

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, January 20 at 7:00pm, is hosted by Patrick. The meeting will be at the his home in Corvallis. Bring some homebrew to share if you have it! Directions will come out over the HOTV email list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 20 – Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm at Patrick Gorman's in Corvallis.

Other upcoming events

Feb 12-13 – KLCC Microbrew Festival.

Eugene, OR. [more info](#)

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

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

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

Happy 2010! I hope everyone had a good holiday season. It just seems like yesterday when I was living in Arizona and welcoming in 2000! There was suppose to be utter chaos back then. No computer crashes just a hangover.

This year is much like 10 years ago without the hangover. Nothing happened, except for the fact that I just brewed my first barley wine to start the year off right. Oh yeah and I am 10 years older but we will just forget about that. My barley wine started off at an OG of 1.138! As of 1-3-10 it had fermented down to 1.054, about 11% so far. I think that I will add some champagne yeast to finish it off and let it sit for a while. I hope to get about 16% out of it if I am lucky. I may have just started something of wanting to make even bigger beers. I am having

a lot of fun with this project and would like to do it again. Maybe a club project for the future?

Speaking of club projects, I will be picking up our bourbon barrel tomorrow. Everyone start thinking of an awesome beer to put into it. Lets welcome in 2010 with the best of homebrews and brewing joy!

Good beers for all,
Howie

HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's holiday party was held December 12 at Charley Renn's home in Corvallis. Delicious food graced the potluck table, and many members brought beer to share. 11 members brought holiday beers for the People's Choice competition. Howie brought a very official voting box and instructions to vote for your favorite and rate it on a scale of 1-10. Winners:

- 3rd – Mike Gallagher (Tommy Gun Holiday ale – Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer)
- 2nd – Bill Baxter (Dopplebock - Inebriator)
- 1st – Bob Saathoff (2009 Snowmizer - English Olde Ale with spices)

3rd place was tie between Howie and Mike, Mike scored higher on the rating by 1 point! Besides bragging rights, winners received HotY points.



HotY's Bob & Armand Schoppy's.

Speaking of HotY points, Howie presented the HotY awards for 2009. The winners are as follows, each got a gift certificate to Corvallis Brewing Supply: 1st – Dave Swisher; 2nd – Bob Saathoff; 3rd – The

Name that Beer was run by Dave Benson. As always this event was a highlight! Everyone plays and gets a sheet of beers and beer styles to choose from. There were 5 beers to name, and you could sense the anticipation as the

winners were named: 1st – Armand Schoppy; 2nd – Elana; 3rd – Jerome. Winners received a holiday beer prize, and this year there was a special prize for last place – Brian won a Budweiser Clamato. The beers were: 1) Light Lager – Rolling Rock; 2) Amber – Budweiser American Ale; 3) Vienna Lager – Dos Equis Amber; 4) Scottish Ale – Pike Kilt Lifter; and 5) Porter – Anchor Porter.

Louis and Karen Hans ran the ring toss event, this year they wrapped all the beers so there was some mystery involved. There were a variety of holiday beers, local microbrewery selections, and homebrew in the mix. Gary scored the esteemed 'Samichlaus', a powerful Swiss lager. Bill and Christiane hosted a beer and chocolate pairing, and there were hops aplenty available for trade. There was a collection for the Heartland Humane Society in memory of Sheba, Joel's dog which had recently passed away. Eighty dollars were raised for Heartland – thanks HOTVers for being so generous!



Dan gets ready to score another beer at the ring toss

2009 – A RETROSPECTIVE

by Irene Schoppy

2009 was a busy year for Heart of the Valley Homebrewers! Members were treated to a pub crawl, use of the OSU brewery, a barrel project, and more! Here are a few of the highlights:

- Howie started the HOTV Homebrewer of the Year (HotY) competition.
- Jeff Clawson hosted HOTV at the OSU brewery, brewing a Biere de Garde, which members took home and fermented with their choice of yeast
- A team (and onlookers) participated in the Urban Iditarod in Portland
- The 27th annual Homebrew Festival was held at Calapooia Brewery, 296 entries received

- Mr. Bill debuted a Fermentation Swap Meet at the Homebrew Festival
- Dave Benson organized a pub crawl to Oakridge & Eugene, visiting Brewer's Union Local 180, Ninkasi, Oakshire, Eugene City Brewery, and the Bier Stein.
- Charley organized a BJCP study course
- Jeff Clawson taught an off-flavors class
- Christiana organized the BJCP exam, Bob proctored and John & Ron helped by judging the test beers. 6 members took the BJCP exam and await the results
- Charley organized brewing demos at the Corvallis and Albany Farmer's Markets
- Howie got a bourbon barrel and members brewed a Strong Scottish Ale to age in the barrel
- The annual picnic was held at Avery Park in Corvallis; a golf outing led by Mike Gallagher preceded the picnic
- A new HOTV logo debuted
- The second annual Septembeerfest was a success, with \$2000 raised for Linn Benton Food Share and \$1500 for OSU Fermentation Sciences scholarships
- The year ended with the holiday party at Charley's
- Brew Days were held during most months, rotating among members.

As you can see, we are a busy club! This impressive list of events wouldn't be possible without the hard work of HOTV volunteers. If you are wondering how you can help, committees for the Homebrew Competition in May and the Septembeerfest will be forming shortly. Please consider getting involved! Other ways to help include hosting brew days and meetings. Volunteer activities also get you HotY points!

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

Hi everyone, your new competition chair here. Hope you had a great New Years' with plenty of friends and beer. Plenty of competitions coming up, including our own Oregon Homebrew Festival in May. They come up faster than you think, so get brewing!

We also had our own People's choice Xmas beer contest at this year's Xmas party. The competition was fierce, and the bribery rampant, but Bob Saathoff reigned triumphant, with Bill Baxter coming second, and Mike Gallagher third.

The January club meeting will host the tasting for the Club Only Competition. Bring your English Brown Ale!

Local Competitions

Competition	Deadline
Doug King Competition	01/09/2010
KLCC Homebrew Competition	02/08/2010
World Cup of Beer	03/13/2010
Oregon Garden's Homebrewers Classic	04/03/2010

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.

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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