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Armand Schoppy**

Greetings and Salutations HOTV'ers....

Whew!! 2011 is done, on to 2012. It has been a very active year for HOTV. It amazes me how much we accomplish as a club. Each year we participate in a plethora of activities such as: competitions, Septemberfest, brewery education tours, club picnic, holiday party, litter pickups, and hop and beer festivals. The list seems endless. Oh, and let's not forget the duties of regular club business; it is difficult to keep track of it all.

Luckily I don't have to keep track of it all by myself. I have a wonderful group of officers, board members and committee chairs that help

get it all done. I am truly thankful for all the valuable time they put into keeping the club moving forward. I am also grateful for the member's patience, support and involvement, without you there is no club.

2011 was a great year for the club, but 2012 could be better. I ask members to be resolute in becoming more involved in 2012. The easiest way is to brew more beer and share your craft and knowledge with other members. Another is to volunteer by participating in a litter pickup or helping a committee chair help plan an event. Heck, you could even help keep the president on task. Together we can make 2012 the best year yet!!

Remember, drink responsibly, drink homebrew.
Armand

January Meeting

**The Home of Eric "Howie" Howard
Watch your email for address and
Contact information**

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/>
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Greetings from your newly minted Litter Czar!

Our first HOTV litter patrol for the year has been scheduled for January 21st at 9:00am at Hyak Park. We need a total of 8 volunteers for the patrol. Let me know if you can make it-- Irene has promised me that it will be awe-

some. And I think there's free beer. So, come on down to the park and help us pick up some trash. Did I mention free beer?

Thanks,
Erik



Jon Fulton: Editor

There is a new editor in town

Well, as you can see, we have a new newsletter on tap. For the next 11 months I will be freshening it up. But, I will not be able to do it without help from all of the HOTV members. What I need is input in the form of articles and pictures. It can be as simple as a picture of a fresh

pint and a note of where you got it and how it tasted. You can either text me a picture and caption at 541-619-0102 or email what you have at jonfulton@comcast.net. Just remember, the newsletter gets better with input.

Note: Doing a Google search for "Slurp and Burp" will take you back to your first drink.

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.



Homebrew Competition News

By Irene Schoppy

Thank you (I think) for electing me to be the competition chair for 2012. I hope to follow in Mort's footsteps and continue to make our competition a success. In order to do that, I need YOU to help out and volunteer! There are many ways to help out, including getting involved in the competition committee, helping out the day of the event with judging or stewarding, or putting your graphic abilities to good use. I need someone for judge coordinator; this person will contact BJCP judges in our area and take lead responsibility for signing up judges as well as helping out the day of the event with assigning judges to flights. If you are a BJCP judge (or have plans on becoming one), you will get BJCP points for helping out with this task and it leaves you time to help with judging as well. I also need a raffle coordinator, who will be in charge of getting items for our raffle

the day of the event. Finally, I need a graphics-inclined member to develop the poster for the event. This will be hung in homebrew shops across the state – imagine the glory that could be yours! Please contact me (email) to volunteer! There will be more opportunities to help out as the event nears, thank you in advance for your willingness to help out.

As you know, winter & spring are prime homebrew competition months. You better get brewing as I hope to see lots of our members on the winners list in ours and other upcoming competitions! Here is a listing of some upcoming competitions, please support other clubs in our area by sending beer to their competitions and helping judge when you can! Note that entries are generally due 2 weeks before the competition; more information about these competitions will be coming.

Competition Name	Venue	Date of Comp
Slurp and Burp	Fearless Brewing, Estacada	March 3
Ft George Homebrewers Dinner	Ft George Brewery, Astoria	Entries due March 23
Mill Creek Classic	Oregon Garden, Silverton	April 14
NHC 1st round	Hopworks, Portland	April 21
Oregon Homebrew Competition	Calapooia Brewing, Albany	May 19

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.

Monthly meeting	Beer Style	BJCP Style number
January	Dark Lager	4
February	Stout	13
April	Scottish & Irish	9

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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