

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOME BREWERS

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Greetings and thank you for taking the time to read your Homebrew club's newsletter, despite a hectic time of year. Our 25th annual festival is just around the corner and there are various needs to be met, as you have seen from several club members' emails. We'll get to that momentarily. No Newsletter would be complete without an awkward beginning, a bad attempt at humor and me pretending that your frustration is building as you yearn for valuable club info. Despite this introductory monotony, please, sit back down before walking away and giving up on the computer and the Club altogether. Now that we've got that out of the way...

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

THIS MONTH'S MEETING will be our festival. Saturday, May 19th at the Fairgrounds... you've heard it all before. And hopefully you've repeated this date to all your friends.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month's meeting was held at the home of Paul Jensen in Albany. Like the previous month's meeting, the upcoming festival seemed to be the topic du jour. We did get a chance to test out the compostable plastic cups made from corn starch, which will be used in our upcoming festival. A big thanks to Head Steward Chris Surfleet for ordering them, and to Ron Hall for sort of discovering the cups in the first place. I hope I'm not leaving anyone out on this one. As always, the meeting was a good time with great brews to make the night a memorable one (past the fuzzy, alcohol-induced memories that we never quite remember if they were real or part of a dream).

AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK

American Craft Beer Week is May 14-20 and recognizes America's small, independent and traditional brewers and contributions the craft beer community makes to our economy, culture and history.

Consider participating in the Great American Beer Tour to celebrate American Craft Beer Week. Visit craft breweries and win pint glasses, an embroidered shirt or the grand prize trip to the GABF in October! Print your passport today at:
www.AmericanCraftBeerWeek.org

Craft beer and food pairings, special-release beers, firkin-keg tapings, single-release cask-conditioned ales, special brewery tours, and make-your-own American craft beer are just some of the offerings by participating breweries.

FESTIVAL NEEDS

While all of you on the hotv@peak.org list have seen the emails come through, I am still listing them not only to convey urgency, but I would seem like a slackerish Newsletter Editor if I leave them out.

From Ron Hall

We are planning to do some judging of several categories this Wednesday, May 16, at 7pm at Doug and Mare's house in North Albany. We need our BJCP judges, and also can use some experienced and novice judges to round out tables. Please let me know if you can help here, and please bring portable chairs and card tables if you have them.

BJCP JUDGES and Very Experienced Judges - I really need your help on Friday night, May 18, for the novice judge session. Even more than the prejudging night. Right now I have about 20 newbies and only 1 BJCP judge signed up. Please sign up on line ASAP.

Contact rhall@hp.com

From Scott Caul

Thanks to everyone who have so gallantly committed to a volunteer spot. Oddly enough, my emptiest list is the outdoor token and t-shirt booth. You get to be out in the action, hear the music, make other people fetch you beer, oh yeah, you have to sell tokens and t-shirts, too. Any more takers?

Contact tela94@comcast.net

From Chris Surfleet

Could everyone please bring pitchers and/or small ice chests for the homebrew competition this Friday and Saturday. Be sure to put your name on it so we can get it back to you when the competition is over.

From Dan Crall

I would like to encourage those with a digital camera to take plenty of photos at the festival and submit the .jpg files to hotvnews@yahoo.com This will help the Club's photoblog with some material. If you haven't yet visited our photo blog, it's at www.hotvphotos.blogspot.com



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For a complete list of events, visit
www.AmericanCraftBeerWeek.org

A WELCOME TO SOME NEW FACES

The Club has seen a few new folks at our meetings. I want to extend a personal welcome to all of you and encourage you to continue coming to meetings and Club events, and get to know people from the Club. This is a great group of people to be involved with and as you've probably figured out, our Club has the funnest meetings of probably any group in town. OK, so the Senior Center's monthly Bridge game and the Benton County Dinosaur Excrement Enthusiasts have us beat, but you must admit, our meetings are fun. If you have any questions, concerns, comments, suggestions... the people to contact are listed at the bottom of this newsletter in the CLUB OFFICERS column.

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.

BEER ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Bryce Eddings' Take on Tasting Beer <http://beer.about.com/od/howtotastebeer/ht/HowToTasteBeer.htm>

Build a Kegerator <http://www.micromatic.com/draft-beer-edu/how-to-build-a-kegerator-aid-115.html>

Forget Milk. Forget Soda. Beer! <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11735125/>

The World's Coolest Beer Can (for fans of beer memorabilia or "Breweriana."
http://blog.oregonlive.com/thebeerhere/2007/05/the_worlds_coolest_beer_can.html

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

SASQUATCH HOMEBREWING COMPETITION

(Deadline very soon!)

Together with the Cascade Brewers Society, the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation is sponsoring the 2nd annual Sasquatch Homebrewing Competition. The competition is sanctioned by the American Homebrewers Association and the Beer Judge Certification Program.

Judging will take place in the days preceding the Sasquatch Brew Fest on June 2, 2007 in Eugene, Oregon. The deadline for entries is May 24, 2007. Prizes will be awarded at the Sasquatch Brew Fest to the top three finishers in the following BJCP style categories:

* English Pale Ale: Best Bitter, ESB * American Ale: American Pale Ale, American Amber * IPA: American IPA, Imperial IPA * Strong Ale: Old Ale, American Barleywine

The competition is open to homebrewers in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. For entry instructions and additional information, visit <http://www.sasquatchbrewfest.org/homebrew.html>

AHA

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 .

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