioned competition, and a qualifying event for the Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB).

We will be judging the 28 2008

Recognized BJCP Beer, Mead, and Cider Styles

More information will be coming, please check back for prize details, entry instructions, drop off points and more. If you have any questions, please email **the competition director**.



# HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

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

## WANTED:

### Club Brewing Equipment

HOTV needs to do an inventory of all club brewing equipment. So, if you have any equipment checked out please bring it to the next meeting. If you plan on using it soon, still bring it in, you will be able to check it back out after it has been inventoried.

**Corvallis Brewing Supply  
Can Be Found At  
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