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**President:
Armand Schoppy**

Greetings and Salutations HDTV'ers

2012 is here and I believe it will be the biggest and best year yet. How can it not with us celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our homebrew competition. Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that our competition is the second longest running homebrew competition in the

nation. That is quite an achievement.

Since our competition is the only MCAB qualifier in the northwest coupled with our "Pearl Anniversary" we may exceed our numbers from two years ago when we had over 400 entries. When that happens we will need plenty of judges and volunteers competition weekend. There are a few things members can do now to ensure the 30th Anniversary Competition is a success. First save the date, May 18th & 19th, so you are able to judge, participate and

enjoy this great event. Secondly and most importantly you can start brewing your best recipes for the competition. Fire up your kettles and perfect those beers. I hope to hear a long list of HDTV names among the winners at this year's completion. If you haven't entered one of our competitions in a while or are a new brewer this is the year to enter. Lastly, members can check in with the Competition Chair and ask if there is a need for volunteers leading up to the event. It will be a team effort that makes this competition run smoothly.

A successful completion starts with some outstanding entries and I know you are up for the task. So, let's get brewing!

Remember drink responsibly.... Drink craft beer
Armand Schoppy

Location Change

February Gathering
Corvallis Brewing Supply,
119 SW 4th street Corvallis

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/>

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Homebrew Competition News

By Irene Schoppy



Plans are coming together for our homebrew competition, the Oregon Homebrew Festival. Ninkasi is sponsoring the best of show prize, which includes brewing for the day at the Ninkasi Brewery in Eugene. For anyone who hasn't entered a competition in the past, we will also be featur-

se styles by focusing on them at club meetings or tasting events. This month's beer style is stout, and I know at least one club member who will be competing! Don't make it easy on the president; bring your stout to the meeting! We welcome the competition! And since there is an educational component to this, I will be speaking briefly about the Stout category and maybe even have a commercial example or two to taste beforehand. Please arrive by 7:15 if you'd like to enter or judge in this club-only competition, I'm hoping to do this before the meeting if possible.

Competition Name	Venue	Date of Comp
Slurp and Burp	Fearless Brewing, Estacada	March 10
Ft George Homebrewers Dinner	Ft George Brewery, Astoria	Entries due March 23
Homebrewers Classic	Oregon Garden, Silverton	April 14
NHC 1st round	Hopworks, Portland	April 21
The AleChemist Homebrew Challenge #4 (Biere de Garde)	Corvallis Brewing Supply (get recipe/info from CBS)	May 6, entries due by May 5 at CBS
Oregon Homebrew Competition	Calapooia Brewing, Albany	May 19

ing a first-time entrant's prize, sponsored by Brew Brothers in Hillsboro. I recommend getting those brew kettles fired up early & often, because I hope to be reading off a fellow HOTV-er for these prizes and more!

I am also working on getting our club better represented in the AHA club-only competitions (see below for 2012 schedule). The Club-Only Competition program offers AHA-registered homebrew clubs an opportunity to compete with other AHA-registered homebrew clubs. Each competition concentrates attention on a specific style of beer or mead, giving your club the opportunity to educate club members in the-

Monthly meeting	Beer Style	BJCP Style number
February	Stout	13
April	Scottish & Irish	9
July	Porter	12
September	Light Hybrid Beers	6
October	Old Ale	19A

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

WANTED:

Club Brewing Equipment

HOTV needs to do an inventory of all club brewing equipment. So, if you have any equipment checked out please bring it to the February meeting. If you plan on using it soon, still bring it in, you will be able to check it back out after it has been inventoried.

Time to spring into action on those hops!



Respectfully submitted by:
Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey
Self-anointed prophet of the hops

While the local bears may not yet have roused from their winter-time slumber, your hops are already well on their way. And springtime brings with it a little needed vitamin D to get your metabolism – and

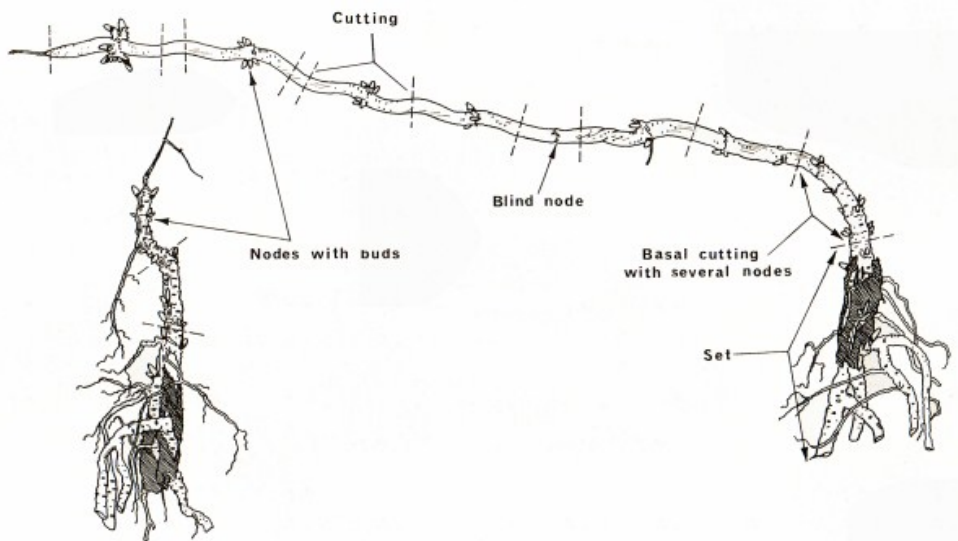
your hops – going. With a little care now, your hops could have their most productive season yet!

First and second year plants put much of their energy into basic root development, not into rhizomatous growth. Thus only a few, simple spring care steps are required (working the soil around the crown, weeding, mulching). Larger, more established plants put much of their energy into producing fruiting bodies (rhizomes) which without a little “time, love and tenderness”, can overrun an area in short order.

To get the most from your plant, you’ll need to work the soil around the crown (as soon as the soil can be worked) and loosen the rhizomatous growth that spreads laterally away from the plant’s main crown. The rhizomes will have a fleshy appearance and feel, grow and spread just below the soil’s surface and are distinct from the plant’s roots. As you separate these lateral rhizomes, cut them from the crown as close to the main plant as you can. Then replant or discard them.

If you’re planning to replant them at another time (or trade them on the HOTV Homebrewer’s hop exchange network), you can store them in the refrigerator for several weeks in a damp Ziploc bag. For longer rhizomes

pruned from the main plant, you can generally get several new starts, each 4-5” in length, by cutting midway between budding nodes (see the diagram by A.H. Burgess, below). When replanting, be sure to add a good compost mulch and kelp meal to the new hole (~1.5 sq.ft. in size), plant the new rhizome about an inch deep with a bud pointing upward, cover with an inch or less of soil and water well (and often for the first several weeks).



After pruning out the lateral rhizomatous growth, work a good compost mulch into the soil around your hops plants to provide both nutrients and water retention for your plant. Occasionally, I’ll also add a little boron (found in 20-Mule Team Borax-type soaps) to my worked over soils. But a generous mulching helps discourage weeds from establishing. After mulching, I tend to sow a manure around my plants, too, usually a mixture of horse and chicken.

That’s about it! Now go sink your fingers into that wonderful soil!



HOTV Monthly Meeting

January 18, 2012

Minutes -Irene Schoppa for Jon Fulton

Armand called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Armand thanked Howie & Jamie for hosting, and thanked their daughter McKenna for serving the snacks. He commented on her cute slippers. Attendance was low as there was a major rain storm and lots of flooding in the area (or maybe because the meeting was at Howie's house). Armand welcomed new member Chris Irrig.

Armand introduced the new officers of 2012:

Jon Fulton as secretary (Jon was absent due to flooding at his home)

Patrick "pay your dues" Gorman as treasurer

Gary Terrell as Vice President – Gary is working on dates for the pub crawl (March or April) and the summer picnic. If you have any comments on where you would like to go for the pub crawl, or date preferences, let Gary know ASAP. Scott Caul will host the Holiday Party in December.

Scott Caul as Septembeerfest Chair – Scott will report at the February meeting.

Christiane Loehr as Education Chair – we will be hosting a BJCP exam in September 2012 and classes this summer. Christiane will need 4-5 students to hold classes, cost will be approx. \$70.

Irene Schoppa as Competition Chair

Erik Haunreiter as Litter Czar – Litter patrol is this Saturday, 9am at Hyak Park. Need 4 more people, Erik will send an email out tomorrow reminding people.

Competition Report – Irene Schoppa

Our competition is May 19, I need a Judge Coordinator for the Competition Committee, the rest of the committee is filled (myself as chair, Bill Baxter as registrar, David Swisher as Head Steward, and Karen Hans as Raffle Coordinator). Other volunteer needs include helping Karen with gathering raffle items – if you are going to

visit a brewery, think about contacting them beforehand to see if they will donate to the raffle. When you visit you can pick up any donations. Speak to Karen if you plan to do this. I will also need volunteers closer to the competition to pick up entries, help set up & break down, and for judging and stewarding. Most importantly, I need you to start brewing NOW!

Please plan on entering other local competitions, supporting other local homebrew clubs is important if we want them to support our competition. Even if you only have one beer to enter (I know that isn't the case!), please consider entering. Upcoming competitions include:

Slurp & Burp on March 10 (at Fearless Brewing in Estacada, drop off entries to CBS by March 2)
Capitol Brewer's Homebrew Classic at Oregon Gardens on April 14.

Watch for my column in the newsletter for more information about these and other local competitions. David Swisher noted the KLCC Homebrew Competition is in February.

The National Homebrewers Conference is in Seattle this year, June 21-23. Registration starts Feb 1. There was some talk of whether HOTV would be a presence up there at Club Night, we would need a lot of dedicated volunteers to brew & members to go to the conference. Contact Armand if you are interested in pursuing this. More info at www.ahaconference.org

There is a trivia contest at Crush, a wine bar (with 8 beer taps!) in Monmouth. Saturday, Jan 21 from 3-6. Contact Irene or Armand if you are interested, they would like to attend and continue HOTV's winning ways! (we won at the last Crush trivia contest) HOTV member Marshall will be hosting and it benefits Western Oregon University's SafeZone (LGBTQ group)

The February club-only competition is Stouts, bring a stout to the next meeting (any subcategory: Dry Stout, Sweet Stout, Oatmeal Stout, Foreign Extra Stout, American Stout, Russian Imperial Stout). A selection of HOTV members will judge all entries and pick a winner to send onto the club only competition. HOTV will pay shipping & entry fees, the brewer is responsible for packaging the entry and getting it to Joel's shop.

We took a small break to pay dues and hand out raffle tickets.

Armand presented the budget that was approved by the board, for approval by members. He noted some of the changes from last year including: Competition expenses of \$3,000, Brewery Education tour gets \$250 less (it pays for itself), Holiday party gets more, corporate expenses get more, insurance gets more, picnic gets \$150 more, and

Septemberfest expenses/revenue went up. Questions/comments were taken (there were none), and the budget was approved by members unanimously.

The next meeting will be February 15 at Erik Haunreiter's home in Corvallis.

Howie gave an update on his new Brewery in Albany. It is located in a very cold building on Water Street not far from Calapooia. He will brew mainly lagers, some ales. He needs a boiler and glycol chiller (David Swisher says he saw a good boiler on Craigslist). Howie hopes to be up and running by the end of May, with product out by July.

Howie and Ron Seymour were winners of the Raffle prize – Ninkasi special release beers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The 2012 Oregon Homebrew Festival

Saturday, May 19 at [Calapooia Brewing](#) in Albany, OR.

This is an AHA and BJCP sanctioned competition, and a qualifying event for the [Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing \(MCAB\)](#).

We will be judging the 28 2008

[Recognized BJCP Beer, Mead, and Cider Styles](#)

More information will be coming, please check back for prize details, entry instructions, drop off points and more. If you have any questions, please email [the competition director](#).



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A few beer quotes

"You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline – it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer."
–Frank Zappa

"All right, brain, I don't like you and you don't like me – so let's just do this and I'll get back to killing you with beer."
–Homer Simpson

"Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer."
–Dave Barry

HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

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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<http://www.lickspigot.com>



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