


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. There will be no monthly meeting in May since we will be hosting our annual homebrew competition on May 21.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual HOTV Homebrew Competition
May 21 - Calapooia Brewery Albany OR
HOTV Summer Picnic
Saturday August 20 at Adair Village
Hop and Heritage Festival
September 23-25 Independence

President's Corner

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Greetings and Salutations HOTVers;

As I write this it seems like spring has finally arrived. I've seen the sun for more than two days in a row. The days seem a little bit warmer and a little bit longer. My hop plants are sending up runners and I need to start trimming back some vines and training the rest. Am I ready for summer? Not a chance!!

It's that time of the year where it seems like there is a festival or some sort of event every weekend. It is hard to find time to fit it all in and still brew beer in time for summer. Well... We can always find time to brew and brew we must. The HOTV competition is right around the corner, May 21st; with the COHO and Slurp and Burp the first weekend in June. If you have never participated in a competition now is your chance. It may be too late to enter your homebrew in the HOTV competition but you still have time to volunteer or enter your brew in many of the other competitions fast approaching. Entering your homebrew is a great way to get feedback on your beer and judging at a competition is a fun way to get better acquainted with individual beer styles. These two ways that aided me in brewing consistently better beer. So, make sure you get down to Calapooia Brewing on May 21st to help out with the HOTV competition. And if you weren't able to get an entry into our competition try one of the others, you can't win the best on show prize without entering. Right, Mort?

Drink responsibly, drink homebrew
Armand Schoppy

Vice President's Corner

Annual picnic planning is under way; I have rented the picnic shelter at Adair Park for August 20. At the April meeting a number of club members expressed interest in a Fall Pub Crawl. We talked about making a trip to the Columbia River Gorge to visit brew pubs in Stevenson, White Salmon, and Hood River. Watch for details as plans evolve.

Last Month's Meeting

HOTV April Meeting April 20, 2011

Notes by Karen Hans

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Armand Schoppy;
- There were 22 members in attendance;
- Two items are available for the raffle;
- Joel has an awesome brew system that will be donated to the HOTV Completion Raffle;
- Homebrew has returned to the HOTV meeting;
- Armand thanks Irene for suggesting they host;
- Welcome to new member Kate;
- Armand comments we have a lot of new members and offers lots of volunteer opportunities;

John's report: about \$9500 in bank; pub crawl broke even;

Louis:

- not much to report; Pub Crawl was fun although one brewery was closed; What about a Fall tour? Hood River tour; 5 local breweries? Fresh hop festival in Fall. New brewery specializing in Belgian beers.

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Scott Caul absent;

- working with Joel on September Fest; working on beard and mustache contest; Details are sketchy, Armand will provide more information; This will be 4th year; we need lots of bodies;

Christianna:

- Exam scheduled for Sept 2012 and working on 2013; prep class in addition to exam; starting in January 2012; those interested in becoming a judge, can be a novice judge at completion and sit with certified judges, listen on conversation; learn the process; novice training will be on Friday of completion; BJCP exam schedule on website; At completions, you don't have to sample beers you don't like; there is no cost to be a novice;

Bill:

- Club Brew Day at Rogue Chateau; – only day Bill is available until July was April 24; Bill will be initiating the system but there may be challenges of getting to know the system. Brewing beer will be labor intensive; once beer is made it needs to be tended; one week later, beer needs to be kegged, etc. As yet, can bring homebrew; refrigerator with key; possible brew every month; Beer we brew will be sold by Rogue and HOTV WILL receive some form of compensation. Rogue wants us to brew lots of beer; system can not be taken off site. HOTV is alternating with Capitol Brewers. We need to know what Rogue's expectations are for the brew system so there are no misunderstandings; our recipes will stay ours; one person from each club is "point person"; no one else should be using equipment but there is no guarantee; 20 gallon of Heifeweisen; 15 to Rogue and 5 to us;

The MBA (Master Brewers Association) is meeting in Hood River;

Charley:

- He will contact Albany and Corvallis Farmer's Market about hosting a brew day at market; U Tube video of "How to Brew" as education;

Litter Patrol:

- next Litter Patrol pick up is Saturday May 7; 2 mile stretch of Hwy 20 Hyak Park to Heavenly Harvest; always something interesting – bombs, almost dead deer, rides in police cars without being in handcuffs;

Mort:

- Completion planning is in full swing; need judges, lots of stewards, and entries!! Ninkasi will host a VIP day for winner – lunch, brew session with Jamie; steward deliver beer to judges, clean up glasses, empty bottles, can be lots of fun and learn lots; Calapooia will host again; website is up and running go to HOTV website and link to entry; AHA May 5 for wood aged beer, Mort suggest the club enter the competition. HOTV is a MCAB qualifier (one of 12 Nationwide and Canada). Fred Eckhart set up years ago so we are in MCAB status every year. At some point we may be ask to host MCAB completion as a club, this is very prestigious and lucrative; MCAB has certain categories they except;

Bill:

- Board Activity, forms have been finalized and sent to IRS; will be addressed at next Board meeting;

Marshal:

- Hop Heritage Festival happens every year: in 23 – 25 of September; in August, we do HOTV brew at Rogue to be served at Festival in Independence; we do extract brew at Festival in Independence; on Sunday we brew at Hop Farm; club needs to be committed to two big brews and on extract brew. Marshal will cover extract brew at Festival ; Marshal wants club commitment; lots of audience support; may not be able to do a fresh hop brew in August, but can in September; what will two brews be; probably should be a "hoppy" beer like IPA; Rogues wants volunteers for Festival, will cover cost of OLCC class (\$70), Marshal will email information about Hop Festival; OLCC class will be offered on line. Can use OLCC class license for 3 years and can use at other Festivals. Don't have to take class but Rogue recommends;

Jeremiah:

- Flat Tail Brew Day has been delayed again; Dave has new equipment but region meeting on scheduled brew day; possibly on weekend in June, if not next winter; Flat Tail getting very busy; KLCC award among others; Dave and Ian want to do Brew Day; Nick at Block 15 also wants to do brew day; very little space – maximum 2 people – club will need to decide how to decide who will go. Rhizome exchange: waiting to hear form thyme garden – perhaps end of May, Rogue may offer some sooner, Nate at CBS may have some; club members may have some available; send out message on HOTV webserve to offer or if needed; some commercial options as well;

Club Brew Day – Sunday April 24 at Rogue; Patrick will brew in May

Block 15 is doing Alchemist Brew Competition – this year is Saison beer – last year HOTV club member won, need to brew soon to enter.

Armand has new refrigerator - wants to have a "turn a refrigerator into a kegerator" party - look for email from Armand;

Raffle drawing; Nathan wins water bottle; Christianna wins the beer;
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM;

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Hi all,

The Oregon Homebrew Festival is rapidly approaching, as of the time of writing, you have just under one week to register and get your entries to CBS or one of our other drop-off points. Links to the details can be found on the front page of HOTV.org

Anyone who is interested in judging or stewarding for our competition, please get in touch ASAP so that we can get organised in plenty of time.

The AHA club only competition is taking a hiatus until August when it starts up again with Meads. I entered the club brewed Bourbon Barrel Barleywine in the Wood Aged competition as mentioned at the last club meeting, so hopefully we should get the results shortly.

Sasquatch Brewfest was a lot of fun despite the plague I picked up, our own competition is shaping up to be a blast and there are some great competitions coming up afterwards too. Get in there and support local homebrew clubs and earn some ribbons and judging points!

Competition Name	Competition Date
Oregon Homebrew Festival	05/21/2011
Spring Fling	06/04/2011
Slurp & Burp Open	06/04/2011
Portland Fruit Beer Festival (non-BJCP)	06/11/2011

Cheers, Mort

Now that the prohibitions on transporting homebrew are lifted...

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.

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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