

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The January meeting will be held at John Sterner's home in Albany – 735 NW Thornton Lake Dr. The meeting starts at 7:00. Directions: from Corvallis or Albany, from highway 20 near Albany turn on North Albany Road. Cross the railroad tracks, cross between the Thornton lakes and take a right on East Thornton Lake Drive (by the sign for North Albany Elementary). It is the first house on the left. There should be plenty of parking in the North Albany Elementary parking lot.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Eric "Howie" Howard

Happy New Beer! As I ring in the new year, I would like to reminisce on what a great time I had as your President. I would like to thank everyone that helped make 2008 a very positive year for HOTV. There were many changes and new faces in the club last year. Our annual homebrew competition and festival split into two different events, which proved to be very successful. We started having club brew days and homebrewing demonstrations at the local Saturday markets. We all managed through the year with a massive hop shortage and grain prices increasing. To top off the year we had a great holiday party at Charley's house.

Now as the new year begins I should let you know that I have some resolutions. Some you may adopt as a homebrewer or something you should have done a long time ago.

1. Brew a beer
2. Drink that beer
3. Brew some more beer
4. Try another homebrew
5. Lager some beers
6. Brew a big beer
7. Enter a few competitions
8. Drink another beer
9. Brew with friends
10. Enjoy a homebrew with friends

At our first meeting of the year I will be announcing the start of the HOTV "Homebrewer of the Year" competition. You, as a member of the Heart of the Valley Homebrewers will be automatically enrolled in this annual event. Details to follow and there will be a prize at the end of the year. We are looking for a host of the January and February club brew days. This could be a way to get a jump on the other club members.

Good beers for all,
Howie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21 – Monthly meeting. 7:00 at John Sterner's.

February 3 – Septemberfest meeting. 7:00 at the Schoppy's.

February 18 – Monthly meeting. 7:00

Coming soon – Eugene pub crawl.

Other upcoming events

Feb. 6 & 7 – KLCC Microbrewfest. Eugene. [more info](#)

Mar. 14 – Portland Urban Iditarod. Teams must arrive by 11:30, we mush at 12:00 sharp. [more info](#)

Mar. 28 – Washington Cask Beer Festival. Seattle. [more info](#)

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Bob Saathoff

Thanks to everyone who helped out at this year's Hoopla competition. Even with the limited number of entries it was great fun (and Howie can attest to the great prizes!)

2008 Holiday Hoopla Winners

1st Place: Eric "Howie" Howard, No Help For Frosty

2nd Place: Eric "Howie" Howard, Old Ale, XX

3rd Place: Bob Saathoff, Snowmizer

Honorable Mention: Armand & Irene Schoppy

Honorable Mention: Paul & Jenny Naterer

It's not too early to start planning your brews for the May competition. I've heard several folks claim they're going to enter more this year, so we'll see if they back up their big talk. We're an MCAB qualifying site this year so you all have something extra to shoot for.

No-one brought any Belgian/French ales to the Dec meeting, but since they entered one into the Hoopla, we agreed that Armand and Irene would be the winners and could submit their Saison for the AHA only competition. No club tasting at the Jan meeting, but keep in mind that Feb we will taste strong beers!

Cheers,
Bob

Local Competitions

Competition	Deadline
Doug King Memorial Lager and Specialty Beer Competition	1/9/09
KLCC Microbrew Fest Competition	2/2/09
World Cup of Beer	3/14/09
Cascade Brewers Cup	03/15/2009
The Oregon Garden's Homebrewers Classic	04/13/2009
27th Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival	05/08/2009

AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Feb 09	Beer w/ OG > 1.080	5C,D; 9E; 12C; 13F; 14C; 15C; 16C,D,E; 18C,D,E; 19A,B,C; 20; 21; 22B,C; 23
Apr 09	Extract Beers	1-23
July 09	Amber Hybrid Beers	7

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The holiday party was held at Charley Renn's home in Corvallis (thanks to Charley and his family for hosting!).

Mike Gallagher ran the Name that Beer Contest, with Dave Benson winning first place, Regina and Dave Renn in second place, and Ron Hall claiming third place..



Dave getting his first place prize

Louis and Karen Hans ran the ring toss event in Charley's garage. Everyone had fun trying to snag their favorites in the group.



Charley perfecting his tossing stance.

SEPTEMBERFEST PLANNING COMMITTEE

by Armand Schoppy

Greetings and salutations HOTV'ers! It's a new year and time to start thinking about the Septemberfest. This years' festival is set for Saturday, September 12, the only weekend in September without a Beavers home game. We

will be having a meeting on February 3 to discuss the festival and set up committee chairs. The proposed committees are: Entertainment and Food, Beer Procurement, Marketing, and Logistics. We will meet monthly to discuss progress and brainstorm ideas. If you are interested in volunteering as head of a committee, or in helping out in one of the committees, please come to our initial planning meeting! We welcome your ideas for making this Septembeerfest a success. If you cannot make the meeting but are still interested in helping out, please talk to Armand at the HOTV monthly meeting or [email him](#).

The meeting will be held at Armand and Irene's home at 3550 NE Canterbury Circle, Corvallis.

CLUB BREW DAY



The December club brew day was held at Howie's, where he brewed an English IPA to challenge Joel. There were a few of us in attendance to give good wishes to the wort as it bubbled along. Club brew days are an excellent

chance to see the brew systems of other club members (see the picture of Howie's sparging system). Keep a watch on the HOTV mailing list for announcements on upcoming brew days.

BJCP JUDGING CLASSES

By Charley Renn

Last year I indicated I would try to put together a BJCP class for club members who are interested. It's time to get started on this. This class is intended to qualify the participant as a Competition Judge. I am told the class will take 12 weekly sessions and cost each participant about \$75. I believe there are some additional requirements involving actually judging some number of competitions. I would like to start no later than the first week in February, as this will have us ending the class at the end of April or middle of May-- depending on how much life interferes with our schedule.

My role will be to coordinate the class (i.e. find meeting space, gather materials, find instructors, etc.). I would like to have at least five folks onboard before jumping into this effort. In order to determine the level of interest, please email me ([email address](#)) to indicate your interest as well as up to three preferred meeting times. I'll try to find the happy median. Louis has already indicated he's in "if we meet on Sunday afternoon and finish before June".

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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