

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

There is no meeting for the month of December. Instead, plan on attending the holiday party on December 11, starting at 6pm at Ron Hall's home in Corvallis. This is a potluck event, here is a suggestion of what to bring (you may choose otherwise):

- A-H: Appetizers/Snacks/Finger Foods
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Directions came out via the HOTV email.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 11 – HOTV Holiday Party. Ron Hall's in Corvallis.

Jan. 19 – HOTV Monthly Meeting. 7pm. Calapooia Brewing Company, Albany.

Jan. 29 – HOTV Brew Day. with Dave Marliave of Flat Tail. More details coming over email.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 11-12 – KLCC Microbrew Festival. 5-11pm. Eugene, OR. [more info](#)

Mar. 12 – Portland Iditarod. [more info](#)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

Happy holidays to everyone within the grasp of this fine newsletter. I will refrain from using any profanity in my final presidents corner. That will be left up to Armand in the following months. Hope that he can handle it. I had to start brewing more to handle the stress.

I have been busy lately and not much time has been left for brewing, boo hoo. I just strung up the lights for the holidays. If I didn't, the kids wouldn't get me anything for x-mas and I sure love presents. Since the lights are up there may be a brew day in my future. I think that I will be

brewing an amber lager to help me with my late winter blues (lots of rain). I have enough beer stockpiled right now that when I make a lager I can actually let it lager. My Schwartzbier spent 2 months in the coldness before it was tapped. It was well worth the wait.

My barley wine project has grabbed my attention in the last couple weeks. It had stalled at 1.044 and was sitting in the closet for the last year as punishment. I was able to jump start the fermentation with some fancy yeast and a starter made from molasses. I have not checked the final gravity since it is still chugging away. If this concoction drops to 1.020 it will be right around 16%. Yippee!!

I would like to thank the whole gang of HOTV'ers that helped make my run as president a fun one. I will still be around town and an active member, just not as bossy!

Good beers for all,
Howie



Thanks Howie for your leadership the past 2 years!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

by Irene Schoppy

Howie started off the meeting by thanking everyone for voting. Thanks to Jon for hosting. There were no new members at this meeting, just Charley's new clean face.

Mr. Bill sent a message with Howie thanking everyone for helping with the litter patrol. Our new HOTV sign will be out on Hwy. 20 next month.

Dave Benson talked about the Holiday Party. Bill and Christiane will run the Beer & Chocolate pairing. Louis and Karen will run the ring toss. They welcome donations of beer for the ring toss. The party will be on December 11 at Ron Hall's house (starting at 6:00). We can't officially sanction homebrew at the holiday party, though the OLCC is complaint-driven. They won't do anything unless someone complains. We may need to purchase some beer for the party this year due to the homebrew ban.

Jeremiah talked about an upcoming brew day with Flattail. Will & Jeremiah met with Dave M. of Flattail and Flattail is willing to provide the ingredients & brew the beer with us. They will own the beer, would donate 2 kegs worth to the club (via a club member day/preview day and at picnic or other club event). The recipe is up to us. Jan/Feb would be idea. The styles from our original list that Dave likes are: Lagered IPA, Tripel, Wee Heavy. We voted and the Tripel got the most votes, that is what we will brew. Bob wondered if Flattail would give us free beer during the brew day, the club liked that idea. We decided on January 29 for the brew day. Maybe we can do this again in the fall? Perhaps with Block 15, or Flattail again. We will start early in the day on the 29th, probably between 8-9am. The standard time to brew is 4 ½ hours, more if it entails a longer boil.

Barrel project, Jeremiah is working on this with Patrick and Bill. They will figure out a recipe. There is a new, fresh bourbon barrel coming in that Will procured. Maybe we will get Rogue or Gilgamesh to help?

Bob talked about the HOTV Board of Directors. The board met last week and today before this meeting. They mainly discussed the budget. Starting next year, dues will be \$20, no early bird discount. This will make the budgeting easier. This year will be the last year where you can pay \$15 at the Holiday party. Christiane asked about a family membership, and Bob said the board has discussed that and there will be a family membership available in the future. The board is taking the budget very seriously. Following the bylaws, there needs to be more rigor toward the budget (and future balance sheets). In the future, the club will need to vote on the budget for the club. This year we need to trust the board, since it is a new entity and still figuring things out. We do have a positive-balanced budget, with a small surplus (~\$125.00). The budget is very conservative. Highlights of the budget follows.

Revenue:

- Septemberfest - \$21,500 (historic expenses \$26000: \$15,000 actual expenses; \$11,000 in donations, this years' donations are higher because we didn't give OSU their money from the last 2 years) If Septemberfest is ever a disaster, charitable donations will be less. Club reserves will be built up in case this happens.
- Competition – did not budget for this year, due to law. If the law changes, the competition always pays for itself.
- Dues - \$700
- Pub Crawl - \$750
- Hop rhizomes - \$40

Expenses

- Septemberfest - \$21,500
- Pub Crawl - \$1,000
- Picnic & Holiday Party
- Insurance - \$1,200
- Internet - \$240
- Bank Charges
- Club Brew - \$400
- Education budget - \$200 (this is a new expense item to support education for the club)
- Discretionary fund - \$500/yr for the President. Board is proposing a money limit per item.

The total is \$27,300 in revenue, and \$26,904 in expenses.

We discussed Septemberfest. It is a good size right now, don't want it to grow too much. The conservative budget proposed does not plan for the festival growing. Do we need more food vendor's? Next years' committee can discuss that. The chair will appoint a committee. President will follow up to make sure this happens. Christiane asked if there is a PO Box expense, that is covered under overhead. Committees (Septemberfest, picnic, etc) will be given a budget and they have to stick to it. The Urban Iditarod expense was cut from the budget, the club will not pay for it in 2011. Howie motioned to approve the budget, and Armand seconded. All were in favor.

Election results were announced:

There was a tie for VP and a 3 way tie for 2 board positions. Gary withdrew his VP nomination because he will be travelling a lot with a new job. Him and Louis had a chest bump-off and Louis was crowned VP.

- President: Armand Schoppy
- VP: Louis Hans

- Secretary: Karen Hans
- Treasurer: John Sterner
- Competition Chair: Mort Piripi
- Festival Chair: Scott Caul
- Education Chair: Christiane Löh
- Litter Czar: Armand Schoppy

For the Board, Bob Saathoff got the most votes and gets the 3 year term. In a vote off, Howie and Jeremiah tied. Howie withdrew his nomination, so Jeremiah and Bill Baxter got the other two seats on the board. Howie withdrew because Bill Baxter put so much time into it, and Howie has put his time in with 2 years as President.

Upcoming brew days: December – Mort. January the 29th at Flat Tail. February is open.

Upcoming meetings. There is no meeting in December, the Holiday Party is on December 11 at the Hall's (in Corvallis). January meeting (1/19) at Calapooia, February is open (needs to be in Corvallis).

Karen mentioned that the Discovery Channel has a new beer program (How Beer Saved the World), and local breweries Block 15 and Flat Tail, as well as OSU Fermentation Sciences, will be featured in a December episode.

HOTV HOLIDAY PARTY

Unless you have been in hiding, you know the holiday party is this Saturday at Ron Hall's. You can look forward to the usual fun. Here is more information from Dave Benson:

We will do the normal format of a potluck and so we have some variety of foods below are suggestions of things to bring:

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As always, these are suggestions. If you have your heart set on something else just bring that.

We will be meeting at the House of Ron and Jenny. For those that haven't been there before, they have sent directions to the HOTV email list. Carpooling is always encouraged. We will be starting the gathering at 6:00pm this year.

Entertainment we have scheduled:

► Louis and Karen Hans will be running the ring toss for this year. If you have any commercial beers to donate just bring them to the party to be included. Contact them on the format, it may need to be wrapped up to keep the surprise.

► Bill and Christiane will again run the beer and

chocolate tasting. They have traditionally provided us with some great matchings to enjoy during the party.

► Previous Name That Beer Winner Armand Schoppy will be hosting the yearly favorite name that beer. With it being at Ron's house, I think he has home field advantage, so bring your taste buds and be prepared for a knock down drag out fight for first place.

Any commercial beer you want to bring feel free to share. Please let me know if you are bringing any larger size quantity of beer as I will be purchasing some cornies from local breweries to ensure there is enough for everyone.

BEER AND RUNNING

Dave Marliave of Flat Tail Brewing has come up with a great idea. See below for info, straight from Flat Tail's Facebook page. Reply back to him if you are interested!



Howdy all! If you're reading this note, then you obviously dig craft beer. My question for you is this: do you also enjoy running? I've been a casual runner for several years and am beginning to think that I am not the only Corvillian that has a passion for running and great brews. SO, in order to satisfy my own dual interest in one convenient package, and hopefully peak the interest of others, I'm starting a Flat Tail Brewing Co. sponsored running and beer club. That's right, because what's better than a good workout followed by great craft beer? What would this magical libational fitness venture entail exactly? Well, that is partially up to you, the less than sober athletes out there. This note will help gauge interest, number of possible participants and other such crucial background info. The current outline is a once a week fun run, followed by drinks at the Tail. There would be a small membership fee that would cover a unique club only T-Shirt, happy hour beer pricing on run days, and run and route organizing by myself. The Monday runs would be geared largely towards novice to intermediate runners: relatively slow paced 1.5-3 mile runs. Depending on interest, there will

also be monthly (or even weekly) longer runs, in the 5+ mile range for those seeking a bigger challenge. I will be running the first Corvallis half marathon in April, and if there were club interest, we could possibly work out a group price for this, and other runs, especially in the five to ten K range. So, before you get too tired reading this long winded note to go out and run, send me (David M Mariave on facebook) a private message or comment on the note with your name, email, approximate running condition (be honest folks) and what kind of things you'd like to see out of this club!

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

Hi everyone, really no competitions going on at this time, so all that's left is to wish everyone a happy xmas and good brewing. I'll be heading back to NZ for the first time in 2-1/2 years – Yes, I finally get two Summers! I'll be sure to bring back some typical NZ brews for people to try, and hopefully some good ones as well. See you all at the party, and catch you all again in January.

HOTV is no longer supporting the AHA Club Only competition, due to the current interpretation of the homebrew law in Oregon (making it illegal to transport homebrew). HOTV plans to support these competitions in the future once the law is changed.

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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