

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany.

HOWEVER, this month's meeting will be our annual Winter Holiday Party and will take place on Saturday, December 16, at 7:00pm at the home of Michael Hoppe in North Albany. This is the "don't miss" event of the season, and will feature the traditional potluck, Name That Beer Competition (hosted by Scott Leonard), Ring Toss for Beer (hosted by Michael Villardos), and Beer and Chocolate Tasting (hosted by Bill Baxter). Plates, cup, and utensils will be provided, and potluck assignments will be in a forthcoming email from VP/President Elect/Party Czar Royal Willard. Directions to Michael's house are as follows:

From Downtown/South Corvallis: Take Highway 20 toward Albany. Turn left onto Independence Highway. Turn Right onto Palestine Rd. Go straight at the stop sign, and take a left onto Bramblewood Lane. (If you make it to the 'T' at Scenic Drive, you've gone a quarter mile too far.)

From NW Corvallis: Take highway 99 north toward Adair. Turn Right onto Ryals, Turn right at the stop sign (Continues as Ryals), up and over the hill to the 'T' at Independence Highway. Turn left. Approx. 1 mile, turn right onto Palestine Rd. Go straight at the stop sign, and a left onto Bramblewood Lane. (If you make it to the 'T' at scenic, you've gone a quarter mile too far.)

From Albany: Cross bridge on highway 20 toward Corvallis. Turn Right onto North Albany Road. Take care going through the new traffic circle. Exit onto Gibson Hill. Follow till the "t" at Scenic Drove. Turn Right. Follow a couple miles, past Springhill Vineyards and turn left onto Palestine Rd. Go 1/4 mile up the hill and a Right onto Bramblewood Lane.

Michael's house is 4665 NW Bramblewood Lane, North Albany, the third house on the right. It should have white lights and candy cane striping on the pillars by the front door.

There is some parking in the driveway, but most will have to park along the street. Please only park on one side of the street, to allow sufficient room for the neighbors to get to their homes/driveways.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month's meeting was hosted by Joel Rea at the Corvallis Brewing Supply in Corvallis. As always, Joel was a gracious host and supplied pizza, meats and cheeses, and other goodies to match some nice beers by Joel and others. At this meeting, the candidates for 2007 club officers were unanimously approved by the club members present. These are:

President--Royal Willard
Vice President--Bill Baxter
Festival Czar--Scott Caul
Treasurer--Mike Gallagher
Newsletter Editor--Dan Crall
Litter Czar--Kristen Taylor

Thanks very much to these intrepid volunteers, and thanks to Joel for hosting a fine meeting.

OUTGOING OFFICERS

Thanks very much to the following 2006 club officers for their service over the past year:

President—Jerry Malloy
Vice President—Royal Willard
Festival Czar--Scott Caul
Treasurer—Scott Leonard
Newsletter Editor—Ron Hall
Litter Czar--Kristen Taylor

This is my last newsletter, and thanks to all who have contributed and given kind words and advice. I am confident that our new editor Dan Crall will bring a new level of enthusiasm and progressiveness to the newsletter next year.

KUDOS CORNER

Congrats to the following HOTV members who won medals at the Oregon Brew Crew's Fall Classic Competition:

Mitch Scheele
Albany,OR
Black Pierre
Schwarzbier
1st Place and BOS 2nd Runner Up

Dick Blankenship
Salem,OR
Miss Helens Peach
Fruit Lambic
3rd Place



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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.

HOTV CALENDAR

12/16/06 December HOTV Meeting and Holiday Party at Michael Hoppe's

06/21/07 AHA National Homebrewers Convention begins, Denver

UPCOMING AHA CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS

February 2007

Low Gravity/Session Beers (OG < 1.045)

Entries are due by 2/8/07 and judging will be held 2/11/07.

Hosted by Drew Beechum and the Maltose Falcons of Woodland Hills, CA.

This competition covers BJCP beer styles with original gravities less than or equal to 1.045. Categories accepted for this competition include: 1. A, B, D (Light Lagers); 2. A, B, C (Pilsners); 4. A (Dark American Lager); 6. A, B, C, D (Light Hybrid Beers); 8. A, B (English Pale Ales); 9. A, B, C, D (Scottish and Irish Ales); 10. A, B, C (American Ale); 11. A, B, C (English Brown Ale); 12. A (Porter); 13. A, B (Stout); 15. A, B (German Wheat and Rye); 16. A (Belgian and French Ale); 17. A, C, D, E, F (Sour Ale); 20. (Fruit Beer); 21. A, B (Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer); 22. B, C (Smoke-Flavored & Wood Aged Beers). Please refer to the BJCP Guidelines (<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>) for a complete description of the styles listed.

Only entries from this list of categories with a starting gravity at or below 1.045 will be judged in this competition.

For more information, contact Drew Beechum at drew@maltosefalcons.com.

March/April 2007

Scottish Ale

Hosted by Phil Clarke of the New York City Homebrewers Guild of New York, NY.

This competition covers BJCP 2004 Category 9 A, B, and C: the Scottish Light 60/-, Scottish Heavy 70/-, and Scottish Export 80/- styles.

For more information, contact Phil Clarke at doglebe@yahoo.com.

May 2007

Extract Beers

Hosted by John Martin and the Homebrewers Of Peoria (HOPs) of Peoria, IL.

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables.

For more information, contact John Martin at n922m@dr.com.