

# HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

There will be no monthly meeting this week, since competition will be on May 15. Please be sure to mark your calendars and come to [Calapooia Brewing](#) in Albany. They are located at 140 Hill Street. You can sign up to judge at on the [HOTV website](#), come out to steward (contact [Dan Crall](#) to sign up), or enjoy the raffle and awards ceremony.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 15 – Oregon Homebrew Festival.** Judging starts at 9:00 am. Calapooia Brewery, Albany. [more info](#)

**May 29 – HOTV Brew Day.** Paul Jorgensen's in Albany. Mead & Cider.

**June 16 – HOTV Monthly Meeting.** 7 pm at Doug & Mare's, Albany, *members only*.

**Aug. 21 – HOTV Picnic.** Montieth Park, Albany

**Sept. 25 – Septemberfest.** [more info](#)

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 21-23 – Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest.** Newport, OR. [more info](#)

**June 4 – Zoo Brew.** Portland Zoo. [more info](#)

**June 25-27 – North American Organic**

**Brewers Festival.** Portland, OR. [more info](#)

**June 26 – Brews, Blues & BBQs.** Stevenson, WA. [more info](#)

**July 22-25 – Oregon Brewer's Festival.** Portland, OR. [more info](#)

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

And how are we all doing? I have survived the day long test of the beer lover. I hope the rest of you did as well. The pub crawl lived up to the hype and was wonderful! Those of you who missed it should be disappointed that you did. Dave Benson put together one hell of a trip and

everything went well. I didn't occur any problems like some were concerned about. We all had some very tasty beers from some new and old places.

Surprisingly there wasn't a whole lot of talk about the upcoming Oregon Homebrew Festival. I just hope all of you are planning on entering some of your fine homebrew into the competition. We need the entries and you need the HotY points. I have also heard that there are still some open spots for volunteers so get out there and help out your fellow homebrewers! Good luck to everyone on the 15th.

Good beers for all,  
El Hefe', Howie



## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

by Irene Schoppy

Howie started off the meeting by thanking Mark and the crew at Calapooia for hosting.

T-shirts are being created, hopefully in time for the Competition. The shirts will be navy with cream printing, on the front will say I <heart> homebrew and on the back will be our new logo. If interested in a specific size/style, email Howie. They will be \$10 a piece (for a standard t-shirt).

Mort talked about the competition, which is coming together nicely. Stewards are needed for Wednesday and Friday evenings in addition to Saturday. Dan Crall is the head steward, please help out Dan and the club by

volunteering to steward. John O is going to organize the swap meet.

The picnic will be held in Albany on August 21. There will be the traditional golf outing beforehand, need a volunteer to organize.

Scum-sucking deadbeats (ie members who haven't paid yet) better pay up, or Howie will get mad.

Club meetings: June 16 at Doug & Mare's; July 21 at Bill & Christiane's; August is the picnic on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 15 at Howie's.

Brew days – April on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with a fish fry at the Han's home. May 29 Paul J will be brewing a mead and David S will come by and show us how to make an award-winning cider. David S. got a first place for his cider that is now advancing to nationals.

David S thanked HOTV for being a sponsor of the Capital Brewers Competition.

May 8 is Bill Baxter's birthday party, featuring a pot-luck, drinking, and camping at his home in Independence.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following HOTV'ers who won at the OR Garden Homebrew Classic, put on by Capitol Brewers:

- David Swisher – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Light Lager, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pilsner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dark Lager, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Light Hybrid, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Belgian & Strong Ale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Traditional Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Melomel (fruit mead), 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Standard Cider & Perry, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Specialty Cider & Perry
- Armand Schoppy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fruit Beer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Spice/Herb/Veg Beer
- Paul & Mare – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Traditional Mead
- Howie – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pilsner

[Click here](#) for the full list of winners.

At the COHO Spring Fling, the following HOTV'ers won:

- Armand Schoppy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place American Pale Ale
- Mare Goeger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Fruit Beer and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Semi-Sweet Mead
- Paul Jorgensen – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place American Brown

[Click here](#) for the full list of winners.

## UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

Crunch time people! At the time of writing, you have 4 days to register your entries, and get your (properly labelled) bottles down to Joel's shop to be in for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival. All entries have to be received by 5pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> to be eligible.

Anyone who has some spare time on the 15<sup>th</sup> or during the week before the competition could really help us out by judging a flight or two. Contact Bill Baxter if interested, or register on the HOTV website. Those who are going to be there on competition day, don't forget to bring your old equipment for the swap-meet. You may be able to sell it for cash or organise a trade.

There is no Club-Only category this month, the next tasting (Meads) will be held at the July meeting for the August competition in Boulder, CO.

### [Local Competitions](#)

Competition	Date
<a href="#">Sasquatch Brew Fest</a>	05/08/2010
<a href="#">Oregon Homebrew Festival</a>	05/15/2010

### [AHA Club Only Competitions](#)

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
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.

## HOTY LIST

Yes, the HotY list is back this year. No surprise who is in first place! Let's battle it out for #2! Notify Howie if you need points awarded. Points are awarded as follows:

Paid member - 5 pts

Club officials -5 pts

Festival and competition committee members - 5 pts

- Host a club meeting - 5 pts
- Host a club brew day - 5 pts
- Participate in the litter patrol - 2 pts
- Judge in a Homebrew competition - 5 pts
- Current BJCP cert - 5 pts
- Recruit a new member - 5 pts
- Participate in club meetings, brew days, and events - 2 pts
- Write an article for the newsletter - 5 pts
- Enter homebrew competition - 2 pts per beer
  - Additional 3 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - Additional 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Additional 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Additional 10 pts for Best of Show
- Bring a beer for the AHA club competition – 1 pt
  - Additional 2 pts for the HOTV selected beer
  - Additional 3 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - Additional 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Additional 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place

May Top 10	
David Swisher	191
A & I Schoppy	70
Eric & Jamie Howard	52
Mort Piripi	30
John Sterner	27
Scott Caul	24
Paul Jorgensen	23
Dave & Stine Bensen	21
Bill Baxter-Lohr	20
Jeremiah, Bob S., Goegers	18

## MEET HOTV!

by Irene Schoppy

This month I was able to corner John Sterner for the member spotlight. Beware, you could be next (and probably will be)! John was born in and raised in Minnesota, growing up in the town of Winston. He used to work for HP as a mechanical engineer, and now uses those skills in his brewing! He loves to homebrew, weld stainless steel into various homebrew

accessories, and raft rivers great and small throughout the United States.

**What is your favorite beer style to brew/drink?** Classic American Pils (pre-prohibition). I like to brew that most because you can't find it at many breweries/pubs.

**When did you start brewing and what was the first beer you brewed?** I started in 1973, right after it became legal to homebrew in Minnesota. I started brewing more seriously in 1992, after moving to Oregon and a home with more room to brew.

**Do you brew all-grain or extract?** All grain, mostly lagers.

**How long have you been a member of HOTV and what is your favorite part of HOTV?** I've been a member since 1992. The first meeting I attended was at Ron Hall's home. My favorite part of being a member is the people in the club, it is a lot of fun tasting different beers and seeing what other's are experimenting with.

**Tell me a little about your next rafting trip.** We will be rafting through the Salt River Canyon in Arizona. It is south of the Grand Canyon. On average, our group consumes 3 kegs of beer on these trips (while camping, not while rafting).

**What would be your ultimate beer-related vacation?** Starting in Belgium, then going to Czechoslovakia, and finishing in Germany.

**Tell me something about yourself that most HOTV'ers don't know.** I am building a scale model of the Rogue River in my backyard. Most people think I am crazy, I am using concrete to channel the water.



*John at the annual golf outing*

## 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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