

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. The June HOTV meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm at the home of Doug and Mare Goeger in North Albany. This is one of the most popular meetings of the year because we get to taste all the leftover entries from the festival. We will also be reviewing the festival in a short post-party...um.

Directions to Doug and Mare's are as follows:

From Corvallis take Hwy 20 toward Albany. From the Garland Nursery sign, go 1.4 miles to Independence Highway. Turn left and go over hill and dale for 3.4 miles.

Make a right turn onto Palestine Road. At the stop sign, continue straight up the hill. Palestine will "T" into Scenic. Turn Left on Scenic. Left at the stop sign by Fir Grove School onto Springhill Road. Left on Alder (second street after your turn). Doug and Mare's is the blue house on the left (4080 NW Alder), about 1/2 way down the road.

From Albany take the bridge over the Willamette. At the first light, take a right on Springhill. Begin clocking mileage. At 5 miles, you'll be in a school zone, and see Scenic Drive on your left, then Ridgecrest, then Alder. Turn Left on Alder. Doug and Mare's is the blue house on the left (4080 NW Alder), about 1/2 way down road.

Lost members may call Doug and Mare at 928-5023 for search and rescue.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month's meeting was THE incredible 24th Annual Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival. Here is an update.

FESTIVAL EPILOGUE by Scott Caul

We did it again! The 2006 Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival was another smashing success. It seems I've gotten the blame for doing a good job, but I say: NAY! Had it not been for the hard work and dedication of ALL who volunteered, it would have been a major flop. I cannot thank enough those who were there from the beginning to the very end, you deserve the credit for a job well done. Major kudos as well to those who showed up and worked all day taking care of those pesky little details and filling in the gaps of the volunteer list. I can't put into words how

BARLEY DAZED AND CONFUSED by Joel Rea

On Monday, June 5th the Second Annual Barley Daze was held at the Hyslop OSU research farm and a great time was had by the 30 odd folks. After an amazing feast of PBR beer boiled brats and barley salad, we all loaded up on a tractor and headed out to the fields to look at assorted barley research projects. The crowd was a congenial mix of mostly OSU staff in the barley breeding program and about 10 HOTV members.

Look forward to a 3rd Annual coming up in about a year!



FISH FRY EXTRAVAGANZA by Louis Hans

The Blue Den Trout Farm and I would like to invite H.O.T.V brew club for a trout and catfish b.b.q. and fish fry at the Blue Den Ranch in Scio, OR. There is a nice gazebo next to a pond and creek that could accommodate 30 to 40 folks. Fly fishing, boating, kayaking and swimming on the ranch's 700 acres will be available for the group. There is also a museum of farm equipment used in the Willamette Valley over the last 100 years. The fish farm is 35 miles from Corvallis. Maybe we could get the brew-bus in action for a group trip outing. I have put in to reserve the gazebo picnic area for Sunday July 9th....how does that date work for everybody? [Mail to: Louis Hans [fishheads@peak.org]]

(stay tuned for late breaking emails on this event)

RESOLUTION PASSES U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: AMERICAN CRAFT BREWERS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

From: Charlie Papazian
[mailto:charlie@brewersassociation.org] Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2006 9:21 AM Subject: RESOLUTION PASSES U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On June 6, the U.S. House of Representatives gave unanimous consent to House Resolution 753, commending America's craft brewers for their many and varied contributions to our nation's communities, economy, culture and history. See Resolution at:

http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc109/hr753_ih.xml

Under the leadership of two friends of the craft brewing community, Representatives Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) and Peter DeFazio (D-OR), and with over 70 additional Congressmen cosponsoring the measure, H. Res. 753 achieved passage in just 60 days. It is worthy of noting that Representative DeFazio is a homebrewer himself.

This is an important and significant step in our effort to raise the profile of craft beer and brewing in Washington. The amount of support we received from Members of Congress was extremely gratifying and was due in large part to the efforts of individual professional Brewers Association and American Homebrewers Association members calling and

grateful I am.

Although I was ill prepared to keep an accurate head count, we estimate about 1300 beer fans came to our little party, and man were they thirsty! Our event costs were comparable to that of last year, but our revenues were way up. I am very pleased to say we are able to give away considerably more this year. The Food Share will receive \$4000 and the Bob McCracken Scholarship Fund will fatten up by \$2000. Even with this, there's enough left over to maintain our regular club functions and enough seed money to continue to improve on our fest. Next year will mark our 25th annual OHF, you can trust it will be celebrated with all the enthusiasm it deserves.

It seems that our event has now become a bit of a tradition. I know I speak for many of us when I say it's one we can be very proud of. Our past and current successes with the OHF competition have blossomed into an event that can please any craft beer enthusiast. I'm glad I can be a part of it. CHEERS!

writing their Congressman to ask for their support of the resolution.

The resolution, which also recognizes the establishment of American Craft Beer Week, was a featured element of a Capitol Hill Congressional reception held on May 16th which featured American Homebrewers Association and BA members serving professional BA member craft beers from across the country paired with a variety of artisanal foods. At this event, Congressmen Boehlert and DeFazio were publicly recognized and thanked for their outstanding support of America's craft brewers.

It is truly the year of the beer!

Charlie

Charlie Papazian
President, Brewers Association
Boulder, Colorado



KUDOS KORNER

Congratulations to the following HUGE \$%#@&^% LIST of HOTV members who placed at the 24th Annual Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival, and thanks to all who entered. My apologies to any HOTV members I have omitted, as I am going by memory. (Oh noooooo...)

3rd Better 'n Bud	Light Lager	Standard American Lager	Gary Terrell
2nd Norbury Pils	Pilsner	German Pilsner Pils	Mitch Scheele
1st Madness	European Amer Lager	Oktoberfest/Marzen	Gary Terrell
2nd Vienna Waits for You	European Amer Lager	Vienna Lager	Ron Hall
1st Black Pierre Dark Lager	Dark Lager	Schwarzbier	Mitch Scheele
1st To Helles And Bock	Bock	Maibock/Helles Bock	Ron Hall
2nd Zener Bock	Bock	Doppelbock	John Sterner
1st Triticale Ale	Light Hybrid Beer	American Wheat or Rye Beer	Doug and Mare Goeger
1st Stickleback Pale Ale	English Pale Ale	Extra Special/Strong Bitter	Hal Weeks
2nd MacBesser's Scottish	Light Ale Scottish and Irish Ale	Scottish Light 60/	Mike Besser
2nd Rockfish Red Ale	American Ale	American Amber Ale	Hal Weeks
3rd Alder Ale	American Ale	American Pale Ale	Doug and Mare Goeger
1st	German Wheat and Rye Beer	Weizen/Weissbier	Jonathan Dye (prospective member)
2nd Change of the Guard	Belgian and French Ale	Biere de Garde	Frank Spirek
3rd	Belgian and French Ale	Witbier	Frank Spirek
2nd Ms. Helen's Volunteer Framboise	Sour Ale	Fruit Lambic	Dick Blankenship
3rd How Long	Sour Ale	Gueuze	John Sterner
1st Trebuchet Ale	Strong Ale	American Barleywine	Thomas Parker
2nd Crabtree Juice	Fruit Beer	Fruit Beer	Mitch Scheele
2nd Dark Woods Spruce	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Gary Terrell
1st Hair of the Beaver	Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer	Wood-Aged Beer	Jerry Malloy

1st Quirky Quercus	Specialty Beer	Specialty Beer	Doug and Mare Goeger
2nd Bavarian Stout	Specialty Beer	Specialty Beer	Frank Spirek
2nd Fit for the Mazer Cup	Traditional Mead	Dry Mead	Paul Jorgensen
3rd Raspberry Donut Melomel	Fruit Mead	Other Fruit Melomel	Gary Terrell
2nd Anniversary Mead	Other Mead	Open Category Mead	Paul Jorgensen
3rd Kykeon	Other Mead	Open Category Mead	Frank Spirek
2nd Homegrown Cider	Standard Cider and Perry	Common Cider	Bob Saathoff
1st Ginger Cider	Specialty Cider and Perry	Other Specialty Cider/Perry	Ron Hall

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

6/21/06	June HOTV Meeting at Doug and Mare Goeger's house
7/14-16/06	Portland International Beer Festival
7/19/06	July HOTV Meeting, tentatively at Mary Shannon O'Boyles (Judge MEADS for AHA Club Only Competition at July Meeting)
7/27-30/06	Oregon Brewers Festival, Portland
8/27/06	HOTV Summer Picnic
9/28-30/06	Great American Beer Festival, Denver