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OREGON HOMEBREW FESTIVAL

There is no HOTV meeting this month, due to the Oregon Homebrew Festival, which is happening May 15th & 16th at Calapooia Brewing in Albany. This year we will be debuting a Fermentation Swap Meet, so if you have equipment lying around that needs a new home, bring it by on Saturday morning. Likewise if you are a new brewer or looking to add to your system, make sure to stop by anytime after 11:00. Find out more information about the swap meet on our [festival website](#), where you can download equipment registration forms (also available [here](#)). The raffle is scheduled to start at 2:30, followed by the awards ceremony. Be sure to stop by the Festival, and perhaps you will go home with some new equipment or a great raffle prize!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy Fermenters,

I sit here pondering what to write about while sipping on a homebrew. Just a thought, will this beer win any ribbons at the competition on May 16th? How will it score? I know the competition will be fierce at the 27th Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival.

So many questions are running through my head. Which beers should I enter? I have a variety that could be contenders, but what BJCP styles would they fit under? Some are clear cut and some aren't. For me, this is the fun part of entering a competition. Will they cut the mustard?

It's exciting to see many club members entering competitions and doing well. But as the season for homebrew competitions is winding down, I realize that our Festival is one of the best around. It is something the club should be very proud of.

The deadline for our homebrew competition is Friday, May 8, and I hope you will have some

beers entered. If you don't enter you can't get the good feedback or win any ribbons. Also, there are HotY points to consider. Hope to see you there.

Good beers for all,
Howie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16 – HOTV Oregon Homebrew Festival. Calapooia Brewery, Albany.

June 17 – HOTV Monthly Meeting. 7:00. Doug & Mare's in Albany.

July 15 – HOTV Monthly Meeting. 7:00 Bill & Christiane's in Independence.

Aug. 30 – BJCP Exam. Contact Charley if interested.

Sept. 12 – Septemberfest. Benton County Fairgrounds.

Other upcoming events

May 29 – Barley Daze. Hyslop Farm, Corvallis, OR.

May 29 – Zoo Brew. Oregon Zoo Brewers Festival. [more info](#)

June 6 – Sasquatch Brewfest, Eugene, OR. [more info](#)

June 19-20 – Oregon Brews, Blues & BBQ's. McMinnville, OR. [more info](#)

June 26-28 – North American Organic Brewers Festival. Portland, OR. [more info](#)

June 27 – 16th Annual Brews, Blues & BBQ's. Stevenson, OR. [more info](#)

July 23-26 – 22nd Annual Oregon Brewers Festival. Portland, OR. [more info](#)

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Howie started off the meeting by thanking Dave Benson for hosting, and welcoming new members Brian, Cliff, Maria, and Dave. We all introduced ourselves and talked about our strangest brewing experience.

The club has been really busy lately, with activities going on just about every weekend. May 2 is the AHA Big Brew and will be hosted by Little Dave at Oregon Trail Brewery (in their

back alley). See the Oregon Trail Facebook page for more info.

The HOTV Competition is coming up on May 16. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Stewards – Friday and Saturday. Contact Chris Surfleet.
- BJCP certified judges for new judge training on Friday evening.
- Event break-down – Saturday evening, contact Irene Schoppy
- Raffle – need to contact breweries/suppliers to get donated items. Contact Bobby Richards to help out
- Brew Demo – perhaps we will have an extract brew demo. Contact Charley Renn if you would like to lead this.

Judges can go to hotv.org to register, you also can register your entries online. There may be a judging session on Wednesday if we get a lot of entries. Bob is working on getting a speaker on Saturday afternoon to do a 1 hour talk. Mr. Bill is heading up the equipment swap. The deadline for entries is May 8, 5:00pm at Corvallis Brewing Supply.

The next Septemberfest Committee meeting will be April 29 at 7:00 at the Schoppy's.

The BJCP exam will be on Aug. 30. Contact Charley if you are interested in taking the test. You do not have to be enrolled in the BJCP study course to take the test. Charley is trying to set up an off-flavors class for the study course, and may offer it to the club as well.

The Saturday Farmers Market is interested in hosting a brew demo again this year. The potential dates are Oct. 3 in Corvallis and Oct. 17 in Albany. Contact Charley if you want to help.

Joel Rea is having an Advanced Brewing Class at the First Alternative Co-op on May 3, and will be hosting Barley Daze at the Hyslop barley fields.

Jeremiah is leading a hops rhizome exchange. Contact him if you have hop rhizomes to share or are in need of hops. Maybe there will be a hops exchange in the fall.

The next meeting is June 17 at Doug & Mare's. There is no meeting in May due to the competition. The July meeting is at Bill & Christiane's in Independence. The May Club Brew Day is on May 2 and is hosted by Little Dave at Oregon Trail Brewery. On May 9, Bill Baxter is hosting a birthday party at his home.

PUB CRAWL

by Dave Benson

Well, another pub crawl is under our belts and I hope everyone had a great time on this one. We met in Corvallis in the early morning at 8:00 at Reser stadium and gathered on the bus. We loaded the precious cargo of 3 kegs, Printmaster Pale Ale, Ridgeback Red both from Block 15, and a Bourbon, Vanilla, Coconut dark lager brewed by Dave Marliave from our club. We got a little scare when we saw a guy directing traffic into Reser and were worried that there might have been a big sporting event that I hadn't seen, but turned out we were fine (all the cars were there when we got back). We then headed to Albany to pick up the rest of our crew and headed out to Eugene. On the way down, Bob Saathoff had created a game by grabbing clips of beer labels that we had to match to beer name, brewery, or both. It was great fun and a lot harder than I thought it would be. Third place went to Bill Baxter, 2nd place went to Jazmin Sanchez and Travis Nye, and first place went to Ron Hall. Not only does he frequently win Name that Beer, he also apparently looks at the labels closer than most of the rest of us.



Bob Saathoff gets the award for first to tap the kegs on the bus!

We noticed a little stream of water on the bus as we were pulling into Eugene and realized the bucket holding the ice and kegs had a crack in the bottom and was leaking out. We pulled in to the Target parking lot and ran in to buy a replacement bucket. Not surprisingly, we didn't lose any crawlers to the ever enticing Chuck E. Cheeses next door.

After this we were on our way, and headed to the mystery spot. The reason we left so early was to hit this spot first. We went out to Oakridge to visit the Brewer's Union Local 180 real ale pub. It was a long winding road, and as Ron Hall pointed out, probably a good idea to hit this one first as we may have made a lot of

people sick if we went there last. This pub was by far my favorite of the day, he had 5 real ales on hand, and gave us a hands on tour of his brewing operation. The kitchen was small, so the food came out sporadically, but was very tasty when we got it. Most people enjoyed the sunny day by sipping suds on the sidewalk part of the pub. Howie will be well pleased to know that the yeast of choice for the pub was his prized Nottingham dry yeast!



tap handles at Brewers Union

After lunch we piled into the bus to head to Eugene for the rest of the tour. The next two stops split the crawlers into two groups as we went to Ninkasi and Oakshire brewing. Both were not brew pubs but brewing operations. As such, we took tours of each of the places and then received free tastings at the end of the tours and usually during. I was in the Oakshire group first, which is fairly new on the brewing scene in Eugene. The tour was great and we saw the system, some oak aging barrels, and got to ask a lot of questions. If you enjoy coffee/espresso you have to try their espresso stout.

The Ninkasi set up was a much larger scale version of the Oakshire setup. We were treated to a free tasting glass (real Ninkasi pint glass for free!) to try the Ninkasi beers and got a tour of their facility. The growth that Ninkasi is going through has been extremely fast since they started up, and there was a ton of activity in the brewery. For all the people that have had Ninkasi beers, you know they don't skimp on ingredients, they were BIG beers.

The next stop on the crawl was the Eugene City Brewery, a Rogue pub. This is located in the site of the old West brothers brewing. This was a mellow stop to get snacks and have a pint or

two. I even noticed someone trying the ice cream beer float, which looked lovely.

We loaded the bus up again for the last stop, and headed to the bottle stop at the Bierstein. People that wanted beers got off the bus and went into the store to search through their beer selection. The place is fairly small so it was cozy, but worth it. If people get a chance to return there I highly recommend it. It is a great lunch stop and you can grab a beer from the cooler and open it at your table to enjoy with your meal. After we loaded up all the people back on the bus and blinded several with an impromptu mooning, we were on our way back home.

Hopefully everyone had a great time on the crawl. We had a great turnout and hope to continue to do this as a yearly event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following HOTV members who placed at recent competitions! At the Oregon Gardens Homebrew Classic:

- 1st place IPA – Doug & Mare for Indica Pal
- 2nd place Light Hybrid – Doug & Mare for WiFi Rye
- 2nd place English Pale Ale – Armand & Irene for First Born ESB

At the COHO Spring Fling:

- 2nd place Stout – Doug & Mare for Sago Stout
- 1st place Mead & 1st runner-up BOS – Mare and Paul Jorgensen for Bee's Knees Mead

And a big HOTV cheer to Dave Marliave, who placed 3rd in the first round of the National Homebrew Competition (NHC) for his Seaweed Wheat Stout (in the Specialty Beer Category).

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Bob Saathoff

Well it's upon us, the 27th Annual Oregon Homebrew Fest is in just a couple weeks, May 15th & 16th. (If you haven't heard about this yet, then where have you been?) Lots of hard work has been going on by the committee chairs to get everything ready and things are shaping up. Yet, we still have lots of ways for you to get involved. We can't put this on without the help

of everyone in the club so please take a look at following needs and lend a hand. Thanks!

Raffle procurement [Bobby Richards](#)
 Entry pickup May 9th [Dave Benson](#)
 Judging [Ron Hall](#)
 Stewarding [Chris Surfleet](#)
 Event breakdown [Irene Schoppy](#)

Winners, yes we have winners!!! Congrats to Doug & Mare, Armand & Irene, and Little Dave!
 Cheers,
 Bob

Local Competitions

| Competition | Deadline |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 27th Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival | 5/8/09 |
| Sasquatch Brewfest Homebrew Competition | 5/22/09 |
| 2009 Puget Sound Pro-Am | 5/26/09 |
| Washington Mead & Cider Cup | 8/15/09 |

AHA Club Only Competitions

| Club Mtg | Style | BJCP Style # |
|----------|----------------------|--------------|
| July 09 | Amber Hybrid Beers | 7 |
| Aug 09 | European Amber Lager | 3 |
| Oct 09 | Belgian Strong Ale | 18 |
| Jan 10 | English Brown Ale | 11 |
| Feb 10 | American Ales | 10 |
| Apr 10 | Extract Beers | 1-23 |

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.

COHO SPRING FLING

by Mare Goeger

This was only the second year that the Bend homebrew club (COHO) held their competition. 137 entries were judged in twelve "collapsed" categories comprised of beers from all 28 BJCP styles. HOTV came home with two ribbons. Mare Goeger & Paul Jorgensen won 1st place in Mead. Doug and Mare Goeger won 2nd

place in Stout. Mare and Paul's mead also came in as 1st runner up to Best of Show. Ted Hausotter's Munich Helles will be brewed commercially at 10 Barrel, a microbrewery in Bend for winning BOS. Ted is from the Good Libations club in Baker, OR and took ribbons for 4 other brews.

Doug and I represented HOTV at the Spring Fling, judging three flights. COHO is a very enthusiastic group with a large active membership, and pulled off a very organized event. There was no raffle, but a reception welcoming all judges, entrants and club members was held following the award ceremony. There's nothing like hanging out with a beer on the deck on a sunny afternoon in Central Oregon.

BARLEY DAZE

Barley Daze is going to be Friday, May 29 at the Hyslop Farm out on Granger Rd. The event will start around 5:00 pm, and activities include meet and great with a beer, touring the farm via tractor pulled wagons and learning more about barley than you could ever hope for!

Block 15 is catering the gig and perhaps there will even be entertainment. This program is targeting anyone who is interested in barley and in having a good time, cost is yet to be determined. In the event of rain, Barley Daze will be cancelled. See Joel Rae for more information.

HOTY LIST

Each month, an updated HotY list is put on the website. I will also be listing the Top 10 in the newsletter. Notify Howie if you need points awarded.

| May Top 10 | |
|---------------------|----|
| David Swisher | 88 |
| Bob Saathoff | 71 |
| Eric & Jamie Howard | 68 |
| A & I Schoppy | 66 |
| Doug & Mare Goeger | 46 |
| John Sterner | 44 |
| Bill Baxter | 37 |
| Dave & Stine Benson | 32 |
| Ron Hall | 20 |
| Jon Fulton | 20 |

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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