

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting will be on February 18 at Mr. Bill's. He lives at 2162 SW 3rd St. in Corvallis. His home is the northern neighbor to Les Schwab Tire store on SW 3rd. They share the same driveway. So, you can just pull into Les Schwab, park in their parking lot (they will be closed), and come over to his house. His house sits directly behind a house that's on the street. Both are yellow, but Mr. Bill's looks like the servant's quarters in back. You can't miss it. His yard will be lighted with white Christmas lights, with two vans in my driveway. His cell phone, if people get lost or need further clarification, is: 541-829-3461. This meeting will host the tasting for the AHA Club Only Competition, strong beers (OG > 1.080).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 18 – Monthly meeting.** 7:00 at Mr. Bill's in Corvallis.

**February 28 – Club brew day.** The Schoppy's.

**March 18 – Monthly meeting.** 7:00 in Albany.

**April 15 – Monthly meeting.** 7:00 at Dave Benson's.

**April 18 – Eugene Pub Crawl.** Contact Dave Benson if interested.

**May 16 – HOTV Oregon Homebrew Competition.** Calapooia Brewery, Albany.

### *Other upcoming events*

**Feb. 6 & 7 – KLCC Microbrewfest.** Eugene.

[more info](#)

**Feb. 14 – Zwickelmania.** [more info](#)

**Mar. 7 – Slurp and Burp.** Homebrew competition in Estacada. [more info](#)

**Mar. 14 – Portland Urban Iditarod.** Teams must arrive by 11:30, we mush at 12:00 sharp.

[more info](#)

**Mar. 28 – Washington Cask Beer Festival.** Seattle. [more info](#)

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

As the month begins I am feeling the pressure of missing my deadline. There are so many things going on with our club right now it is hard to keep up.

The other weekend I went over to Jon Fulton's house to witness his first batch of homebrew in over 10 years! He was very excited and had a good brew house started. I was also happy to see so many enthusiastic club members at the January club meeting. The feedback and conversations were beertastic! An OSU brewday along with a bourbon barrel project will keep us all topped off. Thoughts of the pub crawl and homebrew competitions keep my calendar full.

Another problem I am having is finding time to brew. I need to make my light lager to keep the yeast going. In the meantime an IPA should be on my slate. I am running out of that one. After that who knows? Hopefully by June I will be trying my first decoction batch. I like to keep my recipe book out a couple months to plan for the seasons. I hope your brewing is going well too.

Good beers to all,  
Howie

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Howie opened the meeting by thanking everyone for the great turnout, welcoming new members Jerry, Jon, and Mr. Bill, and thanking John Sterner for hosting. Everyone introduced themselves and talked about their latest brewing plans.

Bob Saathoff supplied information about upcoming competitions; see his column in this newsletter for competition information. Judging is reciprocal between clubs, so if we have a good turnout for some of the events, those clubs will send judges to help in our competition.

Joel is offering a bourbon barrel to the club, it is clean and fresh. Some ideas for this from Howie:

- Make a big Schwartzbier and lager it in the barrel.
- Club brewers all brew a specific brew/style, and we mix them together and age in the barrel.
- Howie will check with Jeff at OSU for ideas.
- Submit additional ideas to Howie.

Armand talked about this year's Septembeerfest. Thanks for all the help with last years' festival. This year's festival is set for Sept. 12, the only Saturday in September that there isn't a home Beavers game. There will be a meeting on Feb. 3 at 7:00 at the Schoppy's home, if you are interesting in volunteering please come to that meeting or let Armand know.

Karen Hans spoke about the [Urban Iditarod](#), happening in Portland on March 14. Teams consist of 5 people (4 dogs and a musher), and a shopping cart. A team captain is required to attend a meeting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> up in Portland (Karen can not attend this; another person from the team would need to volunteer). Karen will be sending out an email with more info. Mr. Bill volunteers to help pimp out our shopping cart.

The Washington Cask Ale festival is March 28. Email Bob Saathoff if you are interested in attending, he will buy tickets. The cost is \$35, there are 60 beers and the entry fee includes your tastes. A Seattle pub crawl is possible in the future, email Dave Benson with ideas. Mr. Bill suggested a club crawl, stopping at HOTV'ers homes and sampling homebrew.

Howie introduced the new HOTV Brewer of the Year award. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place recognition. See the related article in this newsletter for more information on the point system. Howie is hoping this gets people more involved in the club. Email Howie if you accomplish something on the list that deserves points!

Upcoming brew days: Bill Baxter may host one in mid-February, watch your email for details. The Schoppy's will be debuting their new all-grain system and hosting a club brew day on February 28. If you have all-grain experience, or are curious on how to get started, or simply want to hang out, plan to come by! An email will come out with more details.

Mr. Bill has offered to host the February 18 meeting in South Corvallis. He will be providing homemade bread, made with ingredients from beer brewing. The March meeting in Albany

needs a host, and the April meeting will be at Dave Benson's in Philomath.

Howie has 4 Cascade Hop rhizomes. Contact him if you are interested. Mare is in charge of the club hop list, if you have hops or rhizomes to share contact Mare.

Bill Baxter gave an update on 501(c)(3) status. He will sit down with a lawyer in February to write it up. It would probably be ready by May to notify IRS. The cost is unknown. This status would mean we could apply for grants. Bob Saathoff motioned to have the club pursue this status, unless the costs are prohibitive. Charley Renns seconded the motion.

Charley Renns is putting together a BJCP (Beer Judge Certification Program) class. It will meet on Sunday afternoons, starting February 8<sup>th</sup> (no class on Easter). The fee is approx. \$75 (perhaps more). There will be a test at the end to get certified. The date of this test is not known yet.



## UPCOMING HOME BREW COMPETITION INFO

by Bob Saathoff

Folks, our competition is just around the corner. I hope everyone is making plans to brew up several entries. We're working hard to make this year's competition the best ever.

For those of you interested in entering some additional local competitions check out the list below. If you're really adventurous surf on over to the BJCP website for a list of competitions across the country (and some international ones as well).

Remember these competitions are usually looking for judges so if you feel so inclined, head on over to the various websites and get in contact with the judge coordinators. We always use judges from other local clubs and it's nice to

reciprocate the favor by judging at their competitions.

Finally, the Feb club meeting will host the tasting for the Club Only Competition. It's strong beers this time, so dust off your big-un's and bring 'em along to the club meeting.

Cheers,  
Bob

### Local Competitions

Competition	Deadline
<a href="#">Slurp &amp; Burp Open</a>	2/27/09
<a href="#">World Cup of Beer</a>	3/14/09
<a href="#">Cascade Brewers Cup</a>	3/15/09
<a href="#">AHA National 1<sup>st</sup> Round NW Region</a>	4/8/09
<a href="#">The Oregon Garden's Homebrewers Classic</a>	4/13/09
<a href="#">27<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival</a>	5/8/09
<a href="#">Sasquatch Brewfest Homebrew Competition</a>	5/22/09

### AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Feb 09	Beer w/ OG > 1.080	5C,D; 9E; 12C; 13F; 14C; 15C; 16C,D,E; 18C,D,E; 19A,B,C; 20; 21; 22B,C; 23
Apr 09	Extract Beers	1-23
July 09	Amber Hybrid Beers	7
Aug 09	European Amber Lager	3
Oct 09	Belgian Strong Ale	18

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.

### **BJCP CLASS NOW FORMING**

Charley Renns is starting a BJCP class on February 8. BJCP stands for Beer Judge

Certification Program. This class is intended to qualify the participant as a Competition Judge. The class will take 12 weekly sessions and cost each participant about \$75. There may be some additional requirements involving actually judging some number of competitions. Anyone interested in attending the classes should be prepared to commit to every Sunday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm (Easter and Mother's Day excluded) and be willing and ready to pony up \$75 for class materials (ie. beer, materials to produce off-flavors in beer, printed materials, etc.). If you are interested and haven't contacted Charley yet, please do so by February 6. Also contact Charley if you are interested in a possible mid-week class. The more members that are also judges, the better! Not only can you help out HOTV by judging in our competition, but you can judge other local competitions. This will encourage the other local clubs to send judges to our competition.

### **HOTV HOMEBREWER OF THE YEAR (HOTY)POINTS SYSTEM**

by Howie

- Paid member - 5 pts
  - Club officials -5 pts
  - Festival and competition committee members - 5 pts
  - Host a club meeting - 5 pts
  - Host a club brew day - 5 pts
  - Participate in the litter patrol – 5 pts
  - Judge in a Homebrew competition - 5 pts
  - Current BJCP cert - 5 pts
  - Recruit a new member - 5 pts
  - Participate in club meetings, brew days, and events - 2 pts
  - Enter homebrew competition - 2 pts per beer
    - Additional 3 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - Additional 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Additional 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - Additional 10 pts for Best of Show
  - Bring a beer for the AHA club competition – 1 pt
    - Additional 2 pts for the HOTV selected beer
    - Additional 3 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - Additional 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Additional 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Points will also be awarded at special club events and will be announced at those events.
- End of the year prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded at the HOTV holiday

party. A trophy will be awarded to the HotY and displayed in a nondisclosed location

Points can only be earned by participating club members. Please pay your dues.

The HOTV President will be in charge of the points list. He or she will need to be notified of the points earned so they can be awarded. A monthly updated list will be kept on the website and in the HOTV brewsletter.

Brew accordingly and often!

## **SCUM SUCKING DEADBEATS**

You know who you are! Club dues are owed at the beginning of each year. Those members

who have - forgotten to pay/dog ate the checkbook/supporting Nigerian princes, the time has come to pay up. Please see John Sterner at the next meeting to pay your dues and continue your membership. Membership comes with many benefits, including social events, use of advanced brewing equipment, brewing information, and association with some of the best brewers in the northwest. Your support of these activities will improve your knowledge and skills! Deadline is March 31, if you haven't paid by then you will be removed from the email list and won't be entitled to any member benefits. Dues are \$20.

## **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
- CO<sub>2</sub> kit - Includes CO<sub>2</sub> 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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