

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



CORVALLIS/ALBANY OREGON  
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Hello HOTV!

Please enjoy this edition of the October 2014 HOTV Newsletter.

The next HOTV monthly meeting is on November 19 in Corvallis. General meeting will start about 7:30 PM. Watch your email for detail on the location. It is extremely important for members to attend as voting for 2015 club officer will take place at the meeting.

## ***Presidents Corner***



Happy Fall everyone!!!!

This newsletter is chock full of vital information for our club so please check out all the parts and pages.

We had club nominations and I am looking forward to the future of HOTV.

I hope everyone is truly enjoy the great weather and all of the fun October beers and ciders.

Thanks again everyone for your hard work with HOTV,  
Carrie

## **Secretary's Corner**



I have once again been errant on my newsletter duties but, as you can see from my picture, I have been a canning, drying, jamming, honey collecting fool these last few weeks. Now that the harvest season is winding down, I have time for the newsletter.

# September Fest!!

Wow, what an awesome event, thanks to the hard work of the organizing committee and dozens of volunteers that help set up, run, serve, and clean up the event.



Joel serves beer in his chicken hat



Dancing to the excellent live music



Enjoying a good brew under the stars



Serving HDTV homebrew at the club tent.

September Fest 2014 had the highest attendance yet with over 3000 glasses sold. There was an amazing assortment of brews, many special batches from local breweries made just for the festival. There was also an eclectic variety of food vendors and fabulous live music. If you missed it, you are so sorry.

## Monthly Meetings

I am continuing my new more informal presentation of the meeting notes. If anyone is suffering from insomnia and wants the full version (The meeting was called to order.... Blah Blah Blah...) I will provide them.

### September

With the announcement that “the pregnant President Carrie Reeves is calling the meeting to order” from Armand “Megaphone” Schoppy, the September HDTV meeting got underway at Corvallis Brewing Supply. Members brought lots of yummy homebrew and Joel supplied tasty snacks and beer for the meeting. Among the 25 or so in attendance were a couple of new faces.

Evan Bredeweg, has been brewing a couple of years and learned about HDTV at September Fest, and Evelyn Squire who likes dark beer. Welcome!!

September Fest:

Thanks to volunteers who helped out with the totally EPIC Festival.

By next meeting Patrick will have more figures on attendance and gate receipts.

**Be sure to turn in receipts for September expenses.**

Patrick wants to know about anything that didn't work well this year and can be approved upon next year. And speaking of next year...

Next year Festival will be at River Front, Middle Park, or Central Park. Patrick will reserve all three.

**Date is September 12 2015.** So mark your calendars, enter a Google Alert, send yourself a tweet...

Barry is Hosting a Brew Day:

Barry will host an event on October 25 in Sweet Home rain or shine; in order to make the drive worth it, Barry will have a picnic with smoked chicken – Barry has 4 beers on tap; he used a Brew Magic system in a dedicated shed. Day will start about 9 AM, mash in about 10 AM. Watch for messages to list serve.

Next meeting is October 15 at Brett and Laura's host in Albany. They also host a party at their house once a quarter for charity;

October meeting is also when we nominate officers

November is elect new offices.

December holiday will be at Ron Hall's house on Saturday in December.

### October

There was all kinds of interesting stuff went on at the October meeting. Brett and Laura Scott hosted the meeting and provided libations from their B&L Brewing along with yummy snacks (the cream puffs dipped in Nutella were to die for). Club members brought some of their homebrews for critiquing.

President Carrie Reeves and Company (baby on board) beckoned everyone's attention at 7:40 PM. The room became very quiet.

Carrie thanked Brett and Laura for hosting. The group responded with a tepid applause but after admonishment gave a hardy cheer.

Patrick gave a September Fest update:

Best year ever!! 3060 glasses went out plus designated drivers and all the kids. Gate receipts were astounding although expenses a bit higher. All this left the club with lots of dough for a dandy

donation to the Linn Benton Food Share (\$20,000!), OSU Fermentation Science Scholarship (\$1,500 added to the \$25,000) and the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation (\$5000).

Next year's preparations are already underway. In January or February, start reaching out to organizations about providing volunteers to work shifts in exchange for a donation.

Don't forget, **Barry is hosting a brew day October 25 in Sweet Home**; car pool from Corvallis is being arranged. Watch emails for more information

There was a big, important, and meaningful discussion about the Litter Patrol on Hwy 20. Club participation has been dwindling to the point we are down to the same 4 or 5 people. Does the club want to continue to sponsor the section of the Highway 20? Carrie asks, "if we did not already do it, would we do it now?" There was a resounding YES from many in the group. We discussed the details of the litter patrol and what the Litter Czar does. After much debate, Barry and Beth volunteered to take on the task of being Litter Czar. Now, it is time for the Club to step up and take on this task, especially since Barry and Beth will be coming all the way from Sweet Home to organize the event. And remember, the Club provides free beer and food for volunteers. Look for lots of cajoling for the next Litter Patrol.

We then had a big important and meaningful discussion about the Education Chair position. Traditionally, the job is to organize BJCP training, host education and outreach at public events like the Saturday Market, and host special beer tasting or homebrew information topics at the meeting. This seemed like an awful lot for someone to do, so we discussed breaking up the position into two: BJCP Chair and Education Outreach Chair. Ben suggested Kendall for Education Chair to which the group responded with thunderous applause.

We tabled what to do about the BJCP Education Chair and Competition Chair positions.

### **Next up, Club Officer Nominations**

President – Carrie Reeves and Company;  
Vice President – Ivan Dudeck, Ben Potter  
Secretary – Karen Hans  
Treasurer – Patrick Gorman  
Board Member – John Sterner

But wait, there could be more...

**Nomination will be accepted up until day of the election; votes will be accepted by email up until 5 PM the day before the election.** If you want to nominate someone, or vote by email, send it to Karen Hans at [fishheads@peak.org](mailto:fishheads@peak.org).

Website update: the Website is pathetically out of day and no one is doing anything about it. Hey, I have enough to do with the newsletter and besides, I am totally inept at tech stuff. However, Barry may know someone who maybe willing to help out... Website is a great way to promote the club.

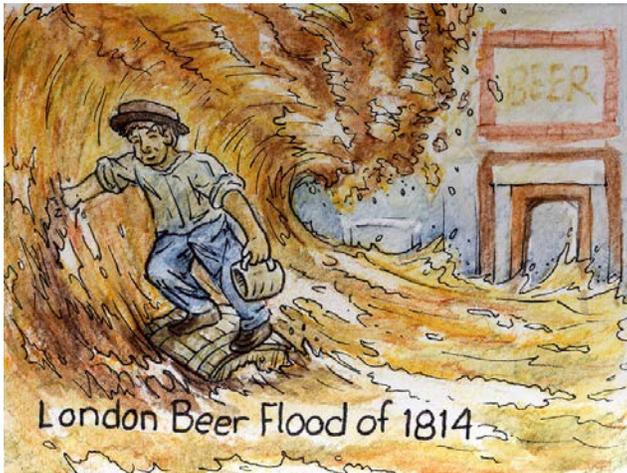
B&L Brewing is hosting charity beer garden from 2 to 10 on October 18 to benefit breast cancer. Raffle, games, come and go as you please;

Christmas Party at Ron's house December 13.

The November meeting will be in Corvallis - somewhere – on November 19. Ben or Armand will host. Club elections will take place. This is a really, really important meeting so **BE THERE**.

The official meeting was adjourned about 8:30 so we could all get back to the snack table and those cream puffs with Nutella.

And now, in honor of HOTV's education mission, a little beer history!



October 17 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the London Beer Flood.

On this day in 1814, a massive vat of fermenting beer in a central London brewery suddenly burst, leading to the flooding of the surrounding area in what was dubbed the London Beer Flood.

The brewery owned by the Meux's Brewing Company was located in the parish of St. Giles. At around 6 PM, disaster struck as a large vat burst causing a domino of more vats bursting as well. The walls of the brewery erupted under the pressure and 610,000 liters (154,000 gallons) of porter that flooded the surrounding slums. A tsunami of beer reported to be 5 meters (15 feet) high flooded the nearby crowded tenements as mayhem reigned. In the end at least eight fatalities (one attributed to alcohol poisoning) were blamed on the flood.

Tragic yes, but what a way to go...

## **Upcoming Competitions:**

All the local competitions (Fall Classic, Bend, McKenzie) have past the entry deadline dates. Good luck to all HOTV Club members that entered any of their beers.

There are lots and lots of competitions going on in lots of other states so check out [http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp\\_schedule/competition\\_schedule.php](http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php) for more information.

## ***Fun Beer Related Happening in our Area***

### **There are new growler stations in Albany and Lebanon!**

The Growler Garage & Tap House, LLC is now open across from Albany City Hall at 229 SW 3rd Ave. Hours are 1PM to 9 PM Monday to Thursday, Friday 1 PM to 11 PM, Saturday 11 AM to 11 PM, and Sunday 12 noon to 6 PM.

The Growler Café is located at 43 W Grant St and features Craft Beers, Brewery/Tap Room Gluten-Free Friendly, Vegan Friendly, Kid Friendly, Romantic, Late Night, Free Wi-Fi, Serves Alcohol, Take Out. Hours are Monday to Thursday 11 AM to 10PM, Friday and Saturday 11 AM to Midnight, Sunday 11 AM to 6 PM.

### **Rogue Farms Pumpkin Patch Party**

October 19 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm

3590 Wigrich Road Independence

**Website:** <http://www.roguefarms.com>

### **Save the Jugs Fundraiser**

**The entire month of October**

**Organization:** Project H.E.R.

**The Place:** Deluxe Brewing

**Address:** 635 NE Water Ave Albany

**Website:** <http://www.sinisterdeluxe.com/>

**Description:** Benefit to raise money for breast cancer research

### **Grand Opening of Claim 52's The Abbey**

October 24 3:00pm 9:00pm

Claim 52 and NEDCO

418 A Street, Suite B Springfield

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Claim-52-Abbey/974914192534985>

The Abbey will feature seven different Claim 52 beers, brewed at its manufacturing facility in West Eugene, as well as a rotating cider and guest brewery. Food offerings will rely heavily on the commercial kitchen users at Sprout!.

### **Yoga at Rogue Hop Farm**

Last Wednesday of the month 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Rogue Hop Farm

3590 Wigrich Road Independence

**Website:** <http://www.MikkiYoga.com>

Yoga instructor Mikki Trowbridge will be leading monthly yoga classes at the Rogue Hop Farm on the last Wednesday of the month.

For information about the class, contact Trowbridge at [mikkitrow@gmail.com](mailto:mikkitrow@gmail.com).

**Title:** Beer Geek Night @ Venti's Taphouse in Salem

**Start:** Wednesday 4:00pm to 9:00pm

**Address:** Venti's Taphouse, 2840 Commercial St. S.E., Salem, OR ([map](#))

**Happens:** Monthly

**Description:**

Venti's Taphouse hosts an event on the second Wednesday of each month. Venti's "Beer Geek Night" is centered around a taster tray of eight 3.5 oz. beers selected with a theme that theme changes for each event. Trays are available starting at 4pm and Beer Geek Pow Wow at 8pm hosted by Venti's Beer Czar Matt Killikelly to taste along and talk about the tray and theme. 503.391.5100 [ventiscafe.com](http://ventiscafe.com)

**Title:** Beer O'Clock Radio w Lisa Morrison

**Start:** Saturday 3:00pm to 4:00pm

**Address:** [http://beergoddess.com/beer\\_o\\_clock](http://beergoddess.com/beer_o_clock) **City:** PORTLAND **State:** OR **Code:** 97210 **Country:** United States

**Happens:** Weekly

**Description:**

"Beer O Clock the show for people who love great beer airs every Saturday afternoon at 3 PT, providing listeners in Beervana (Portland, OR) and beyond with brews-news, event listings, and tasting notes. In Portland, hardly a day goes by without a craft beer event, and The Beer Goddess is there to let you know where and when. Craft brewers from nanos to the largest regional breweries stop by the virtual pub to discuss their newest creations with Lisa. Regular guests include weekly tasting notes with Belmont Station's Carl Singmaster, The Home Brew Chef Sean Paxton, Steinbart's homebrew experts and BeerGyver, Kerry Finsand, of Taplister. Plus Lisa reminds us that Every Beer has a Story by bringing in a brewer to talk about one of his or her special creations for Beer of the Week."

**For the most complete list of every beer related event in the area including the Oregon Beer Travel Guide, please refer to the Oregon Growler's calendar at:**

<http://www.oregonbeergrowler.com/calendar.html>