


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. The June meeting will be at Doug and Mare's house in North Albany on June 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOTV Summer Picnic
Saturday August 20 at Adair Village
Hop and Heritage Festival
September 23-25 Independence
September Beer Festival
September 17
Oregon Brewers Festival July 28 - 31
<http://www.oregonbrewfest.com/>
Red White and Blues Festival Corvallis
July 3 and 4 on the Waterfront

President's Corner

Greetings and Salutations HOTVers,

It has been a busy month. I want to thank Mort and all the volunteers that helped to make the 29th Oregon Homebrew Festival a success. I hope everyone had a great time, I sure did. I only walked away with only one ribbon, but that's ok there is always next year. Speaking of next year, it will be our 30th Anniversary. It should be a blast; I just wish Mort could be around for it, he has been so very helpful the past two years.

Summer is just around the corner, I hope. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to warmer days along with the sun. Hey, I have some nice homebrew in the refrigerator to help me keep cool and quench my thirst. Don't you?? Summer is the time for vacation and relaxation. Irene and I usually try to visit a few breweries during our summer travels. If you do the same please let the club know. Submit an article about your visit to the brewsletter; I now I am always seeking out new places to visit and new beers to try.

Drink responsibly, drink homebrew
Armand Schoppy

Vice President's Corner

Annual picnic planning is under way; I have rented the picnic shelter at Adair Park for August 20. At the April meeting a number of club members expressed interest in a Fall Pub Crawl. We talked about making a trip to the Columbia River Gorge to visit brew pubs in Stevenson, White Salmon, and Hood River. Watch for details as plans evolve.

Last Month's Meeting

There was not a monthly meeting because of the competition.

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Hi all,

Our own Oregon Homebrew Competition went off nicely last month, congratulations to everyone who won ribbons, and special thanks go out to all who helped with organising or clean up afterwards. We had a total of 268 entries, with the Best of Show award going to Jason Decker from Texas for an excellent Traditional Bock.

The AHA club only competition is taking a hiatus until August when it starts up again with Meads. I entered the club brewed Bourbon Barrel Barleywine in the Wood Aged competition as mentioned at the last club meeting, I've received the results and will bring them along to the June meeting.

A couple of new competitions coming up in Salem and Baker City

Competition Name	Competition Date
Spirits of Baker County	07/23/2011
2011 Oregon State Fair Homebrew Competition	08/06/2011

Cheers, Mort

Education Update

By Christiana Loehr

BCJP exams scheduled for September 2012 and September 2013

A new BJCP exam format has been approved and will be implemented later this year. There will be a Web-based introductory exam, which every new examinee will take first. The test will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Pass = Provisional judge, score not provided.

Fail = not in the program, feedback on area (section score) tasting, exam which must be completed within one year.

Once the introductory exam has been passed the examinee is allowed to register for a tasting exam, which must be completed within one year. The new tasting exam will have 6 beers instead of 4 and otherwise the same format. The score on the tasting exam dictates rank for new examinees. Only Apprentice, Recognized, and Certified ranks allowed as outcomes for those passing the introductory exam and the tasting. The Apprentice status will have a 2 year lifetime. Apprentices must pass the exam within 2 years or start over.

For existing judges, the new tasting exam provides the tasting score that can be used as it is today (i.e. combined with existing written scores from the traditional exam to allow advancement).

Traditional written exam used for advancing to National ranks and above.
Tasting exam removed, held separately as above. Sequential section exams will be allowed, but treated as separate exams (written and tasting can be held on the same day, but this is not required).

To register for the traditional written exam, must be a BJCP judge with an 80+ tasting score, and have a minimum of 10 judging experience points.

Hop Festival in Independence

By Marshal Guthrie

Last call for anyone wishing to volunteer w/ Rogue:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&authkey=CNez9c0l&formkey=dFfyWWI6c3BIREh4YldpZXI6cDQ0bFE6MQ#gid=0

What you need to do:

- 1) Signup using the link above if you haven't already.
- 2) If you don't have an OLCC permit, let me know what times you are available (not what time you prefer) to take a 3 hour class: <http://whenisgood.net/4ars5cz>

More instruction on number 2: Paint in green the times that you are available. Please try to be as flexible as possible; we need to get 8 or more people trained.

What you will do:

- 1) Complete the OLCC Class at the Independence Rogue Farm (Rogue pays for it)
- 2) Get your OLCC permit (Rogue Pays for it)
- 3) Work a 3-4 hour shift in Independence at the 4th of July Festival, at the Sept 23-25 Hop and Heritage Festival, or at other Rogue events.
- 4) Get \$8 in Hopoes for your troubles (good at any Rogue pub).

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Marshal

Now that the prohibitions on transporting homebrew are lifted...

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.

Pictures for Rogue Brew Day



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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