

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

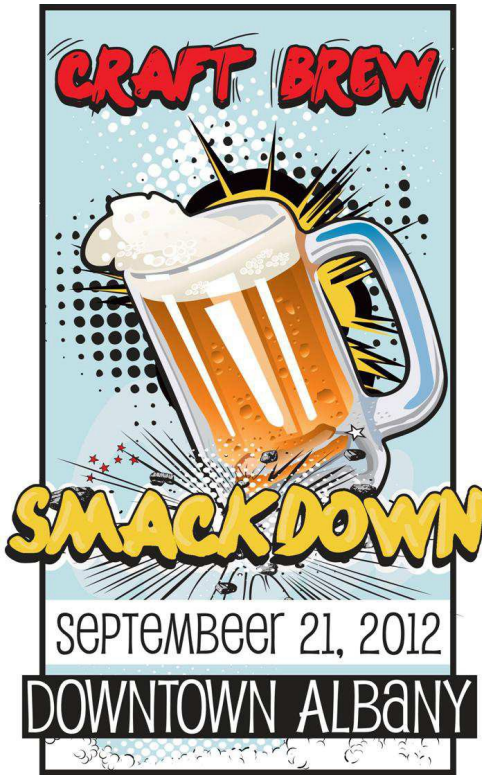


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SMACKDOWN



Dear Brewer,

The Albany Downtown Association cordially invites you to join us for the **Craft Brew Smackdown** taking place on September 21st, 2012.

The event will be held in Historic Downtown Albany and is a benefit for the Carousel Project and Greater Albany Rotary Club. The **Craft Brew**

the Smackdown will combine beer tasting with a walking tour of vendors displaying and selling their "crafts". So whether it's a hands-on demonstration of tying flies, barbecuing, swinging a golf club, or geocaching; there will be an added draw to create more interest and attendance. The "craft" vendors will be set in-between storefront businesses that will host the "tasting rooms" for participating breweries. If you are interested in participating, the cost to you will be \$50, which includes advertising, publicity, organization and logistics. We are also asking that you donate the first 500 2-ounce tastes of beer; any 2-ounce tastes poured after that will be reimbursed to the brewery for \$1 per taste. Also, you would keep all proceeds from any bottled product that you sell during the event. On behalf of the Carousel Project, the Rotary Club of Greater Albany and the Albany Downtown Association, I would like to thank you for your consideration, and I hope you decide to participate in this event.

Sincerely,
Jessica Pankratz, Event Organizer
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Smackdown is expecting between 500-1000 patrons and over 15 breweries. The Smackdown starts at 4:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. We are looking for local "Craft" breweries that are open to coming to Downtown Albany and providing age-screened members of the public, twoounce "tastes" of their beer or cider during the event. In May, Downtown Albany hosts the "Wine Walk" which is held on the first Friday. The 2012 Wine Walk sold 1300 tickets and we expect the Smackdown to eventually become as popular, if not more so. While the Wine Walk is paired with the Downtown Loft Tour as an additional draw,



From the WEB

This month we have two links brought to you by Jeff T. The first is a story off of Oregon Live by a writer for the Oregonian. The second is a story about the local micro brew scene.

http://www.oregonlive.com/living/index.ssf/2012/07/oregons_homebrewing_community.html

http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/beer-bash/article_4c9965fa-d2db-11e1-b5b5-0019bb2963f4.html



Jon Fulton: Editor

Good news from the Fulton house. I finally stopped praying for a 15 cubic foot freezer to come up for sale on Craigslist and I bit the bullet. Sears had a sale and now I have a NEW fermenter (freezer). I can get back to brewing. So to break it in I will be doing a partial grain/extract Porter on August 25th. Brewing will start at 1 p.m. I always brew better with an audience.

Tip of the Month

Take a cheap little fan and blow it across your boil. It will help stop boil overs.

Links to More Beer Events and Information in our area can be found at:

<http://www.portlandbeer.org/>
<http://beervana.blogspot.com/>

<http://beernorthwest.blogspot.com/>
<http://brewpublic.com/>



Homebrew Competition News



August is a great time to enjoy your summer session beer as you dream about your fall lineup of homebrew. We have a club only competition for Old Ale in October, if you get brewing soon it could be ready in time! Other upcoming club competitions are listed in below. There is a new competition in the area, held in conjunction with the Hop and Heritage Festival in Independence. This is a brand new comp hosted by Rogue, and is not a BJCP event. There will be 2 categories – Polk County Hop Proud Beers (hop dominant brews – think IPA's/etc) and Lawnmower Beers (that summer session beer I mentioned earlier). Entries can be dropped off that day at the Homebrew Competition booth at the festival. I know we have some members in that area and if you ask them nicely maybe they will drop off your entry for you!

Competition Name	Venue	Date of Comp
Oregon State Fair Competition	Salem, OR	August 10-11
Grant County Fair	John Day, OR	August 18
Hop and Heritage Festival Comp	Independence, OR	Sept. 29

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.

AHA Club Only Competitions		
Monthly meeting	Beer Style	BJCP Style number
September	Light Hybrid Beers	6
October	Old Ale	19A
December (judging at Holiday party)	Un-Session beers (OG>1.040)	various
February	Barleywine	19B & 19C
April	Extract Beers	any

HOTV July 18th meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35

Garry Terrell presiding

Bill and Christiana hosting

New members

Aaron Lee of Salem is on his 3rd batch. Extract mostly

Aaron Spotswood is up to 14 all grain batches. His IPA took 2nd place at Indiana State fair.

Ashley (Bills daughter)

Officer's reports

Secretary/Editor: Jon Fulton asked for members to turn in new letter entries by the Wednesday after the general meeting. Members can even text him with photos and one liners at 541-619-0102.

Patrick G. No report.

Garry Terrell ... Picnic coming up Aug 4th Bryant park. It is a pot luck. Start at 11 a.m. Finish around 4 pm. Guest are welcome. Bob is organizing a golf tournament. We need a volunteer to run games.

Garry will send an email asking who is coming so we can plan the food.

Garry will check into disk golf at Bryant Park.

Litter patrol report. July 29th is next litter patrol ... starts at????

September fest report... no report

Education report Christiana: We are about half way through training. Class on the 19th at Bill and Christiana's. September 9th is the next exam. Have to get proctors lined up.

Competition report: Irene is not here... Dave S. OR state fair cut off time is July 27th.

No Corvallis drop off this year.

10 and 11th of August will be the first round of judging.

25th will be the best of show live at the fair.

\$7 entry on line.. 3 bottles

August 24th hop madness at the Rouge hop farm. Bring your stuff and brew.

Board member update... Bob is not here.

Garry announcement... block 15 craft brew picnic 28th July see block 15 web page for details.

Garry's friend has bins for \$5. See Garry for details.

Open forum, Aaron brought a porter for the club judging.

John Sterner now likes smoked beers.

Christiana said Pyramid now has a good hefewisen.

September meeting will be the September fest.

Adjourned at 8:15



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