

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. This month's meeting, February 17 at 7:00pm, is hosted by Little Dave. The meeting will be at the his home in Albany. Bring some homebrew to share if you have it! Directions will come out over the HOTV email list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 6 – Club Brew Day. Starting at 9:30 am at Dave Swisher's in Jefferson

Feb. 10 – OSU Brew Day. Starting at 4:00 pm at Fermentation Sciences at OSU. Jeremiah.

Feb. 17 – Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm Little Dave's in Albany.

May 15 – Oregon Homebrew Festival. Judging starts at 9:00 am. Calapooia Brewery, Albany.

[more info](#)

Sept. 25 – Septemberfest.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 12-13 – KLCC Microbrew Festival.

Eugene, OR. [more info](#)

Feb. 13 – Zwickelmania. Statewide. [more info](#)

March 13 – Portland Urban Iditarod. Portland, OR. [more info](#)

Apr. 2-3 – Spring Beer and Wine Fest.

Portland, OR. [more info](#)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

This weekend is the Superbowl. And guess what I will be doing? Cooking up some hotwings and brewing some beer. What could be better? Oh, and I might watch the game/commercials!

After last Sunday's nice weather I was just about ready to start transplanting some hops. My Cascade is in a bad spot and I can't get any production out of it. In the next couple months I

plan on putting up a big trellis and growing some noble hops. I need to turn my drunk thumb into a green thumb. I have been working on the Organic hops. Marigolds to attract the ladybugs that take care of the aphids. Horse manure to fertilize and a drip system. That all sounds ok but they need more attention this summer. My yields just haven't been what I want.

If you haven't noticed we are coming up on the competition season. KLCC is in a couple weeks and I already have my entries in. I hope they stay carbonated. It is a good sign that our club already has quite a few entries for the contest. I would also like to see some of our newly sanctioned BJCP judges down there and showing off their skills. It would be nice to have a strong HOTV showing at the KLCC to talk up homebrewing and our competition in May. Oh and by the way they are serving some fine microbrews down there too! Should be a no brainer!

Good beers for all,
Howie

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Howie started off the meeting by thanking Patrick and Elena for hosting, and welcoming new members Scott, John, Brian, and Kax.

Septemberfest will be on the 25th of September at the Fairgrounds. This is a Saturday and there isn't a Beavers home game, and Howie won't be at the races.

Howie awarded the 1st place HotY prize to Dave Swisher. Dave easily beat the rest of us to become the number one Homebrewer of the Year (HotY). Dave gave us some pointers on how he won this award, first off it helps if you are retired ☺ He made a commitment to brew each of the BJCP Styles, and has almost completed that task (6 styles left). This has helped him understand the styles & even enjoy styles he never thought he would. His advice is to brew 5 gallon batches – he did a ½ batch of Munich Helles and it turned out really great. Only problem was he didn't have enough of it to drink! He won 29 1st place awards last year,

entering a total of 121 beers and ciders, and 3 labels into competitions.

Howie has a bourbon barrel, the club needs to decide how that is going to be used. Jeremiah will head up this project. Either everyone will brew a specific style or we will do another OSU brew day and brew on their system (this seems to be preferred). Styles that were recommended include Old Ale, Imperial Porter, Barleywine, Pumpkin beer, Dubbel, Quad, Wee Heavy, Belgian Dark Strong. Within this discussion Little Dave mentioned he would be brewing a Steinbeir using the traditional hot rock method (with granite rocks).

Charley arrived at 8:05.

The HOTV Homebrew Festival will be on May 15th at Calapooia Brewery in Albany. Mort is the competition chair, and he asked for volunteers. The following people volunteered: Dan Crall (Head Steward), Armand Schoppy (Facilities), Dave Benson (Registrar), John ??/Bill Baxter (Judge Coordinator), Louis and Karen Hans (Raffle). There will be a meeting in the next week or 2. Not sure if there will be a swap meet this year, need to contact Mr. Bill.

Irene asked for volunteers to write articles for the newsletter. There are HotY points available!

The Urban Iditarod is March 13, Mr. Bill has already expressed interest in heading this up again this year. It is limited to 100 teams, with priority given to teams who participated last year. We need to decide if we will enter 1 or 2 teams. "Little" Dave Marliave can donate beer.

Dave Benson is soliciting places to go for the Pub Crawl this year. Ideas were: Hood River, Idaho, Bend, among others.

Charley asked if there was any interest in a BJCP exam/class again this year. He would like to host a beer & bike day at his home. This will be the April Brew Day, ride your bike & he will have tools & knowledge to share to help fix your bike up for summer riding.

Upcoming competitions are the Slurp & Burp on March 28 and the Oregon Garden Competition on April 11.

Club meetings – "Little Dave" will host the February meeting in Albany, the March meeting will be at Scott Caul's in Corvallis, April will perhaps be at Calapooia.

Club brew days – Dave Swisher (Jefferson) in February, Jeremiah (Corvallis) in March

Little Dave will be going to the WinterBrew Festival, hosted by the Brewing Network, down in California (Oakland) at the end of the month. If you want the BN guys to taste your beer on

air, get it to him before then. Make sure it is good!

Howie donated some winter beer to Karen for a charity auction, it went for \$25! Next year she will take additional donations!

Karen & Louis are going to the KLCC Microbrew Festival in Eugene on Saturday February 13, they can take 3 more people, Little Dave & the Schoppy's are going too. If you want to carpool contact one of them!

Dave Swisher brought some Hallertauer hops – 4.35 AA to share with the club, thanks Dave!

Little Dave needs carboys and cornies. If you have any to spare contact him. He will trade beer!

LITTER PATROL

by Irene Schoppy

On January 31, the HOTV litter patrol started the new year off with a bang! Eagle-eyed litter picker Karen Hans spotted a suspect object along the roadside, and after conferring with litter czar Mr. Bill, called 911 to report a potential pipe bomb. A Benton County Sherriff's Officer and Oregon State Police trooper were called to the scene, and they called in the bomb squad. The road was briefly closed as the litter patrol looked on from their safe & well-stocked picnic area in Hyak Park. [Click here](#) to see the full Gazette-Times story. Mr. Bill put out an impressive spread in his first outing as litter czar, with doughnuts and coffee to start, and plenty of snacks, subs, and hot dogs on the grill afterwards. A few actual dogs joined the fun as well. It was a blast! Thanks to Pete Petrol for running the litter program in the past, and giving a helping hand to Mr. Bill on his first patrol.



Mr. Bill puts out a great spread for the litter patrol

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

First of all, congratulations to the BJCP class, we now have a whole bunch of newly qualified judges ready to go! Lots of great competitions are coming up, including our own Oregon Homebrew Festival on May 15th, see the list below. It really is closer than it appears, so start brewing up a masterpiece.

Almost all of these competitions rely on volunteer judges, and a healthy representation of HOTV judges at other competitions encourages reciprocation, so jump in and start earning those points!

Finally, the Club-Only category for March/April is American Ales (BJCP category 10). Bring your entries to the February meeting for tasting. Also, there is a rumor that the Alchemist competition will be happening again this year, check out a copy of the Alchemist for details.

Local Competitions

Competition	Date
Cascade Brewers Cup	03/06/2010
Slurp & Burp Open	03/27/2010
World Cup of Beer	04/03/2010
AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round, Northwest Region	04/10/2010
Oregon Garden's Homebrewers Classic	04/11/2010
COHO Spring Fling	04/24/2010
Sasquatch Brew Fest	05/08/2010
Oregon Homebrew Festival	05/15/2010



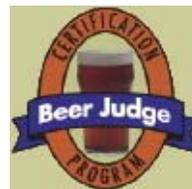
judging at last years' Oregon Homebrew Festival

AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Jan 10	English Brown Ale	11
Feb 10	American Ales	10
Apr 10	Extract Beers	1-23
July 10	Mead	24,25,26

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.

BJCP CLASS NEWS



Congratulations to the following HOTV members who passed the BJCP exam and are now certified BJCP judges: Mort Piripi, Irene Schoppy, Armand Schoppy, Dave Swisher, and "Little

Dave" Marliave. Let the judging begin! Thanks to all the club members who helped by hosting the classes, teaching the classes, proctoring the exam and coordinating the whole affair!

Since it was such a success the first time, a new BJCP study group may be forming, with another test scheduled if there are enough people interested. Christiane is gathering that information. If you are interested, please email [Christiane](#) with the following info:

- Who is interested (this is a 10 week commitment if we follow the proposed class schedule - even though some of the theory could be streamlined)?
- What are your top three preferences for a meeting day and time?
- Can you host one, a few, or all of the class meeting (~10x)?

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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