

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, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Scott Leonard; 2430 NW Hayes in Corvallis, 752-0780. We'll be talking picnic details and discuss whether there should be a special election for the next Festival Director at this time so that planning can get underway.

From Corvallis: Go North on Kings Blvd. (away from campus), past Fred Meyer to Hayes (between Grant & Garfield) and turn left. The address is 2430 NW Hayes; it is a yellow house on the left, 3 houses West of 23rd St.

From Albany: Take Hwy 20 to the Circle Blvd. (HP) intersection, turning right on Circle. Follow Circle Blvd. to the Kings (Albertson's) intersection, turning left onto Kings. Turn right on Hayes (between Grant & Garfield). The address is 2430 NW Hayes; it is a yellow house on the left, 3 houses West of 23rd St.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The June meeting at Doug and Mare Goeger's was Distribution Central for left-over festival beers. In between sips and bites of beans & cornbread, we heard from our 2004 Fest Director, Joel Rea, just back from the sanitarium. Joel expressed his feelings regarding his undertaking. Treasurer Scott Leonard gave the Fest financial report. Based on this, members voted to make charitable donations of \$2250 to Linn Benton Food Share and \$500 to the McCracken Foundation. This will leave the club with a reserve of just over \$1000 as seed money for next year.

LITTER PICK-UP

Thanks once again to all who contributed time and brew to the HOTV June litter pick-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Scott Caul

Happy summer, everyone! I trust you're all enjoying the superb weather, I sure am. I have a couple things for us to ponder before the next meeting where we can hopefully make some decisions. As I indicated at the last meeting, the Festival, with all its successes, proved itself a big drain on the organizers. There were many good ideas and possible solutions put forth and we should grab the bull by the horns and figure out what path we'll take for future Festivals. I proposed we should have a special election or appointment to name a new fest. chairperson so we may begin the organization far earlier than before. I will throw my hat in the ring to be the next victim, pending approval of the masses. Please plan on attending the meeting so we can have plenty of input on this important issue.

August is, of course, PICNIC TIME! We have a pavilion rented at Avery Park in Corvallis on the 21st. We'll need to round up a few folks to help make it happen. Games for the kiddies and grown ups, potluck organization, and set up/clean up are just a few of the things we'll have to tackle. Again, come to the meeting and be part of the fun. Lets make this the best picnic ever, we owe it to ourselves.

Finally, I missed my opportunity to thank everybody in the last newsletter for their stupendous efforts to make the Festival a success. You all know who you are, and I offer my sincere thanks for a job well done. Cheers, see you at the meeting!

CONGRATULATIONS DUE TO THE NORTH

The American Homebrewers Association's (AHA) National Homebrew Competition was held in June in Baltimore. Beside medals for top notch brews, the competition also presented five major awards. Paul Long of Newberg, OR, and member of Strange Brew Homebrew Club took home the Ninkasi Award (Winningest Brewer) sponsored by Boston Beer Co. This award is presented to the homebrewer who gets the most points in the second round of the National Homebrew Competition. Paul won two first places to get this honor.

up on Hwy 20. New member Bill Pfeil helped Karen & Royal Willard, Scott Leonard, Paul Jorgensen and Doug & Mare Goeger collect trash and treasures (Paul found a dollar). Afterwards, the group savored some of Gene Gregg's Oregon Trader beer. A welcome reward for hard work on a warm day.

STATE FAIR HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Anyone wishing to enter beers for competition at the 2005 Oregon State Fair can do so by July 29. Entry fees are \$7 per beer, one entry per sub-category, with 3-12 oz bottles with no identifying marks are requested. This is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned event. Apparently the only drop-off point is at the Jackman Long building at the Fairgrounds in Salem. If there is interest, we may be able to set up a collection point locally and one person can make the run. Please contact either Paul Jorgensen (pejorgen@aol.com) or Mare if you plan to enter and don't want to drive to Salem (or if you DO want to make the drive).

Strange Brew also deserves recognition in placing 8th overall in the AHA Club-Only Competition. With six Club-Only events each year (August thru May), clubs accumulate points for brews that place. Additional points are gained for placing in the first and second rounds of the Nat'l Homebrew Competition. This cycle, Strange brew took 77 points towards the homebrew club of the year. It included 12 from club only contests, 43 points from the 1st round and 31 from the second round.

Great job! Let's see if we can catch them next year. See the Club-Only schedule at the end of each Brewsletter.



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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 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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

July '05 National Beer Month

July 15-17 Portland International Beer Festival, Northpark blocks in Pearl District downtown, >100 beers from >15 countries, \$20 for mug and 10 tix, more tix \$1 each, tastes 4oz for 1, 2 or 3 tix, or \$3/pint of Pilsner Urquell

July 28-31 Oregon Brewers Festival, Waterfront Park between Morrison & Burnside bridges, \$4 for a mug, \$1/token

July 29 OR State Fair Homebrew Comp deadline, \$7, Curt Hausam,

aknives@qwest.net or www.oregonstatefair.org

August 6 Oregon State Fair Homebrew Competition judging, AHA/BJCP

August 6 AHA Mead Day, contact Gary Glass at 888/822-6273 or
gary@brewersassociation.org

August 10 Tillamook County Fair Homebrew Competition, contact Darron Welch, 503/965-7337 or darron@pelicanbrewery.com

August 21 HOTV Annual Picnic, Avery Park, Corvallis

August 26 Oregon State Fair Homebrew Competition awards

Sept 29-Oct 1 Great American Beer Fest, Denver CO

Nov 5 Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day, contact Gary Glass at 888/822-6273 or
gary@brewersassociation.org

AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Here is the latest list for AHA Club-only competitions. Dave Benson will be coordinating mailings of HOTV's top beer to these categories. Bring your entries to the club meeting indicated, and our top-notch judges will choose the best entry for sending in. We've done pretty well in the past, let's try and out-do Strange Brew in number of points scored.

Aug '05 Belgian & French Ale, Entries due August 16, so bring to July mtg

Sep/Oct '05 European Amber Lager No details yet

Nov/Dec '05 Baltic Porter, Entries due Oct 21, so bring to September mtg

Feb '06 Big Beautiful Belgians, Entries due 2/4/06, bring to January mtg

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