

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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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, September 21, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Paul Jensen.

Directions to Paul's house: From anywhere except Lebanon and points East: Take Hwy 20 Eastbound, over I-5 to the traffic light at the Coastal Farm store. Make a Left turn at this light onto Goldfish Farm Road. Travel 4/10 mile. You will pass Christopher Road. Paul's house is the last one on the right. Address: 715 Goldfish Farm Road. Phone: 928-4477.

Meeting preview: Bring your European Amber Lager beers to the meeting. Dave will send the one selected by our esteemed committee of tasters on to the AHA Club-Only Competition.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The HOTV Annual Picnic was held at Avery Park in Corvallis in lieu of the August meeting. If you didn't make it, you missed one heck of a party. Tons of games and prizes, lots of food and great beer. Prior to the picnic, 5 foolhardy souls took to Marysville Golf Course for a round of 9 holes. Royal & Karen Willard came up with some wild new sports for us to try. Scott Caul and Matt Arsenault smoked up a variety of fantastic meats, and, it goes without saying, that Scott also grilled the greatest corn of the summer.

BEST OF SHOW AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR

Guess what HOTV member won BOS at the State Fair this year! Our own Frank Spirek, for his Theocracy Tripel, an entry in the Belgian Strong category. Frank really cleaned up on the prize. Not only does he get a day of brewing at the Pelican Brewery in Pacific City, but overnight lodging and meals are included. Way to go Frank!

PRE-PICNIC HOTV HACKERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Was Royal really playing from the Ladies Tee? Did Mare get the lousiest score? Did Doug actually hit an overhead wire and go on to birdie that hole? Does Scott have talking club covers?

The answers to these questions and more can be had next year. Same time, don't know if it'll be the same place. Come on out and try to golf. That's what we all did. And it was a bunch of fun. Like I said last month, no experience necessary.

PREZ'S CORNER

by who else but Scott Caul

I'd like to start off thanking all who worked to make the picnic happen this year. Everyone enjoyed it thoroughly and if you missed it, we'll do it again next year. Second, a fond farewell to our VP, Matt Arsenault. His Fiance, Heather, after getting her PHD, landed a killer job in Massachusetts. So off they went. Matt may be back for a short visit in October, if so, we'll have a little gathering. Thanks for everything, Matt. You are a good friend and I'm sure you'll find another cushy position with one of those east coast clubs. You'll be missed. On another note, I've been remodeling the garage to make a more perfect brewery. I've found that I have entirely too many carboys and other miscellaneous gadgetry. So email me if you want to have a gander and make some deals. Thanks in advance to Mare for setting up the next litter pickup. I'm afraid I won't make it on the 25th as its my Daughter's birthday. She might get mad if I find her present on the side of the road! See you at the next meeting.

NEWPORT MICROBREW FESTIVAL

The Newport Microbrew Festival is coming up and there is a homebrew competition. Entry forms can be found at Corvallis Brewing Supply. Joel's shop is also a drop-off location. The deadline is Friday, September 23rd and the festival will be held Oct. 7 & 8 at the Rogue Ales Brewery in Newport. As a drop off point, Joel was given two comp tickets for the event. He will not be going and is offering to pass those tickets on to the club member who submits the most beers. Tie breaker will be first brewer to have brought entries in.

FALL QUARTER LITTER PATROL

Just need one more name of a litter picker upper volunteer for Sunday, Sept 25. We'll meet at 11am at Hyak Park and be rewarded at the end of our trash collection with beer from none other than Oregon Trail Brewery. Get your name to mare ASAP, or you'll miss out.



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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

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

Oct 7-8 Newport Microbrew Festival, Newport, OR (see article above)

Oct 7-8 Northern California Homebrewer's Festival www.nchfinfo.org □

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.

Sep/Oct '05 European Amber Lager, Entries due 9/29-10/8, bring to Sept mtg

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

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