


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. April's meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on April 20 at Armand and Irene Schopp's house.

Calendar of Events

April Meeting Wednesday the 20th at
7:00 PM at Armand and Irene Schopp's House
Club Brew Day at Rogue Chateau
Oregon Garden Micro Brew Festival
April 29, 30 <http://www.oregongarden.org/Brewfest.htm>
Litter Patrol – May 7
Sasquatch Brewfest Eugene Hilton - May 7 (Ty Curtis!)
http://www.northwestlegendsfoundation.org/sasquatch_brewfest.html
HOTV Summer Picnic
Saturday August 20 at Adair Village
Hop and Heritage Festival
September 23-25 Independence

President's Corner

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Greetings and Salutations HOTV'ers;

We made it! It's over! Homebrew will once again flow freely in the streets of Oregon. Hooray! Hooray! Thanks to all who contacted state congressional officials in support of Senate Bill 444 the "Homebrew Law". Because of you homebrew can once again be shared outside of the home without fear of prosecution.

Home brew competitions are popping up all over the state so if you haven't done so already it's time to start firing up the kettle and start brewing. I don't know about you but I have a lot of catching up to do. I haven't been brewing as much as I would like and now the pressure is on. I should be able to brew 2 more batches of beer before the club competition. That's right the club competition is next month, May 21st. I am hoping for a good turn out. What better way to celebrate the passage of the new homebrew law than to enter your homebrew into competition and receive feedback on your craft by a BJCP recognized judge.

It is a time of joyfulness; we can once again share our homebrew freely. Let's all help make our competition a success by entering our beer. This is an excellent way to share and celebrate the new law.

Drink responsibly, drink homebrew!
Armand

Vice President's Corner

Here are some pictures of the Trout Fry and Pub Crawl

Club Brew Day and Trout Fry at Louis and Karen's



About 25 HOTV club members join us for our annual trout fry at Lamby and Bubba's place. The trout were hungry and sassy. I don't know exactly how many were caught, but I fried up 15 and not a bit was left by the end of the party.

Pub Crawl 2011



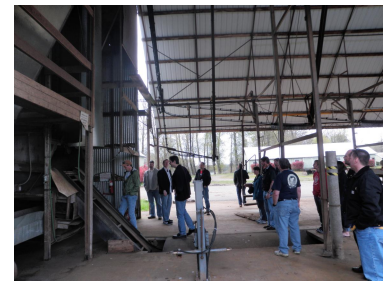
Rogue HopFarm



Tasting room



Brew station



hop processing area

Pale Horse



Brewery



at a non descript storage facility



Seven Brides



Head brewer addresses club



Seven Brides recently moved to new facility that was formally a lumber yard.



They wisely put us in a separate room for lunch!

Last Month's Meeting

March 16, 2011

Minutes by Karen Hans

The meeting was called to order by President Armand Schoppy at 7:30 PM

Thanks to Jon for hosting the meeting so Armand could sit in the comfy chair;

New members: Nathan McIntyre, Tyler Mork;

John Sterner and Jeremiah are absent;

Big news, SB 444 past house, off to Govs desk

Louis, trout fry and club brew day at Louis and Karen's catch fish and eat them

Brewing Belgin Ale

Pub crawl \$20 each going to 11 AM from parking lot next to Harrison Bridge, Albany at Rays at 11:30 AM

First stop Rogues Nano Brewery, Pale Horse in Salem (hop give away), Seven Brides in Silverton 18 beers and tour, Gildamyesh in Turner, then back to Albany and Corvallis

Will be buying growlers at each location; see Louis for tickets;

Pub crawl capacity is 30

Summer picnic is Aug 20 at Adair Park; disc golf tournament at 10, picnic at noon.

September Fest: emails coming looking for volunteers

Corvallis brewers mustache completion is week before

Education report

Last months minutes . commercial calibration will be free Joel will donate beer

Exam results are in! two improved scores Bill moved up to Certified, Irene move up to

New judges:

Circerone (beer serving) test coming up in Portland

BJCP next open slot to host a exam is July 2012;

Prep class beer judge certification program, Christine will organize if there is enough interest, last chance for about 6 months;

Commercial calibration before next meeting at 7:00 PM; after this meeting, we will be tasting different varieties of bock beers . dopple bock and ice bock

Special thanks to Mort, John Sterner and Bob Saathoff for helping with the beer judging class.

Litter Patrol:

Next patrol is scheduled for May 7;

Competition Report:

With the imminent passage of the Legislative bill to allow homebrew competitions again, the HOTV completion is on for May 21. Mort is organizing and still needs a judge organizer. The completion will take place at Calapooia Brewery again and judging will start on Friday evening. Last year there were 428 entries. There may be fewer this year with the late notice. Mort will need usual assistance on day of completion.

Within club completion . members of club brew a certain beer then the beer is judged by the club members. The winning entry is then sent to national completion.

Board of Directors report:

5023c we are a non profit for 2 years; IRS forms due in 90 days

Survey for club mission

Rouge Hopworks Nano Brewery club brew days: new management at the brewery, Sarah has been replaced by Natasha, Marshall has been talking to Natasha about Sarahs arrangement with HOTV to brew at Hopworks.

Hopworks Festival is scheduled for September 24 and 25. Marshal wants to do a extract %see how easy it is+brew in downtown Independence on the 24th then do a full grain brew at Hopworks on March 25. Also have a beer from an earlier brew on tap at Hopworks ready for the Festival.

Marshal will be hosting a extract brew day in April;

Club Brew Day at Flat Tail has been postponed until sometime in April, likely the 14th;

Next meeting is at Corvallis Brewing Supply on April 20; bring your own chair if you want to sit down.

Louis wins the raffle drawing for a bottle of Lucky Labrador Dogfather Imperial Stout.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Commercial calibration ensued with a doppelbock and two ice bocks.

Club Brew Day

From Jeremiah Osborne Gowey

I have a quick update from Dave Marliave at Flat Tail Brewing. The planned HOTV-FT brewday has been postponed again due to some conflicting Flat Tail scheduling. Dave sincerely apologizes and proposed the following weekend (May 21st) for a club brewday. I informed him that that was the HOTV homebrew competition. I've proposed three alternate weekends in June and am awaiting word back from him. He seemed to indicate that, because he has such a busy schedule this time of year, perhaps postponing this brew until late this coming Fall might be best. That's the update.

Cheers,
Jeremiah

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Hi all,

Our own competition preparations are in full swing, with the date set for the 21st of May. We're going to need a lot of people willing to act as judges and stewards, so if you're at all interested, get in touch.

Thanks to all those who made the trip up to Seattle last week for the NHC 1st round, and a special thanks to Louis & Karen for organising us a place to stay. I had a great time judging, and managed to try a few new bars and breweries as well as do a little sight seeing. I might take a big stick to fend off creepy dolls next time though.

There are some great local competitions coming up, opportunities for everyone to get some judging practice in before our competition in May.

Competition Name	Competition Date
2011 Puget Sound Pro-Am	04/30/2011
Sasquatch Brew Fest	04/30/2011
Oregon Homebrew Festival	05/21/2011
Spring Fling	06/04/2011
Slurp & Burp Open	06/04/2011

Cheers, Mort

Now that the prohibitions on transporting homebrew are lifted

During the club meeting before entries are due, HOTV members can bring in their beers for consideration into the AHA Club Only competitions. Beers will be judged side-by-side by BJCP certified club members (and anyone else who wants to try them). We'll select one beer to enter to represent our club and the club will pay the shipping (ground only) and entry fee. The winner is responsible for the packaging and getting the entry down to Joel's shop in time to make it by the deadline.

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. If you check out a piece of club equipment, please clean and return it to Corvallis Brewing Supply as soon as possible for other members to use. 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.
- 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

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