

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



CORVALLIS/ALBANY OREGON
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Hello HOTV!

Please enjoy this edition of the April 2015 HOTV Newsletter. There will not be a May monthly meeting due to the Oregon Homebrew Festival on May 16. See you there!

Presidents Corner



Happy Spring everyone!

I am out enjoying the weather with my family and thinking about spring beers. What beer pairs best with Spring?

As a club we have a lot of great events coming up. Ben is planning our next Brewery Education Tour and this year we will be heading out to the coast. We have the AHA Brew Day May 2 and our homebrew competition coming up on the 16th. I hope you can make time to get involved in some or all of these great activities!

Cheers,
Carrie

Secretary's Corner



The Oregon Homebrew Festival is right around the corner on May 16. Judging will start Wednesday May 13 and continue Friday May 15 and Saturday May 16. Volunteers are needed as judges, stewards, and other tasks such as set up, clean up, and raffle. If you are interested in becoming a BJCP judge, this is a great opportunity to learn how competitions work. No experience is necessary.

This is our clubs premier event of the year so please volunteer!

Monthly Meetings

As always, if anyone is interested in the complete official minutes from the Board or the monthly meetings, I will be happy to send them. Just send an email request to fishheads@peak.org.

HOTV March Meeting

March 18, 2015

Ben calls the meeting to order at 7:35 PM; 13 members present;

Litter pick up

7 HOTV members showed up to pick up 34 bags of garbage;
Jay found cash with a key; it was in a zip lock bag with no ID;
Next pick up will be in late May or early June;

Competition

Evelyn updates:
Posters are ready;
Need stewards;
Barry is tackling the Raffle donations but needs someone to run the Raffle the day of competition;
Judges, stewards, volunteers receive BJCP points even if not currently a judge;

Big Brew

First Saturday in May;
Homebrew Clubs get together and brew; give symbolic toast at 11 AM;
Open brew at sponsored location (Deluxe and Mazamas);
Can bring own system or join in with someone else;
If interested, respond to Patrick emails;
If enough respond, Patrick will set up the Big Brew Day.

Civil War Brew Off

Bring your beer to Joel's at next months meeting;
Primer pre competition;
2 – 3 bottles enough to judge;
Top 6 beers Joel will give \$40 if entered in Civil War Brewoff.
Beer style does not need to be Civil War categories to win Top 6; if not, will need to brew a beer in the Civil War style;

September Fest

Will be at Avery Park in 2015;
Once Benton Fairgrounds in notified, will make press releases;
4 bus stops so will run just one HOTV bus on short loop;
Plenty of parking (estimate 300 to 400 bikes);
Banner will be over Harrison Blvd for 2 weeks prior;
Ramp up for Fest after Competition;

Pub Crawl

Weekend in Middle to End of April;
Coast Tillamook South to Newport;
Early Summer Pub Crawl overnighter to Bend;

New Business

Patrick and Barry will update and re-enter the "Raddest Club in America" award;

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM;

March Monthly Meeting at Corvallis Brewing Supply

HOTV April Meeting

April 15, 2015

Pre Meeting Festivities were the in house competition to pick the top 6 homebrews from club members. The top 6 brewers will receive a \$40 gift certificate to Corvallis Brewing Supply if they enter the Civil War Brew off. Judges, four club members that had not brought an entry, chose the best beer based on what they liked best as opposed to style points.

And the winners are...

- 1- Ron Hall – Tripple
- 2- Barry Cooper – Whiskey Van Porter
- 3- Doppel Bock – Nathan Taylor
- 4- Armand Schoppy – Belgium Dubbel
- 5- Joel Rea – Sticky Hands clone
- 6- Max - cider

Congratulations to the winners!!



We started the meeting while the judging was underway;

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie Reeves at 7:45 PM;

Birthday awards for March and April;

Homebrew Competition is May 16;

We can always use judges and stewards for competition so sign up soon.

Deadline is May 2 for entries to Competition

Really need club members to step up and help out.

Wednesday May 13 evening, Friday May 15 evening, Saturday May 16 all day;

Come for part of all the day; volunteers for many tasks;

No experience needed;

Can sign up on line;

Enter your beers!!

Best of Show get brew day at your house with Ninkasi and Corvallis Brew Supply

Special award for New Brewer sponsored by Brew Brothers in Portland;

Update on September Fest

Avery Park

Partnering with volunteer groups including Linn Benton Food Share, Kiwanas

See Patrick if you want to volunteer

Howie is hosting a Big Brew at Deluxe Brewery in Albany

World Wide event first Saturday in May (May 2, 2015)

Howie will provide power and water, extension cords, pump, brew system for a community brew.

HOTV will reimburse up to \$35 for beer supplies from Corvallis Brewing Supply. Brew whatever you want.

National Toast Time is 10 AM; Joel is supplying beer for toast;

Civil War Brew Off

Club members are free to enter even if they did not participate in meeting competition. Must brew in one of categories (10, 14, 16).

Beer will be submitted at July HOTV club meeting; or see Joel for entries.

Tonight's competition is to encourage entries;

We cannot let Eugene Cascade Brewers take the title.

Winner will be brewed by Block 15 and launched in the Mid Valley for Civil War Brewoff.

This is a HOTV Club team building event!

Summer Picnic

August 15 so mark your calendars! In Corvallis at Avery Park.

Pub Crawl

Slated for Mid June;

Ben is vague with locations but

Tillamook south to Newport so plan for full day;

Thanks you Joel for hosting!!!

America Homebrewers Conference in San Diego

Patrick, Barry, Joel, and Travis are going to represent HOTV.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Local Competitions

05/16/2015

33rd Oregon Homebrew Festival

Albany , OR

Contact: Evelyn Squire

Entry Fee: \$8.00

Phone: (541) 248-1069

Entry Deadline: 05/02/2015

05/23/2015

Sasquatch Brewfest Homebrew Competition

Eugene, OR

Contact: Aaron Brussat

Entry Deadline: 05/22/2015

Phone: (541) 790-1081

Widmer Collaborator 2015- Entries Due May 30

29 May 2015

Portland, OR

Entries Due By: Friday May 29th, 5PM, at Steinbart's

Late Entries: Drop at Steinbart's by noon May 30th

Judging Date: Wednesday, June 3rd

Official Winners Announcement: June OBC meeting

See our [Collaborator Page](#) for complete details.

Open styles, 2 entries per brewer or co-brewer. 2 bottles per entry, but it is recommended you enter 4 for lab results and if your beer moves onto next round!

AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Seattle

Bellevue, WA

March 27

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/competition-information/>

Deadline is March 11

Heart of Cascadia Homebrew Competition

The Oregon Brew Crew (OBC) homebrewing club is excited to host the 3rd annual Heart of Cascadia Homebrew Competition sponsored by Brew Brothers Homebrew Products and 3 Mugs Brewing Company. A BJCP ([BJCP.org](http://www.bjcp.org)) sanctioned competition, the Heart of Cascadia is open to entries from all national and international home brewers.

This years competition will focus on Cascadian Dark Ales (CDAs) or “Black IPA’s” (21B in proposed 2014 BJCP) CDAs are dark, with a mild roast character, and dominant hop nose and flavor. CDAs are hop forward, and celebrate the uniqueness and glory of Northwest beer.

Registration link and more information is available on the OBC website,

<http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/heart-of-cascadia>. The entry fee is only \$7 per beer.

All entries are due by May 21, 2015. Drop off locations include FH Steinbart in Portland, and 3 Mugs Brewing in Hillsboro. Check out the website for the full list of drop-off sites.

Judging will be held Saturday, May 30, 2015, and the winner will be announced that afternoon. Entries will be judged based on the proposed BJCP style guidelines. Guidelines and judging location are listed on the club website. This competition will follow all AHA/BJCP rules, available at <http://www.bjcp.org/rules.php>.

The winner will receive a personalized commemorative glass, and an invitation from 3 Mugs Brewing to brew their Cascadian Dark Ale commercially on their 3 barrel brew system.

For questions or more information, send an email to competition@oregonbrewcrew.org.

Civil War BREW OFF!

The gist: Eugene based Cascade Brewers Society has challenged our club to a duel. Each club will have a club only competition to determine a ‘best’ beer that will be brewed by their hometown brewery. For us that will be Block 15 (for them Planktown). Consider this to be **your** chance to have **your** beer brewed at **Block 15**. The winning beers will be on tap at locations in both Eugene and Corvallis in time to be enjoyed during the Civil War football game at the end of November.

The Rules:

The categories -- loosely based on the BJCP styles 10, 14 & 16... American Ales (Pale, Amber & Brown) IPAs (English, American & Imperial) and Belgian/French Ales (Wit, Belgian Pale, Saison, Biere de Garde & Belgian Specialty). Entries will be judged on overall impression, reproducibility and originality. Keep in mind that the winning beer will be scaled up and brewed by Block 15. Keeping good notes and making a beer that is reproducible is important. Originality, that slight tweak that makes your beer interesting, will be the key that gets your beer to the top of the list.

There are no entry fees but you must be a HOTV club member to compete... Remember there are many benefits to being a member (and it's cheap!) You'll reap the rewards of membership pretty quickly.

Time line:

Now - Start formulating your recipes and planning your brew day.

April 15th - Primer Prize challenge at the club meeting. (Come to the March meeting or check the list serve for details.)

July 12th - Deadline for entry, drop off at Corvallis Brewing Supply. We need 3 bottles of any size: 12 oz, 16 oz, 22 oz or 750 ml.

mid July - Entries judged. Winner will be put in contact with Block 15.

mid Aug - Prizes for runners up will be awarded at club picnic!

late summer - The 'chosen one' becomes 'brewer for the day' at Block 15!

November - The beer is released to the public. Events to be held at Block 15 and Planktown.

November 27th (Civil War Game Day) - The winner of the cross club brewery vs brewery competition is determined based on sales at select locations. (or something like that...)

Prizes! The brewer whose beer is deemed 'the one' will have the honor of working with Nick Arzner to scale up and brew their beer on Block 15's seven barrel system. There will be numerous other prizes awarded to participants including gift certificates to Block 15 & Corvallis Brewing Supply. Joel is offering up six \$40 gift certificates for a Primer Prize. The Primer Prizes will be awarded to the Top 6 beers as chosen by a ballot at the April club meeting. Gift certificates awarded upon submission of entry into Civil War Brew Off. (So you could win the ballot at the April meeting, but if you fail to submit to the Civil War Brew Off you would not get your gift certificate.) Remember, you do NOT have to win (or even participate) in the Primer Prize challenge to compete in & win the honor to brew at Block 15.

Stay up to date on all BJCP competitions all over the world at:

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

Up Coming Beer Events and Festivals

The Capitol Crawl Tour

April 25 Start: 11:45am **End:** 4:30pm

Organization: Ale Ways Brewery Tours

The Place: The Grand Hotel Salem

Address: 201 Liberty st se, Salem, OR, 97301

City: Salem **State:** OR **Code:** 97301

Website: <http://www.aleways.com/>

Description:

A FULL SPECTRUM OF AMAZING ALES CAN BE FOUND IN OUR STATE CAPITOL, IT'S NEVER THE SAME TOUR TWICE!

The Breweries: Vagabond Brewing, Gilgamesh Brewing, Santiam Brewing, Salem Ale Works, Mcmenamins

Thompsons, Seven Brides Brewing, Wandering Aengus ciderrworks 3 tour destinations Pick up/Drop off location: The Grand Hotel Salem @ 11:45 am 201 Liberty Street SE (Valet Area Next to Bentleys Grill

Rogue Valley Fermentation Celebration

April 25 Start: 12:00pm **End:** 10:00pm

The Place: Harry and David Field

Address: 2929 S. Pacific Highway

City: Medford **State:** OR **Code:** 97501

Website: <http://roguebrewfest.com/>

The Rogue Valley Fermentation Celebration:

The inaugural Rogue Valley Fermentation Celebration celebrates craft beer during the beer, whiskey & wine festival on April 24th and 25th, 2015 in Medford, OR.

The Rogue Valley Fermentation Celebration will gather some of the best breweries and whiskeys from across the Northwest, in addition to regional wines and ciders. Local foods to compliment regional craft beverages will be available at the event. Get your tickets for either Friday from 5-10pm (VIP early entry 4pm) or Saturday from noon-10pm.

The Rogue Valley Fermentation Celebration was inspired by the Little Woody beer festival in Bend, which has drawn thousands to Central Oregon in the name of specialty wood-aged beers for the past five years. Beer was originally created and aged in wooden barrels, a traditional technique that Bend celebrates. Now we are coming to Medford to share!

Basic entry: \$5

Tasting package: \$16 in advance (\$20 at the door). Includes glass, entry and 6 tokens

Whiskey tasting: Tokens will apply to beer, whiskey & wine

Tokens: Tastes cost 1-3 tokens each

Big Brew Day

Deluxe Brewery in Albany

World Wide event first Saturday in May (May 2, 2015)

Howie will provide power and water,

You bring: your brewing system plus extension cords, pump, whatever you need for a community brew.

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Brew whatever you want.

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Albany Vintage Bicycle Show and Swap Meet

May 9 Start: 1:00pm **End:** 4:00pm

Deluxe Brewing

Address: 635 NE Water Ave

City: Albany **State:** OR **Code:** 97321

Website: <https://sinisterdeluxe.wufoo.com/forms/albany-vintage-bicycle-registration/>

We are thrilled to be hosting the Second Annual Albany Vintage Bicycle Show & Swap Meet.

The event will take place Mother's day weekend, Saturday, May 9th at Deluxe Brewing Company.

A collection of classic and unique bicycles will be held in the main brewery area from 1pm-4pm. The bicycles will be judged in four categories

- Best Rat/Custom
- Best Road/Race
- Best Original Vintage Condition
- Best Vintage Restored Condition

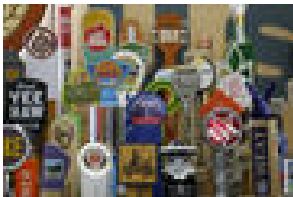
Awards will be announced promptly at 4pm, there will also be a Best in Show award chosen by the people.

Admission to the event is FREE! Minors will be allowed in the main brewery area, while the tasting room is open to Adults 21+. There will also be food available for purchase on-site.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

We hope you will bring out that old Cruiser, Road bike, or Fat Tire, down to the brewery for the show. All bicycles produced prior to 1989 will be eligible for registration. This year we are asking that you pre-register online and pay a \$5 bike registration fee at the door day of. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Albany Regional Museum. Click the button to the right to register, or visit www.deluxebrewing.com

And in the latest Beer News



The Oregon Brewers Guild announced that Oregonians bought 585,000 barrels of beer (more than 18 million gallons) produced in Oregon in 2014, a 14.3 percent increase over 2013. Oregon continues to lead the U.S. in the percentage of dollars spent on craft beer.

Oregon's breweries crafted 1,641,000 barrels of beer - nearly 51 million gallons - during 2014, a 16.9 percent increase from the previous year. Oregon employment figures continue to strengthen, with the state's brewing companies adding 800 jobs in 2014 and directly employing 7,400 people during Q3, 2014 according to the Oregon Employment Department.

"The numbers don't lie, Oregon Craft Beer is # 1" says Brian Butenschoen, executive director of the Oregon Brewers Guild. "20% of the beer sold in Oregon is craft beer made in Oregon. We were the first state to reach this milestone goal. We also added 800 new jobs in Oregon a 12% increase over the same quarter in the previous year. "

In addition to strengthening the local economy, Oregon's 179 brewing companies donated to their communities in 2014, equaling \$2,450,000. In total, the brewing industry contributes \$2.83 billion to the state's economy and employs roughly 30,000 people directly and indirectly.

In 2014, 20 percent of the 2.921 million barrels of all beer -- both bottled and draft -- consumed in the state were made in Oregon. For draft beer, that percentage is even higher, with Oregon breweries producing an estimated 60 percent of all draft beer consumed in Oregon. Oregon continues to lead the U.S. in the percentage of dollars spent on craft beer in retail stores with a 36.69 percent share in 2014 according to IRI. Portland is the largest craft beer market in the U.S. by dollars and share with a 39.3 percent share in 2014.

Oregon had 220 breweries operated by 179 brewing companies in 71 cities across Oregon on 12/31/2014.

Oregon's craft brewers shipped 1.056 million barrels outside of Oregon in 2014 to all 50 states and all U.S. territories. Of that total, 22,000 barrels were exported outside the U.S. to 7 Canadian Provinces and 32 countries around the world. Craft beer production in the U.S. grew 17.6 percent in 2014 and now represents 11.0 percent of the total volume of beer brewed in the United States.

Australia's Tony Abbott downs beer in 7 seconds amid chants of "Skol!"

If all the world leaders were like this, there would not be any more war....(Karen)



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott has been caught on camera guzzling a glass of beer in seven seconds amid raucous cheers from onlookers.

His feat of swift consumption in a crowded bar impressed some people but annoyed others. And observers were quick to point out that Abbott had previously criticized binge drinking in Australia.

Abbott was in a Sydney pub on Saturday evening when a group of Australian rules football players invited him to have a drink with them.

The Prime Minister accepted and even gave a short, impromptu speech, one of the football coaches, Simon Carrodus, told [The Australian Woman's Weekly](#).

"Then he proceeds to reach down and grab a schooner and he drank from head-to-toe the entire schooner, dribbling little bits on his shirt ... tipped it upside down on his head. And he was proud as punch," Carrodus said.

A schooner holds about three-quarters of a pint.

Video of Abbott making short work of the beer as the crowd around him chants "Skol! Skol!" drew plenty of attention on social media.

OREGON HAS GIVEN THE OK TO MAKE BEER FROM SEWAGE WATER

Hey, if it's good enough for the fish...(Karen)



The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission recently approved the use of recycled sewage water to brew beer, the Oregon Public Broadcasting's environmental news organization EarthFix reports.

Brewed via a purification process developed by Oregon's Clean Water Services, the beer would not be available for commercial or retail use, and the finished product would still need to undergo tests to make sure it is safe to drink. And it won't be on tap at any bars. It would only be served at tasting events hosted by its manufacturers, the home brewing club Oregon Brew Crew, and other water professional society functions.

In 2014, Oregon's Clean Water services hosted a brewing competition to challenge beer enthusiasts to make beer out of "30 percent purified wastewater," according to EarthFix. Overall, the point of developing this beer is to encourage innovative uses of the wastewater and spark a nationwide conversation about conserving water in creative ways in the midst of news about severe water shortages along the West Coast, a spokesperson for Clean Water Services told the news outlet.