

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. In lieu of the August meeting, our club will hold its annual summer picnic on Saturday, August 16, from noon to 6pm at the Thompson Shelter in Avery Park, Corvallis.

Family (including children) and friends/guests are welcome; please let Lee (leebrews@comcast.com) know how many will be attending if you plan to come. Also, please remember that the picnic is a potluck. The club will provide turkey, corn, bread, and a few other snacks, but side dishes, appetizers, salads, and desserts are up to the membership. Please e-mail Helen (helensmith214@comcast.com) and let her know what you plan to bring. Lee and Helen can also be reached via phone at 541-926-2286. Games for young and old are in the works. A round of pre-picnic golf is also on the agenda. See article below for details.

Directions: Take 99W South through downtown Corvallis toward Eugene. Continue under the overpass. At the next traffic light, make a right on Avery Avenue. Go straight at the 4-way stop. Thompson Shelter is down the road on the right. There is plenty of parking space available. (There is a map available at www.hotv.org/averypark.html as well).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm sure you all have seen the many e-mails flying around about all the upcoming events. Don't you love summer? So much to do, such a short season.

As of press time, it seems the picnic planning is under control. This will be a picnic to be remembered with all sorts of things going on and, of course, the food and brew. Hope to see everyone there, guests are welcome, but try to give us a heads up if you haven't already. Thanks to all who have helped make this happen.

September is just around the corner, which means HOP MADNESS! The second annual Hop Madness fest is a joint effort of Dave Wills of the Oregon Trail Brewery and Fresh Hops, and Willamette valley homebrew clubs. There will be many choices of activities, beer, hops, brewing, live music, camping, and a BBQ as well. Check out <http://www.hopmadness.com> for the full scoop and plan on coming out. I will have equipment to brew a big batch of brew with fresh picked hops supplied by the event organizers. You are welcome to bring your stuff out and brew as well. Please let me know if you plan on coming so I can orchestrate the brewing and stake out enough camp space for us all. The event is free, but you will have to pay for the campsite and we will pass a hat to pay for the music. Finally, a bit of reality. We will have our regular meeting in September where we will have to make some important decisions. The future direction of the club and the Oregon Homebrew Festival will be the main topics. If you have any thoughts or opinions about our club, please come to the meeting and let us have it!

PRE-PICNIC HOTV HACKERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Scott Caul

Ahhh...Golf. The sport of Kings. But what is the King without the Jesters bumbling around? Let's go play! Marysville Golf Course, conveniently located next to Avery Park, is a small 9 hole course with a forgiving layout for us merry Jesters. You will see the signs for the course as you enter the park. Let's meet there around 8:30am and send off the first foursome about 8:45. It shouldn't take much more than a couple of hours to play a round and have some fun. Then we can head to the

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It was a beautiful night for a meeting on the patio. Originally scheduled at V.P. Scott Leonard's home, the meeting moved at the last minute to Scott Caul's due to circumstances beyond control. Several topics were covered, and many brews were consumed. We were delighted to see our old friend and past President, Bill Baxter who was in town for a visit.

The annual picnic was the first thing to come up. We were able to come up with some ideas, and find some volunteers. Thanks to all who stepped up. The second annual Hop Madness festival and campout was the next item on the agenda. Please see the President's corner for more info. Next, we discussed the future of our "Snow Plow" Christmas party brew. Last years batch received mixed reviews and it was decided we would use the original recipe for this year. We may open the field in the future and have a club only competition and give the winning recipe the honor of being "Snow Plow" for the year. This could be an annual thing making "Snow Plow" different year to year. Finally, OSU Fermentation Science's Jeff Clawson has again offered the use of the pilot brewery to our club. Hopefully we can organize a big brew session this fall and learn a bit about large scale brewing.

picnic, tap the kegs, help with the last bit of set up, and laugh at each others scores. The greens fee is \$15 and they have rental clubs there. I will have an extra set or two for whoever gets them first. There will also be some prizes for the best and worst of us all. FORE!!



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WORDS OF WISDOM

Contributed by Ingeborg Reid

Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

--Jack Handy

I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day.

--Frank Sinatra

An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.

--Ernest Hemingway

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

--Henny Youngman

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. What a coincidence!?

--Stephen Wright

When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep.

When we fall asleep, we commit no sin.

When we commit no sin, we go to heaven.

Sooooo, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!

-- Brian O'Rourke

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.
--Benjamin Franklin

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.
--Dave Barry

Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 1862.
--Unknown

To some it's a six-pack, to me it's a Support Group
--Unknown

Most men can at least recognize some beauty when drunk.
--Unknown

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