

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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As the hottest times of the year linger, as the kids play in the bacterial havens along Mary's River and the grass on Vineyard Mountain withers and dies under the sun's heat, summer is upon us. Yes, it's been a miserable, hot few days. Drinking beer, especially the more rich styles, may lead to dizziness and increased heart rate, but that won't stop us from meeting as a club, once again, at the home of Chris Surfleet in Corvallis.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

... will be held this coming Wednesday, the 18th, at 7:00pm. Chris' home is located at 2535 NW Hayes, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Directions from Corvallis: Take Harrison blvd West to Kings Blvd, head North on Kings Blvd (right turn from Harrison) travel past the Fred Meyer and Grant Ave., turn left on Hayes Ave. Chris' home is located on Hayes between 23rd and 27th streets.

From Albany: Take HWY 20 into Corvallis. As you approach the downtown area just beyond Michael's Landing, look for Harrison St. where you will turn right (it's a one-way street). Follow above directions past this point. Kings Blvd. is about 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile away from the HWY 20/Harrison intersection.

surfleet@comcast.net

At this point, I don't have a contact phone number for Chris and noticed his ph # is not listed on the membership form. I will leave it up to him as to whether or not he wishes to send it to the list as a just-in-case for lost travellers, though the directions are pretty simple. In the meantime if you are lost, you can reach my cell at 609-8949.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

We held our usual post-festival meeting in which numerous bottles of beers entered into the HomeBrew Competition were available to the Club. I managed to drop and break 2 or 3 at one time, which some say was a close record of John Sterner's. Luckily nobody was injured by the flying glass shards, but may this be a lesson- if the cardboard 6-pack container is getting old and used up, it may be safer to recycle and retire it- they do give out eventually.

Our Festival Director Scott Caul went over more of the good news from the event, regarding money raised, charitable giveaways and other positive outcomes,

JULY IS OREGON CRAFT BEER MONTH (from SNOB)

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski and Portland Mayor Tom Potter have declared July to be Oregon Craft Beer Month. What does this mean to you? Oregon's craft beer industry invites you to celebrate Oregon Craft Beer Month at any and all of the following events. Can't make it to Portland? Visit your local pub, tavern, or grocery store. Just remember to "Think Oregon, Drink Oregon!"

Find an extensive list of events at
<http://oregonbeer.org/JIOCBMap.pdf>

Other calendars of events:

<http://www.ratebeer.com/Events-Show.asp>

<http://beeradvocate.com/events/calendar/2007/07>

PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL by Ron Hall

I highly recommend the Portland Intl Beer Festival which will be happening this weekend, July 13-15, for anyone who is interested in trying a wide variety of imported beers and unique microbrews. This festival is a lot smaller, less crowded, and in my opinion more interesting than the big Oregon Brewers Festival which happened July 27-29. This is also a great opportunity for current or prospective beer judges to refine their style understanding. I will be there Saturday if anyone is interested. We are staying overnight Friday and Saturday with friends from CA, but this would be a good festival to take the train as well, as it is only about 5 blocks from the Amtrak station.

<http://www.seattlebeerfest.com/Index2%20PIB.htm>
(not really Seattle's fest)

P.S. - I have no vested interest in the festival--just a beer fan.

BIZARRE BEERS

If it comes as any surprise, there exists a beer for the blind, pizza beer, vitamin enhanced beer... even a beer for kids. Read about the Top 10 Most Bizarre Beers, according to Oddee at
http://www.oddee.com/item_86745.aspx



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along with a few of his usual wisecracks.

Tom Parker brought up a scheduling conflict for our current Litter Czar, followed by a resounding vote of confidence from the Club that Tom could be the man to take it on.

After Tom pleaded his case of a time conflict, Pete Petryszak kindly volunteered to organize the next roadside cleanup along HWY 20. No details to release as of yet, though I expect a list email regarding this may come soon.

Bob Saathoff mentioned an idea for a Holiday Beer competition to take place hours before the club's Christmas party. He plans to organize this and could likely use some assistance, but I'll save all that for Bob to cover when he sends out preliminary info.

I hate writing in the 3rd person, but Dan Crall announced the positive feedback and outcome that arose from the Festival's recycling efforts. We managed to recycle most, if not, all recyclable materials including at least 10 pounds of soft plastic. We received a significant amount of positive feedback from festival goers and vendors who noticed what we were doing. Thanks to Michael Villiardos and his partner Cheryl for helping, and to everyone who assisted in getting the recyclables in their proper place. I know we come together for our love of brewing and quality beer, first and foremost, but this minor detail means a lot to people from our Club and in the community. Thank you again!!

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. --Joel

AHA COMPETITIONS ON THE HORIZON

from <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

2007-2008 Competition Year Schedule

August 2007 Strong Ale

Entries are due 8/10/07 and judging will be held 8/18 and 8/19/07. Entry fee \$7 (make checks payable to AHA).

AHA Club Only
c/o: DeFalco's
8715 Stella Link Road
Houston, TX 77025

Hosted by Mike Heniff and the Foam Rangers of Houston, TX. This competition covers BJCP Category 19 beer styles.

For more information, contact Mike Heniff at m.heniff@earthlink.net

September/October 2007

Bock

Entries are due 10/1/07 and judging will be held 10/9/07. Entry fee \$7 (make checks payable to AHA).

Larry Kemp
c/o: Data Base Products
12770 Coit Road
Suite 1218
Dallas, TX 75251

Hosted by Larry Kemp and the Cap and Hare Homebrew Club of Dallas, TX. This competition covers BJCP Category 5 beer styles. For more information, contact Larry Kemp at kempbrewing@aim.com

November/December 2007

Pilsner

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Todd Crockett and the Gold Country Brewers Association of Orangevale, CA.

This competition covers BJCP Category 2 beer styles.

For more information, contact Todd Crockett at toadlc@pacbell.net .

January/February 2008

Dark Lagers

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Susan Ruud and the Prairie Homebrewing Companions of Fargo, ND.

This competition covers BJCP Category 4 beer styles.

For more information, contact Susan Ruud at Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu .

March/April 2008

Perfect Porter Challenge

Entry fee \$7. Hosted by Ron Smith and the Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI) of Indianapolis, IN.

This competition covers BJCP Category 12 beer styles.

For more information, contact Ron Smith at RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com