

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. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Dave and Stine Benson 3075 Quail Court SE in Albany, (541) 715-6335.

Directions: From Highway 34, take a left onto Columbus (about 1/4 to 1/2 mile before I-5, there is a sign for South Albany High School). Head straight for a couple miles (you will pass the Mennonite Home on the right). At the first stoplight take a right on Grand Prairie. Take the first left, which is Lexington (if you go over I-5 you have gone too far). Go down Lexington for 5 or 6 blocks and you'll come to a cul-de-sac (Quail Court, first left after stop sign). The house is on the right, 3075 Quail Court.

From Highway 20, head into Albany over the bridge and continue straight through downtown and follow the road as it curves to the left near the train station. Take a left at the light and the road merges onto Santiam Highway. Follow Santiam and take a right after Fred Meyers on Waverly. Take Waverly to 21st (first stop light after it changes from two to one lane of traffic) and take a left. Take a right on Lexington. Go down Lexington for 4 or 5 blocks and you'll come to a cul-de-sac (Quail Court), take a right. The house is on the right, 3075 Quail Court.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The October meeting was held at the Whiteside's home in Albany. We were treated to an early tasting of wine Derek recently started. President Scott Caul updated everyone on our friend Lee Smith's condition, unknowingly relaying the news the evening before Lee's untimely death. Nominations were held for club offices: President: Scott Caul
Vice-president: Matt Arsenault
Treasurer: Scott Leonard
Newsletter editor: Mare Goeger
Festival Coordinator: Derek Whiteside & Joel Rea (package deal)
Interest was shown in getting a group together to attend the Holiday Ale Festival in Portland. The Yankees lost.

LEE SMITH

Scott Caul

Lee Alton Smith, 75, died October 16th, in Corvallis, Oregon. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on January 18, 1928 to Vernon H. and Gayle Alton Smith. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Maritime Service in the South Pacific theatre at age 16. He was an engineer/boiler inspector for Continental Ins. Co. and later was Chief Engineer for the Royal Orleans and Sheraton Hotels in New Orleans, retiring to Albany, Oregon. He was a past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, a former private pilot flight instructor, and an avid homebrewer, serving as President and later, Treasurer of the Heart of the Valley Homebrewers Association. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen Schmidt Smith; two daughters, Stephanie Gayle Cummings and husband Troy of Oceanside, Calif. and Jonnie Lee Flanagan and husband Keith of Rainbow, Calif.; one son, James Alton Smith of Portland, OR; one grandchild, Branden Keith Flanagan; two sisters Diane Jones and husband Jack of San Antonio, Fla. and Joyce Herman of Spring Hill, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister Verna Loiacono. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Scott Caul

I know you all have heard by now of the passing of our dear friend Lee Smith. I can not say enough how sorely missed he will

Elections will be held for the coming year's club officers. AHA Club-Only Competition beers (see below) will be judged and the winner sent on. If you participated in the brew day at Oregon Trail, and your IPA is ready, please bring some to share. It will be fun and educational to compare brews side by side, and discuss the differences.

A LETTER FROM HELEN SMITH

To All of the HOTV members and friends -

There has been such an outpouring of love, friendship and admiration for my wonderful and precious husband since Thursday, that it's overwhelming. It's been very hard for me to accept his death, because he was so healthy and vigorous and it was just so fast. I do know that he is at peace, but right now my pain is so fresh, its hard to accept that part of it. Keeping busy with the things that must be done helps some.

I did want you all to know that the friends we both made in Oregon have been a salvation to me in this terrible situation. I know that he was so admired and that he will be sorely missed by everyone, not just by me. It's just so satisfying and such a warm feeling to know that the man you love is thought of so highly.

I have my family and all my friends around me, and I let him know the day he died that I would be alright, because that was worrying him, and I will be. Everyone has offered help and I know it will be there if needed. So to all of the dear friends of my beloved soul mate, I wanted to say - THANK YOU.

Helen Smith

AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITON

Dave Benson & Frank Spirek

Entries for the December competition, Barleywine and Imperial Stout, are due in Culver City, CA by December 2. Tasting will be held during the November meeting if there are any entries.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again. Here's your chance to save BIG! Pay your 2004 HOTV dues at the November meeting (or anytime before December 31, 2003) and you'll save \$3. Yes, that's righta \$3 savings! Pay \$12 now, or you'll be stuck forking over \$15 next year.

be. Lee told everyone close to him that he did not want a funeral, but he would rather a celebration be held to honor him. Gene Gregg, of the Oregon Trader, hosted one such event on October 25th. Many of Lee's friends attended including some of the Capitol Brewers. We all raised a pint to our friend and had a wonderful evening remembering how Lee touched our lives. I will host another event, currently scheduled for the weekend of January 17th. Lee and Helen's family will be in attendance to meet and talk to some of Lee's best friends (that would be all of us). We hope you can attend. Lee had asked me to help deal with his brewing equipment when the inevitable happened. Several members and myself went to the Smith household to inventory and price Lee's collection of goodies. The club will purchase some of the equipment to go with the RIMS and complete the brewing set up. All other equipment is currently for sale at Corvallis Brewing Supply. There are also two refrigerators with taps (one single, one double) available. Please contact Joel for pricing. All proceeds will of course go to Helen Smith.

At the last meeting, we toyed with the idea of heading to Portland for the Holiday Ale Festival the weekend of December 6th. We have yet to work out the details, but an overnight stay is possible. I'll let you all know as soon as we have it ironed out. Finally, I hope to have a good turnout at the next meeting as we will be voting for club officers. There is no minimum votes needed, just the membership present, but it is also an opportunity to voice any questions or concerns about our club. If you came to the meeting at the Oregon Trail, bring in a sample of the Hop Harvest IPA we brewed to taste and compare with those who used a different yeast or dry hopped. See you all then.

NEWS FLASH!

HOTV member Laurel Hoffman passed the BJCP test and is now a "Recognized" beer judge. Congratulations, Laurel! A job well done.



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- 11/19 HOTV November meeting, Dave and Stine Benson's home
- 11/22 Eugene Beer Summit, fund-raiser, \$20 advance/\$25 door
- 12/5-7 Holiday Ale Festival, Portland, celebrates release of the region's 25
- craft-brewed winter ales, \$3 for empty mug then \$3/12oz or \$1/3oz.
- 12/13 HOTV Holiday Party
- 12/20 HOTV Winter Litter Pick-up