


HEART ^{OF} THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



CORVALLIS/ALBANY OREGON
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Hello HOTV!

Please enjoy this edition of the October 2015 HOTV Newsletter.

Presidents Corner



HELLO HOTV MEMBERS!!!!

In case you missed the October meeting or haven't been to a meeting in a while, we are trying to bring more participation to club events and gatherings. Do you have some suggestions?

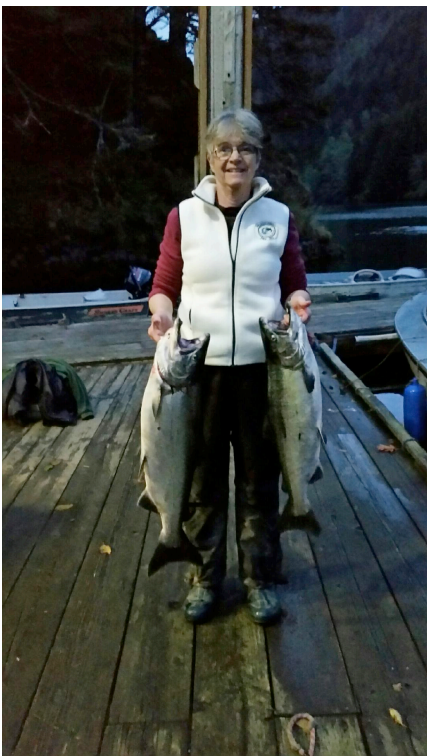
Also, I need a little help with our technology aspect of the club. Anyone out there interested in making HOTV have a better web presence? I am not anticipating it be a large time commitment, just as much time as you are interested in giving it. Please send an email to info@hotv.org and I will get back to you.

We had officer nominations at our meeting and our elections will be at our upcoming meeting in November.

I hope that all is well in your world and that you are brewing some fun beers!

Carrie

Secretary's Corner



Autumn is upon us and that means salmon fishing, harvest season, lots of canning, and ignoring my duties as Secretary and not putting out the newsletter in a timely fashion.

There are a couple of worthy HOTV events coming up: the pub crawl to Bend November 13-15, and the Holiday Party on December 12 hosted by yours truly at Louis and I's place in North Albany.

Also, the election for new club officers is coming up at the November meeting. This is your chance to be the next President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary as I will not be running for re-election.

Check out the newsletter for the nominations - so far. If you want to run for office, nominations are accepted until the voting begins at the November meeting.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

HOTV September meeting

September 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at Block 15 Taproom by President Carrie Archer at 7:05

Big shout out to Patrick for SeptemberFest

- Record attendance about 3300

- Great new venue

- Kiwanis Club had over 107 volunteer hours

- Very low HOTV participation – Boooo

More Education during HOTV Club meetings

- Kendal is welcoming ideas for meetings 15 mins

- Beer Styles, brewing techniques

Barry is still working on Litter Patrol

- Getting things straightened out with ODOT

Civil War Brew off

- Armand's Cacasan Dark Ale will be brewed soon with Block 15

- Going up against Cascade Brewers Society Enkle (Monastic Belgium Single) which will be brewed by Planktown. Dueling taps will be at Block 15 and Planktown to see which beer is more popular.

Pub Crawl to Bend in Mid November

- Let Dan know if you are interested.

Holiday Party at Louis and Karen's on December 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

HOTV October Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Carrie Archer.

Thanks to Ron Hall for hosting the October meeting.

Main agenda item for this evening is HOTV Club Officer nominations. Nominations are offered tonight at the meeting or up to voting at the November meeting.

Holiday Party is at Louis and Karen farm on Metge Ave.

- December 12th Party will be in the giant shop

- Volunteer opportunities to provide for party events

- Louis suggests a bus to transport members to farm

- Many traditions:

 - Name that Beer Carrie will contact Christianna

 - Beer and Chocolate Carrie will contact Bill

 - Ring Toss

Pot Luck
Holiday Beer Contest

Pub Crawl

Bend the November 13 – 15
Leave early afternoon on Friday
House rented at McMenamins for two nights sleeps 10.
Private tour of Ale Apothecary – needs a firm number of attendees
Casual tours of lots of breweries
Friday afternoon
If enough interest, can rent a van

Civil War Brew Off

Armand will be brewing at Block 15 next week
Will be making a 7 barrel batch
Be sure to promote beer with your family and friends
Belgium Enkel will be brewed by Plank Town in Eugene

Litter Patrol

Barry has been battling with ODOT to get reauthorized and has things settled
Will be November 3 or 8 Barry will send out a email

Club Officers

President
Carrie Archer
Vice President
Dan Rickli
Secretary/Newsletter
Chris Cotton
Education Chair
Ron Hall
Treasurer
Patrick Gorman
Board Member
Karen Hans
Letter Czar Board Appointed
Barry
Competition Chair
Evelyn Squire
September Fest
Patrick Gorman

If you are wondering about the HOTV Board:

The main purpose of the HOTV Board is to take care of club business (budget, IRS, insurance etc.) so the meetings don't get bogged down with boring business details.

3 year term

Meet quarterly

Currently John Sterner, Armand Schoppy, Ron Hall (tern expiring);

Longest serving Board member is Chair

HOTV is looking for a accountant with experience with non profit organizations

Clubs budget minus September Fest is over \$2000

Holiday and summer parties, competitions, pub crawls
Income from club dues and competitions

New Member

John Campbell OSU LBCC Fermentation Science

Interested in distilling too.

From Connecticut moved here recently

Charlie Renn brought several bags of numerous varieties of hops

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

And...in case you missed it in the October minutes...And the recent email...Pub Crawl in Bend!

Friday, November 13th, 2015

Leave Corvallis/Albany in the afternoon (I'll provide a tighter timeline closer to the day)

Saturday, November 14th, 2015

Tour and tasting at Ale Apothecary

Sunday, November 15th, 2015

Return to the valley.

The rest of the weekend will be casual and will not have a formal agenda.

Cost

\$100-140 per person

*Cost is dependent on the number of people attending and if people are staying at the rented house. Also depends on if you attend the tasting at Ale Apothecary.

What does the cost include?

- Transportation to and from Bend
- Lodging for two nights. I have reserved the Parish House at McMenamins Old St. Francis school
- Tour and private tasting at Ale Apothecary!
- Snacks!

You're on your own for:

- Beer at the breweries
- Dinner

Signup and reserve your spot today

Now for the fine print...

We need 10 people confirmed to go in order to make the trip a 'go'. Once you have signed up I'll provide weekly updates as to the number of people confirmed so you can plan accordingly. Also, if we get enough people signed up, the cost may go down a few bucks.

Looking forward to seeing many of you for a great weekend of pub crawling in Central Oregon!

Cheers,

Dan

If you have any questions/comments, please feel free to email me at dan.rickli@gmail.com

Upcoming Local Beer Competitions

Not much going on in Oregon for the next few months, but...

For a full list of all the upcoming competitions in the known Universe see:

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

Upcoming and on Going Beer Events

Civil War Brew-Off

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Organization: Coalition of Graduate Employees and Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

The Place: Odd Fellowship Hall

Address: 223 SW 2nd St.

City: Corvallis

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/395279177347090/>

The 2015 Civil War Brew-Off will be held on Halloween this year. Put it on your calendar now!

Enjoy Oregon's finest cider and craft beer from over 70 breweries at the *Fourth Annual*

2015 McKenzie Cider and Craft Beer Festival!

A Benefit for Bags of Love, Willamalane Foundation, and other local Rotary projects

Friday, November 13, 2015

5pm - 11pm

and

Saturday November 14, 2015

12 noon - 11pm

Children welcome 12 noon -5pm

Willamalane Center

250 S 32nd

Springfield ([map](#))

- [Beer and Cider tastings](#) from your favorite breweries
- [Live Entertainment](#)
- [Restaurants](#)
- Vendors' Marketplace

Holiday Ale Festival

December 2nd through December 6th, 2015

The Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square

Address: 701 SW Sixth Ave.

City: PORTLAND OR

Website: <http://holidayale.com/festfacts.php>

Holiday Ale Festival annually gathers up dozens of these winter warmers for a joyous five-day celebration. As a result, this quintessential Portland event has earned a reputation as the premier winter beer tasting venue on the West Coast.

Held in the heart of downtown Portland, the **Holiday Ale Festival** keeps attendees warm and dry under a large clear top tent that covers Pioneer Courthouse Square while allowing for views of the city lights. Gas heaters create a cozy ambience under the boughs of one of the region's largest decorated Christmas trees.

More than 50 potent winter ales are featured at this year's event, all of which are created specifically to bring warmth and cheer to the holiday season. These aren't beers you'll find in the supermarket - our brewers have put together special recipes just for the **Holiday Ale Festival**. From Belgians and Barleywines to Stouts and Sours, these beers are rich, robust and full of complex flavors.

FREE re-admission into the Festival all 5 days with wristband and current year's mug.

To enter and taste beers, the purchase of an initial tasting package is required. The package includes a souvenir mug, 12 beer tickets and costs \$35 at the door (**CASH ONLY**). Those that are **VISIBLY INTOXICATED** will not be served.

Additional beer tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. Previous years' mugs cannot be used and will not be filled; however, current year mugs can be reused on subsequent visits within the same yearly festival.

Advance VIP and General Admission tickets will go on sale in October (follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates).

Beer News

Oregon Breweries Win 19 Medals At The 2015 Great American Beer Festival

Oregon breweries claimed a total of 19 medals at the 2015 Great American Beer Festival (GABF) held September 24th through the 26th in Denver, Colorado.

Oregon Breweries brought home 7 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 5 bronzes. The Portland Metro area brought back 7 medals, Central Oregon won 4 medals, the Willamette Valley won 3, Eastern Oregon and the Coast won 2 medals and Mt. Hood/The Gorge won one medal.

The GABF is the world's largest beer competition and recognizes the most outstanding beers that were entered in the competition from the United States. The top three medalists in each of the competition's 92 beer-style categories were announced September 26th at the 29th GABF Awards Ceremony held at the Colorado Convention Center.

The 2015 GABF Competition winners were selected by an international panel of 244 beer experts from an impressive field of 6,647 entries received from 1,572 U.S. breweries.

2015 GABF Medal Winners made by Oregon Breweries or by Oregon Brewing Companies:

Brewery	Medal	Category	Beer Name
10 Barrel Brewing Co.	Bronze	American-Style Stout	P2P

10 Barrel Brewing Co.	Bronze	German-Style Sour Ale	Cucumber Crush
Barley Brown's Beer	Gold	American-Style Strong Pale Ale	Ratchet Strap IPA
Barley Brown's Brewpub	Gold	American-Style Stout	Disorder Stout
Bend Brewing Co.	Bronze	American-Style Dark Lager	Black Diamond
Bend Brewing Co.	Silver	German-Style Sour Ale	Volkssekt
Block 15 Brewing	Gold	Belgian-Style Lambic or Sour Ale	Turbulent Consequence, Peche
Fat Head's Brewery	Gold	Rye Beer	Blitzkrieg Bock
Gigantic Brewing Co.	Bronze	Old Ale or Strong Ale	MASSIVE! 2013
Golden Valley Brewery & Pub	Gold	English-Style Summer Ale	Beaverton Blonde
Ground Breaker Brewing	Silver	Gluten-Free Beer	IPA No. 5
Laurelwood Public House & Brewery	Silver	Imperial India Pale Ale	Eazy Duz It IIPA
Lompoc Brewing - The 5th Quadrant	Silver	American-Style Amber/Red Ale	Proletariat Red
Mazama Brewing Co.	Silver	American-Style Fruit Beer	Rasplendent
Old Town Brewing Co.	Gold	English-Style India Pale Ale	Shanghai'd IPA
Pelican Pub & Brewery	Gold	Scotch Ale	MacPelican's Wee Heavy Ale
pFriem Family Brewers	Silver	German-Style Pilsener	Pilsner

Rogue Ales	Silver	Specialty Beer	Hazelnut Brown Nectar
The Commons Brewery	Bronze	Belgian- and French-Style Ale	Petite Classique

Awesome study says: Drinking beer makes you better at sex

A sex expert has found that drinking a few cold ones before making whoopee will help you perform better in bed.

In her recently published book, “The Married Sex Solution: A Realistic Guide to Saving Your Sex Life,” Dr. Kat Van Kirk describes four different ways a man can benefit from drinking a brewskie before getting down to business, [according to the website AskMen.com](http://AskMen.com).

First, the clinical sexologist and marriage and family therapist says knocking back a few pints will help make men last longer. The beer ultimately overloads one’s body with phytoestrogens from the alcohol, which are scientifically proven to delay orgasm, she says.

Next, Kirk explains how dark beers such as Guinness can boost a man’s libido and lead to longer, more intense erections because of their high amounts of iron, which increases the amount of blood circulation to the penis.

She then points to studies done by Italian researchers who found that daily beer drinkers have more stamina than their sober counterparts — and are 31 percent less likely to have heart disease, heart attacks or strokes.

Lastly, Kirk points out how folks who hit the bottle won’t have to worry about getting an upset stomach when the mood is right. Beer contains loads of probiotics and B vitamins, which are very good for one’s digestive health.

“This means it can help fortify your overall health and be better on your stomach so you won’t feel sluggish during sex,” Kirk says.

She later adds that if men really want to step up their game in the bedroom, there is an actual beer that is specifically made to aid men in performance enhancement.

Dubbed “50 Shades of Green” and bottled by Innis & Gunn, the beer contains “ginseng, ginkgo biloba and damiana” — which help achieve “increased sexual desire, blood flow and nerve stimulation.”

Pico poised to do for beer what Keurig did for coffee



Brewing your own beer at home is a hobby that many are no doubt interested in yet once you realize how much time, work and free space is needed to do so, you'll probably look for another hobby. Fortunately, microbreweries are growing in popularity across the country, allowing lovers of variety to sample all sorts of local brews without the hassle of having to do all the work.

Like any hobby, there will always be people that are passionate enough about something to see it as art. For the impatient among us, well, we just want to try all sorts of different beer.

Now, there's a device that'll do just that. It's called the Pico and it's poised to do for beer what the Keurig did for coffee.

A successor to its Zymatic, the Pico from [PicoBrew](#) is a fully automatic craft brewing appliance. Owners start by buying a PicoPak, a pre-packaged mix of ingredients that'll produce five liters (around 14 bottles) worth of beer. After roughly two hours, all of the goods are deposited into a mini keg. All that's left is to add yeast to start the fermentation process.

A week later, your batch of craft beer is ready to be carbonated and transferred to a drinking keg for consumption.

PicoBrew has already partnered with more than 50 microbreweries to create PicoPaks. While you won't be able to brew your own recipes in the Pico just yet, the partnerships mean you'll have the opportunity to sample a variety of brews that you otherwise wouldn't get without visiting many different regions.

PicoBrew is currently seeking funding on [Kickstarter](#) for Pico. The company has already met its funding goal of \$200,000 with more than a month remaining in the campaign. A minimum pledge of \$499 guarantees you'll be one of the first to own a Pico (it comes with your choice of three PicoPaks) come next March.