


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. February's meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on February 16 at the Flat Tail Brewery in Corvallis. The webpage to Flat Tail Brewery is <http://www.flattailcorvallis.com/>.

Calendar of Events

**February Meeting Wednesday the 16th at
7:00 PM at the Flat Tail Brewery in Corvallis**

**Bike and Brew at Charlie Renn's
February 26th 541 829 9263**

**Club Brew Day at Flat Tail
March 19 at 8:00 AM**

Presidents Corner

Greetings and Salutations HOTV'ers

First off I would like to thank the members who helped at the most recent litter pick-up. It was great to see a couple of new faces getting involved and helping out. Come on out the next time, tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in May. Not only do you receive the great satisfaction of getting all that trash off the highway and possibly entering our waterways but you have an opportunity to socialize with other club members.

Hey speaking of socializing and getting involved, there is something I need each member to act upon. If you have not done so already, please contact your state representative and senator urging them to support Senate Bill 444. There have been several emails sent out on the list serve over the past few days with regards to this bill. For those of you who have not read those emails, SB444 is the bill being backed by the home brewing community to correct the many issues around home brewing that the OLCC ruled illegal last summer. This is the bill that will allow us to hold our competition at Calapooia again and resolve the majority of the issues around conducting homebrew competitions. It is important that ALL members get involved in hopes of getting this issue resolved as soon as possible. This is not a partisan issue, so please send out a letter today. There are currently six bills introduced to

legislature but only SB444 is worded to legalize the things we have done for years. If you need more information please check out <http://oregonhombrewalliance.org> or contact a club officer.

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

Brewed By Beavers! OSU Fermentation Science in the News

There was a nice article in the February 10, 2011 Corvallis Gazette Times about OSU Fermentation Science students brewing their own recipe beer at Block 15. Unfortunately, the article was not on the webpage.

Last Month's Meeting

by Karen Hans

January 19 Calapooia Brewery Albany OR

January's HOTV meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Armand, the new club president. There was a good turn out with 28 attendees including new club member Eric.

Treasurer's report by John Sterner:

- Proceeds from September Fest were distributed as follows:
 - \$6000 to Food Share,\$5000 to OSU Food Science,\$500 to Falconer
 - There is \$10,000 in general HOTV account
 - The Board of Directors has allocated \$850 to the fees for 501(3)c status

Vice President Report by Louis Hans:

- Planning is underway for the annual Pub Crawl. Please let Louis know if you have any suggestions for locations to stop at.

September Fest Planning by Scott Caul

- 2010 was biggest turn out to date;
- The best date is September 17 at it is a BYE week for OSU football;
- Scott plans no major changes, just a few tweaks;
- A committee will be form in the near future to start planning;
- An add can be placed in the Barometer to target older and early returning students.

Education Report by Christiana Loir:

- Three volunteers for Education Committee;
- The last judging contest was held, one prospect came from Colorado to participate;
- No more exams are scheduled for this year unless at least four people are interested;
- Class is a 10 week course and covers beer styles and theory;

Competition Update by Mort

- NRC first round in Seattle April 1 . 3, 2011
- HOTV should send some judges . email Mort if interested

Legislative Update by Bob Saathoff

- Law was filed Dec 31 with broad support from Democrats and Republicans; No known opposition;
- It is not known when the bill will be heard in committee before it can be voted on by full House and Senate; The bill could be lumped in a bunch of other bills and the vote delayed until the end of session in June;
- If the law does not pass in time for the usual May competition date, what are options
 - Skip a year . very bad
 - Hold the competition in September instead . maybe
 - Hold the competition anyway in defiance of the law . bad idea as it might risk the 501 (3) c status;
 - Hold the completion in Vancouver WA instead of Corvallis . possible but a lot more work;

- At this point in the meeting there was much very lively, but never nasty, discussion of all the options
- Plan B . Mort will start to plan for the competition in May in case law passes in time

Board of Directors

- Board met on Monday January 17 to discuss what is needed for 501 (3) c status;
- Will meet again on January 28 to fill out forms to finalize documents for IRS and DoJ;

New Business

Rogue Brew Days - New nano brewery at farmstead hop farm south of Monmouth;

- HOTV has been invited to brew there and use all the facilities;
- Club will make 3 cornies: one for club, one for Eugene, one to Portland;
- Rogue has already announced it on their website
- If beer is popular, brewer will get their name on the bottle.

February 6 . the Discovery Channel is showing ~~How~~ Beer Saved the World+featuring OSU Fermentation Science, Flat Tail Brewery, and Block 15.

March 12 is the Portland Urban Iditarod if anyone is interested

A new cidery is in Corvallis . Two Towns Cider is located in the Eastgate shopping center on Highway 34.

Next meeting is at Flat Tail Brewery on February 16;

March meeting is at John Futons in Albany on March 16.

Armand raffled off Newport and Chrystal hops donated by Charlie Renn, and some beer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM;

Bike and Brew at Charlie Renn's

At the last club meeting, I volunteered to host the February Brew Day.

The "Bike" part of this is about getting ready for nice weather. If you bike, or want to bike, and you're a bit embarrassed by the condition of your bike—or maybe you thought you had to choose between brewing or spending that weekend doing maintenance on your bike—never fear! I will be making my shop and my bike tools, solvents, and lubricants available to anyone who wants to spend time jawing with brew folks while servicing their bike. We have a couple of members (Armand, Mort, and myself, so far) who have volunteered to mentor folks who might be out of practice.

If you know your cables are stretched, your chain is rusted solid, your chain rings look like they have shark fins, your brake shoes are almost gone, or your tires have seen one too many locked wheel stops, bring the parts and someone can help you change out the old ones. Call me ahead of time if you have any questions about what parts are replaced as sets and what parts are replaced as a stand-alone. If you just want to add a water bottle mount, remove fenders, install a headlight or computer, true your tires, or get that nifty trailer mount into play, bring the parts along and we'll geter done.

So, we're on for February 26th at my place.

2750 NW Royal Oaks Dr.

Corvallis

Phone: 541-829-9263, if you need info.

Now the only question is what to brew. Pale ale for a summer refresher, Irish Red for St. Paddy's Day, or stout to get us through Lent?

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

by Mort Piripi

Hi all,

The hearing date for SB 444, the bill to re-legalise all the things we like to do with homebrew has been set for February 10th. We now need vote-eligible persons to swamp their representatives in a sea of letters, email and phone calls. Contact details for representatives and other information are available at <http://oregonhomebrewersalliance.org/>

So far we have 7 dedicated people ready to pack up and head to Seattle for the NHC first round of judging. If you're interested in coming along, let me know so that we can get organised in plenty of time.

A few interesting competitions on the horizon, including Sasquatch in Eugene at the end of April.

Competition Name	Competition Date
Cascade Brewers Cup	03/12/2011
AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round, Northwest Region	04/02/2011
2011 Puget Sound Pro-Am	04/30/2011
Sasquatch Brew Fest	04/30/2011

Cheers, Mort

Until further notice, this HOTV club activity is on hold:

%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.+

Hopefully the current prohibition on transporting homebrews will be lifted soon.

Club Brew Day at Flat Tail

From Jeremiah Osborne Gowey

I've got a pretty good draft tripel recipe going, based partly on 3 national homebrew competition (AHA) winning recipes. I've copied the recipe below for the club's exclusive peepers (feedback). You'll notice that pretty much every measurement is in multiples of three (hence the name). I put a long boil into the mix to add some more caramel notes (Marliave had mentioned that at one point) but I certainly am not stuck with that long of a boil. Thanks to the HOTV members that showed up last Thursday to finalize the recipe with Dave Marliave at Flat Tail. We changed the original recipe in a few areas.

1. Dropped the percent Belgian candy sugar to ~15%.
2. Changed the boil to be a stepped boil for 3 hours, in 60 minute increments with 1/3 of the mash/sparge water each time (increases complexity).
3. Dropped the mash temperature to 63.9C (148F)
4. Changed the fermentation profile slights (see the notes).

We also tentatively settled on a brewday - **Saturday, March 19th, starting at 0800**. Dave Marliave will verify the brewday with us as the time draws closer. He'll be ordering the ingredients shortly and brewing up a Belgian Golden Ale about 3 weeks in advance for the yeast starter. This is shaping up to be a wonderful brew and brewday!

Cheers, Jeremiah

BeerSmith Recipe Printout - <http://www.beersmith.com>
Recipe: Tripel Dippin'
Brewer: Dave Marliave
Asst Brewer: HOTV homebrew club, Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey
Style: Belgian Tripel
TYPE: All Grain
Taste: (35.0)

Recipe Specifications

Batch Size: 37.85 L
Boil Size: 30.00 L
Estimated OG: 1.090 SG
Estimated Color: 4.8 SRM
Estimated IBU: 37.8 IBU
Brewhouse Efficiency: 75.00 %
Boil Time: 180 Minutes

Ingredients:

Amount	Item	Type	% or IBU
12.00 kg	Pilsner (2 Row) Bel (2.0 SRM)	Grain	84.21 %
120.00 gm	Styrian Goldings [5.40 %] (90 min)	Hops	23.8 IBU
120.00 gm	Saaz [4.00 %] (30 min)	Hops	12.7 IBU
120.00 gm	Saaz [4.00 %] (2 min)	Hops	1.4 IBU
1.00 tsp	Irish Moss (Boil 10.0 min)	Misc	
2.25 kg	Candi Sugar, Clear (0.5 SRM)	Sugar	15.79 %
1 Pkgs	Belgian Ale (Wyeast Labs #1214) [Starter 3Yeast-Ale		

Mash Schedule: Triple Mash and Boil
Total Grain Weight: 12.00 kg

Triple Mash and Boil

Step Time	Name	Description	Step Temp
60 min	Step	Add 31.20 L of water at 70.0 C	63.9 C
60 min	Step	Add 0.00 L of water at 63.9 C	63.9 C

Notes:

Ingredient proportions and times in multiples of 3.

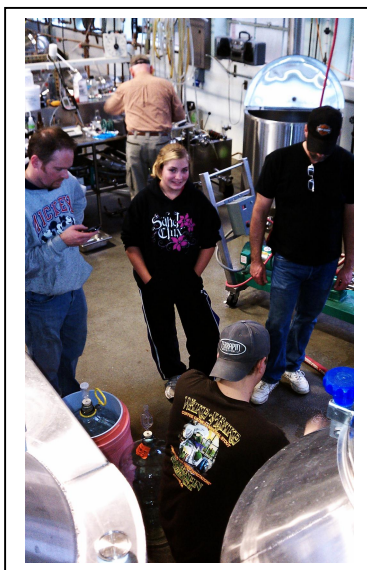
Single-step infusion mash but draw off 1/3 volume every 60 minutes and boil in 1/3rds to add additional complexity and caramelization. Mash out temperature at 148° F (63.9° C) and hold for 60 minute intervals.

Fermentation profile:

Day 1 - 16.6° C (62° F)
Day 2 - 18.3° C (65° F)
Day 3 - 21° C (70° F)
Day 4 - turn off jacket and let equalize with ambient air temp
Day 9 - crash out assuming finished fermentation profile
Day 41 - transfer to kegs

Yeast starter from Wyeast Labs Belgium Abby Ale #1214 (Chimay). Flat Tail will brew up a Belgian Bonde, 2.5-3 weeks in advance, for the yeast starter so that the maltose sugars get the yeast slurry going strong.

Here are some pictures from December's Brew Day at OSU



Legislative Update

From Bob Saathoff:

Here's an email from Denny Conn . a long time homebrewer who has been helping to organize the clubs around the state regarding the homebrew law. Please see his actions 1-5 below. In addition to contacting members of the senate committee and your local reps, he's also asking all of us to send him a note expressing support. I will send him an official note from the club, but he's also requesting individuals write to him as well so he has a large stack to show the senate committee.

Cheers,
Bob

From: denny@oregonhomebrewersalliance.org

Date: February 3, 2011 2:04:47 PM PST

Subject: OR Homebrew Law - We Need YOU!

As I'm sure you know, last summer the OLCC ruled that many of the activities that OR homebrewers have engaged in for years were not legal. Things like homebrew competitions, clubs brewing in collaboration with commercial brewers, and even transporting homebrew outside of your home were found to be outside the scope of the current law. There is now a bill before the Oregon Legislature to correct these issues. Senate Bill 444 is written by Sen. Floyd Prozanski, a homebrewer, with input from the Oregon Homebrewers Alliance and the American Homebrewers Association. This bill will legalize all the things we have been doing for years. You can read the the bill and the amendments we have added to it at <http://oregonhomebrewersalliance.org/> . We need your help to pass this bill and we need it now! On Thursday, Feb. 10 the bill will be presented to the Business, Transportation, and Economic Development Committee, who will decide if it will go forward to the entire Senate. I'll be there to testify, as will other homebrewers, commercial brewers, and possibly AHA representatives. Before then we need you and your club members to do a few things....

1. Go to our website and read the bill and amendments
2. Use our website to find out how to contact your local representatives
3. email, write or call your representatives and tell them you support SB444 and you want them to support it also
4. Send me a letter on behalf of your club expressing your support for SB444. Just email it to me at this email address. I'll present these letters to the committee during my testimony
5. To get this done, and to get it done quickly, we need as many homebrewers, homebrew clubs, homebrew

supply shops, professional brewers and other supporters to let the folks in Salem know we want them to vote for this bill. We want you to write letters, but we also need something compact but impressive to show we have a lot of people, businesses and organizations behind us. All we need to do that is your name. If you support this bill (and we sure hope you do), just let us know. Send us an e-mail telling us you want this bill passed, tell us your name, the name of your club, business or organization and where you are at and we will add you to a list we will present to legislators to let them know who has our back.

We hope to have separate lists of clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals who want this passed. But you don't have to be a homebrewer or member of the homebrew community to support this bill. Anyone who appreciates the ability to pursue our hobbies and other interests in a responsible way without government supervision or interference is invited to sign on. We appreciate your help.

Send an e-mail to any of the OHBA organizers and we will get you on the list. The organizers are:

Ted Hausotter, ted@oregonhomebrewersalliance.org

Denny Conn, denny@oregonhomebrewersalliance.org

Chris Hummert, chris@oregonhomebrewersalliance.org

Greg Bolt, greg@oregonhomebrewersalliance.org

Vice President Louis Hans emailed Senator Lee Beyer and received this response:

From: Louis & Karen Hans [mailto:fishheads@peak.org]

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:01 AM

To: Sen Beyer

Subject: SB444

Dear Senator Beyer; I am writing to support senate bill 444. Please consider passing this bill when you have the hearing for it in your committee. I am an avid homebrewer and ,other than voting, have not been very aware of how our government works.Following the legal situation, regarding homebrewing , has been very enlightening. I am looking forward with great interest to following the entire legal procedure regarding making this law. Thank you for your participation.....Louis Hans

Dear Louis,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on SB 444. I have signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill with Senator Prozanski. I am committed to enacting modifications to current law to make sure that homebrewers can fully enjoy the hobby of homebrewing and participate in competitions. I have scheduled the bill for a public hearing on Thursday, February 10th at 3pm. If you wish to testify or submit testimony in writing please contact my committee administrator, Richard Berger at RBerger@leg.state.or.us or by phone at (503) 986-1535. Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this issue.

Senator Lee Beyer

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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