

# 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. January's meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 19 at the Calapooia Brewery in Albany. This will be the first meeting with the new 2011 officers including **Armand Schopp** as President, **Louis Hans** as Vice President, **Karen Hans** as Secretary, **John Sterner** as Treasurer, **Christiane Lohr** as **Education Chair**.

## *Calendar of Events*

Jan 19 – HOTV Monthly Meeting.  
7 pm at the Calapooia Brewery in Albany  
February 6 – Litter Patrol at Hyak Park 10 AM

### *Other upcoming events*

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

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## *Presidents Corner*

Happy New Years HOTV'ers!! It is a new year and we have a bunch of new officers (hey, thanks for electing me as your new president). The club is also heading in some new directions. We are now incorporated, have a board of directors and are working towards achieving tax exempt status before the end of summer. Wow! 2010 was an incredible year with the club accomplishing some amazing milestones. The club homebrew competition reached over 400 entries and Septemberfest

was estimated at 2000 attendees. Thanks again for all your hard work, Mort and Scott. I feel confident that whatever challenges we face this year as a club we will have no problem overcoming them.

So it's a new year, a new beginning, the time of the year when folks make resolutions. Have any of you made resolutions for the upcoming year? Allow me to make a few suggestions. How about resolving to host a club brew day or hosting a club meeting if you have never done so before. Ready for the next level? How about taking the BJCP exam? If your resolutions include helping out the planet, how about volunteering for the next HOTV litter patrol? Resolve to make 2011 the year you make HOTV Homebrewers successful.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting,  
Armand

## *Last Month's Meeting*

by Karen Hans

Instead of a regular meeting, the Ron and Jenny Hall hosted the annual HOTV Christmas Party at their new home in Timberhill. The turnout was excellent, one of the best in years. The potluck included many delectable appetizers, salads, entrees, and deserts. Features libations were from the Flat Tail Brewery. Howie gave his last speech as outgoing President and there was not a dry eye in the house. Traditional games were enjoyed including Name That Beer+, hosted by last year's winner Armand Schopp. We are all looking forward to next year's contest, which will be hosted by this year's winner Dave. We also enjoyed the ring toss, supplemented by gift certificates from Flat Tail, Block 15, and Calapooia, as well as prizes from In all, a good time was had by all!

## Litter Patrol

The next HOTV Litter Patrol clean up will be Sunday, February 6, 10:00am, meeting at Hyak Park on Route 20. Bags, litter picker uppers (I don't know what they are called), safety vests are provided. Please bring gloves. Food and drinks will be provided.

## Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

by Mort Piripi

Hi all, hope everyone had a good holiday, drank and/or made lots of beer and had a good time catching up with friends & family. I spent my time getting some sun, going fishing and picking up some of the surprising new crop of beers that have appeared in NZ since we left in 2008. Thankfully customs didn't see fit to take them off me, so if you're lucky I'll bring them along to the next meeting.

Some good news from the competition front, the draft bill for changing the law regarding homebrew has been filed. You can read more at <http://oregonhomebrewersalliance.org/>

Finally, just to let you all know what you were missing, here's where I spent my holiday.



### Local Competitions

Competition	Date
Seattle WA	April 1-3

### AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Mar 11	Bock	5

Until further notice, this HOTV club activity is on hold:

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.+

Hopefully the current prohibition on transporting homebrews will be lifted soon.

## Legislative Update

From the Oregon Homebrewers Alliance webpage:

For more information on the proposed homebrew legislation for the upcoming 2011 session, see the link below. It looks like we're finally getting close to fixing this thing. Some insiders are citing April as the month when the bill, if passed, will be signed into law.

The article has been posted at:

<http://oregonhomebrewersalliance.org/?p=119>

Please contact your local legislator and encourage them to vote for this bill.+

Here is some information from the web page:

Homebrewers from several Oregon clubs are trying to change state law so it clearly permits the type of activities common among amateur brewers. We have contacted several legislators, and language now is being drafted for a bill to be introduced in the state Legislature in January 2011. We hope to line up additional sponsors and will seek support from the OLCC.

Our objective is a bill that:

- Makes it legal to transport homebrew
- Makes it legal to hold homebrew competitions, including awarding prizes
- Makes it legal to serve homebrew at club meetings and similar events

- Makes it legal to bring homebrew into licensed premises, such as brew pubs and breweries, that host club meetings and competitions.

As part of our outreach efforts to lawmakers, we are stressing several points. Among them is that the original federal legislation legalizing homebrew includes language that effectively addresses all these concerns. Oregon simply needs to adopt changes to bring state law into line with federal rules (federal law gives states the right to set their own rules on homebrewing). Also, this language is very similar to laws on the books in many other states. Our message is that all the proposed changes are in line with existing rules in other places; we are not asking for anything beyond widely accepted rules governing homebrewed beer.

Our efforts at this point are focused on getting a bill drafted that addresses all our concerns. Proposed legislation must first be requested by a legislator and then goes to the Legislative Counsel's Office, where language is drafted. It often takes several drafts before a final version is ready for formal introduction. We hope that by starting the process now we will have a bill ready on the day the Senate and House convene in January. It is at that point that we will be reaching out to homebrewers and asking you to contact your legislators and let them know you support the bill.

We continue to stress that we are working with the OLCC to address this issue and that the situation came about because of the way Oregon's homebrew law was written originally. This is not OLCC's fault, and the agency has not opposed our efforts to update the law. Making angry or accusatory statements about the OLCC will only hurt homebrewers. Please help us by being part of the positive efforts to bring Oregon's homebrewing law into the 21st century.

Meanwhile, as the saga of homebrew completions in Oregon drags on, competitions in Washington are in full swing.

From our colleagues to the north:

## Northwest Region Judges:

Well it's getting to be that time of year again. NHC 2011 is not that far away. In fact, the first round of judging for the NW Region will be held **April 1st - 3rd in Seattle, Washington.** We are working on the venue.

The important thing is to **SAVE THIS DATE!!!** and plan on participating. Due to some changes to entry rules and a huge increase in entries, we will most certainly max out at 750 entries this year. We had about 710 last year. We may have a Friday evening & Saturday group of sessions, or a Saturday & Sunday group of sessions. Right now we're planning for **April 1st - 3rd In Seattle, WA.**

We need judges. All ranked and pending BJCP judges are encouraged to participate. We need as many folks as can show up for even one session. Last year we had 80+ judges on Saturday morning. This year, we're aiming for 100. There are over 350 ranked BJCP judges in the NW Region states with dozens more pending. We need as many of you to participate as possible.

As we finalize details on the venue and times, we will send out updates to keep you all informed.

If you are planning to participate, please reply to this email and advise if you plan to Judge.

Once again, the date is **April 1st - 3rd in Seattle, Washington.**

If you have any questions please contact us at [tim@bigalbrewing.com](mailto:tim@bigalbrewing.com)

See you in April!

Your NW Region 1st Round Judging Organizing Committee

Tim Hayner  
Mark Emiley  
Peter Twigg

## HOTV 501(3)(c) Status Up Date

And now, information from Bob Saathoff on the HOTV budget:

Hi Folks,

Apologies for not getting this out in a timely manner, but here is the 2011 budget approved at the Nov mtg. We did put in \$100 for Corp expenses and have \$126 remaining balance, so will need to find \$624 to cover the IRS filing fee. Good fodder for the Jan mtg.

### Income

BJCP Exam	\$500
Competition	\$0
Dues	\$740
Hop rhizomes	\$40
Brewery Ed Tour	\$750
Septemberfest	\$25,000
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Total Income	\$27,030

### Expenses

Bank Charges	\$25
Holiday Party	\$370
Club Brew	\$400
AHA Club only entries	\$120
Corporate Expenses	\$100
Insurance	\$1200
Internet	\$238.80
Litter pickup	\$100
Overhead	\$150
Picnic	\$500
Brewery Ed Tour	\$1000
Septemberfest	\$21,500
Education	\$200
Prez Discretionary	\$500
BJCP Exam	\$500
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Total Expenses	\$26,903.80
Remaining funds	\$126.20

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## 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
- CO<sub>2</sub> kit - Includes CO<sub>2</sub> 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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