

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. October's meeting will be held on November 17 at Jon Fulton's home in Albany. Club elections will be held at this meeting, you must be present to vote. Club officers serve a one year term starting in January. Directions to Jon's home will come out via the HOTV email list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 17 – HOTV Monthly Meeting & HOTV Annual Meeting. 7 pm at Jon Fulton's in Albany
Dec. 11 – HOTV Holiday Party. Ron Hall's in Corvallis.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 6 – Mid-Valley Brewfest. Linn County Expo Center, Albany. [more info](#)
Nov. 13 – OSU Fermentation Sciences Brew Demo. MU Quad, HOTV 'ers welcome.
Dec. 1-5 – Holiday Ale Festival. Pioneer Square, Portland, OR. [more info](#)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

The hobblins and goblins are gone and now it's time to get to brewing. I will be brewing up a Doplebock with a triple decoction this weekend. This is my virgin decoction brew so I am going full tilt. In between all of the stirring I will be sipping on my Schwartzbier. This beer actually spent a couple months lagering before I tapped into it. It was well worth the wait. I am already thinking of spring lagers and brown ales. In the next months I will be brewing my yearly Olde Ale and trying my hand at another Barley Wine. This year I am shooting for 20%. Wish me luck.

There are club elections just around the corner. All of the candidates are more than capable of keeping the HOTV tradition alive. Those that are not running unopposed should have a fight on their hands. Let the trash talking begin.

As Thanksgiving grows closer I am thankful for beer. All Beer. Without beer where could we gather as friends drinking a cold one? Meet for a homebrew club meeting? Go to Belgium and enjoy the best part of their country. Go up the road and have the most malty, bitter, resony, stinky and dark CDA in the world. Beer is good for just about every occasion and I am thankful for that!

Good Beers for all,
Howie

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

by Irene Schoppy

Howie started off the meeting by thanking Roger & The Brew Station for hosting. Howie welcomed new member Jeff (been brewing 1yr and likes to brew IPA's) and Chris (brewing 6-8 months and likes everything).

Howie thanked everyone for making Septembeerfest such a success, especially festival director Scott Caul. Scott then thanked everyone, especially Howie, Jamie, Mort, John Sterner, the Schoppy's, and all volunteers. This year was fabulous, numbers were great and there were a minority of pains-in-the-butt. We are working our way through the learning curve. Our most pressing issue is now how to limit numbers in the future, this year there were a perfect amount of attendees. This is the favorite festival of some breweries, including Sierra Nevada, due to the lower number of people and pleasant atmosphere. Due to the success this year, Scott is having a volunteer and sponsor after-party to recognize everyone's hard work. We are going to use this year as a benchmark, with some tweaking in years to come. Final numbers will come out soon. This was the least stressful year yet, Scott didn't fight with his wife, kick the dog, or pick on his kid. The one major screw-up this year was not

telling volunteers and late-comers to the festival that taps were closing at 9:40, so people were left with extra beer tokens (note: if you are one of those then save them, they will still be valid next year). There needs to be a meeting set up with Jeff Clawson (from OSU Fermentation Sciences) and others about how to handle the scholarship money we are donating from Septembeerfest profits. John Sterner, HOTV treasurer, says we've taking in \$28,000 from Septembeerfest, and so far have spent \$13,500 (some outstanding bills are still out there, so this number will go up slightly)

Bill Baxter talked about our 501(c)3 status, which has not been approved by the IRS yet.

HOTV litter patrol signs are not out on highway 20 yet, and Mr Bill (current litter czar) is missing. A discussion ensued about getting a post office box for the club, which everyone agrees on. What is still not decided is whether this box should reside in Albany or Corvallis.

Nominations for club officers were held, below are the nominees, along with the people who nominated them in parenthesis:

- Litter Czar: Armand Schoppo (Dave Benson nominated, Howie seconded)
- Education Chair:
 - Christiane (Bill Baxter nominated, John Sterner seconded)
 - Charley Renn (Irene Schoppo nominated, Howie seconded)
- Festival Director: Scott Caul (Irene nominated, Bob S and Howie seconded)
- Competition Chair:
 - Mort Piripi (Christiane nominated, Bill seconded)
 - David Swisher (Karen Hans nominated, Irene seconded)
- Treasurer: John Sterner (Dave B. nominated, Howie seconded)
- Secretary:
 - Irene Schoppo (Dave B. nominated, Howie seconded)
 - Karen Hans (Bob Saathoff nominated, Howie seconded)
 - Will (Karen Hans nominated, Chris seconded)
- Vice President:
 - Louis Hans (Karen Hans nominated, Howie seconded)
 - Gary Terrell (Scott nominated, Howie seconded)
- President:

- Armand Schoppo (Scott nominated, Howie seconded)
- Ron Hall (Karen nominated, Howie seconded)
- Irene Schoppo (Howie nominated) – immediately declined nomination

Next meeting is at Jon Fulton's in Albany (Nov. 17). Voting will occur at this meeting and you must be present to vote so please attend! December meeting is the Holiday Party at Ron Hall's (Dec. 11).

The November brew day will perhaps be at Patrick's. Chris mentioned that Fermentation Science is holding a brew day at the MU Quad on Nov. 13 for Dad's weekend. All HOTV'ers are welcome to attend.

Karen asked about the current interpretation of Oregon Law, which forbids homebrew competitions and other homebrew events. Bob Saathoff is on a committee (consisting of members of various homebrew clubs throughout Oregon) and they are drafting language for the new law. Several Oregon lawmakers are supporting the effort. He will try to bring the current wording to the next meeting.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

by Irene Schoppo

I polled all the people nominated for HOTV club positions for candidate statements. Please get to know the candidates below, and come to the November meeting to vote!



Litter Czar: Armand Schoppo

Litter will not have a chance if you elect me as your litter czar. I will hold a litter pickup every 3 months, starting in January. It is true that if you elect me any snack items I bring will be vegetarian. Hey, we're saving the earth, here! Our litter route is along 20, between Corvallis and Albany. We typically meet weekend mornings. Say good-bye to litter and hello to a new czar!



Education Chair: Christiane

I would be happy to take on the responsibility, but also won't be heart broken if you vote for Charley. It's all good.



Education Chair: Charley Renn

The role of Education Chair can be viewed (like many positions in volunteer organizations) as a low-stress position with few responsibilities. However, it can function as a lever to introduce many more value-added activities into the club's calendar and galvanize the club to try new things and move either in new directions or further in some of the directions already being travelled. In order for the club to benefit from this added value, the Education Chair for the club must invest time, organizational skills, and networking abilities to maximize the opportunities and resources available to club members. Though I feel I have done my best in this position over the past few years, the truth is, Christiane has been very instrumental (perhaps even the driving force) in making major training opportunities successful.

While I have been able to put on brewing demonstrations at the local Farmer's Market and the State Fair, Christiane took the reins for the club Brew Competition Judge (BJCP) Training last year and has been the driving force behind the training this year. As a Professor at OSU, Christiane has far more experience and resources in education than I can access with only a technical trainer background. With Christiane's steady employment situation, she has much greater control of her schedule for establishing schedules and sticking to them. With her connections to OSU and CBS, she easily accesses many more resources than I (including me, since I have no plans to fall off the face of the earth). Did I mention that she's smarter than I am or that she has credentials to do this sort of thing?

I recommend that club members do what is best for HOTV and vote for Christiane for club Education Chairman.



Festival Director: Scott Caul

I seem to be a glutton for punishment. I have 3 events under my belt, two of which were our most successful. I cannot take full credit as timing and stellar volunteers factor into the equation. I do love to throw a good party and although I wind up stepping on somebody's toes along the way, I

do OK with it. If you want me, I'll do it. If not, I'll help.

I'm Scott Caul, and I approve this message.



Competition Chair: Mort Piripi

Hi all,

In case there's someone in the club who doesn't know me, my name's Mort Piripi, and I'm running for the position of competition chair for next year. I coordinated last years competition, and with the help of a lot of dedicated people we had a successful competition with our biggest number of entries ever. I learned a lot from that experience, and I have some good ideas to improve future competitions for both entrants and organisers. If elected, I will do my best to ensure a well-run competition and a good time for all.

Mort Piripi



Competition Chair: David Swisher

I'm honored to be nominated to chair HOTV's Competition...The biggest and longest running competition in the NW...However, I'm voting for Mort. He did a fine job last year. When Mort is elected I would be available to assist him where ever I'm needed. That way I can learn the Comp from an experienced Chair and perhaps the following year, would be better equipped to Chair the Competition...

Also that will give me more time to win Best of Show and a ton of ribbons...Thanks



Treasurer: John Sterner

I have been your Treasurer for two terms now and I'm willing to go for another one. I'm not really sure what the implications of us going legitimate in the eyes of the IRS (501(c)3 tax exempt status) will be, and I'd welcome help and or inputs from any members with experience along those lines.



Secretary: Irene Schoppa

I have been the HOTV Secretary for the past 2 years, and have enjoyed getting to know HOTV members through interviews, helping at events, and going to (almost) all the meetings. And while I don't mind being secretary, I think it is time for some new blood in this position. I will still be active in the club, helping with the website and supporting my man if he gets elected to any positions. I look forward to being First Lady of HOTV.



Secretary: Karen Hans

I am running for Secretary of the Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club for several reasons. Irene has been doing this task for a couple of years and she needs a break. We don't want Irene to get burned out, now do we. I want to learn how to produce the newsletters. If elected as secretary, I will have a good excuse to buy a new computer. I will have to attend meetings where there is excellent beer and great company.

I do have relevant experience. As the secretary of the Pistol River Friendship Club for two years, I took notes and wrote up minutes for the monthly meetings. I also took notes for dozens of college classes.

Please vote Karen Hans for 2010-2011 Secretary of the Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club. Irene needs a break and I need a new computer!



Secretary: J. William Oberst-Cairns

If elected as secretary, I hereby promise to misspell, misquote, and misrepresent even the best of intentions, and the clearest of statements, by any member or group of people who speak. I will do my best to get names, dates, and all available information incorrect as well I shall rewrite any existing history to better suit my own personal point of view. I will endorse breaking the law with the sole intent of using the knowledge of such to extort any who do. On the rare occasion that anything profound is said I will steal and plagiarize that which is said and

use it to best suit my own needs as well take credit for any good ideas that come to light. This is what I, J. William Oberst-Cairns, promise to do if elected as secretary.



Vice President: Louis Hans

I am running for vice president of the HOTV club. My opponent is Gary Terrell. I would like to be the first candidate to sling mud but unfortunately I cannot. Gary is such a dawgone likeable, good guy you just can't say anything bad about him other than he would make a great vice president. If he were not running against me I would vote for him. I might just vote for him anyway.....My platform is that I would spend lavishly on all events and invent more games and have more prizes while balancing the budget, of courseLouis



Vice President: Gary Terrell

Yes, I will agree to take on the office of vice-president of HOTV which is basically the social director of the club. After all who doesn't like to party! I only have one request: that no one calls me Julie (reference: 1970's TV show Love Boat cruise director).

However, I plan to vote for Louis and I think all of you should too.



President: Armand Schoppa

Some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. Well, this candidacy has been thrust upon me and I hope to rise to the occasion. I have been a member of HOTV since March 2008. I thoroughly enjoy working with the members of the club who put their time and effort into making club events and activities a success. I would like to continue my involvement in HOTV by providing guidance and support in getting more members involved, listening to new ideas, and development of club activities for members to enjoy. I believe the more members we have participating in activities and sharing ideas, both big and small, the more enjoyable the club will be for all members.

President: Ron Hall

I am honored by the nomination for President, but respectfully decline the nomination this year.

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UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Mort Piripi

Hi everyone, hope everyone's gearing up for election season. As you know, there is no higher civic duty than voting to decide your local homebrew club's officers.

As always, if you know of any interesting competitions you think should be included in the newsletter, please let me know and I'll put them in.

Local Competitions

Competition	Date
Novembeerfest	11/06/2010

AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Oct 10	Strong Ale	19
Nov 10	English Pale Ale	8
Mar 11	Bock	5

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.

MEET HOTV!

by Irene Schoppy



Bill Baxter grew up in Coos Bay, Oregon, and now lives in Independence with his partner Christiane. They are one of many couples who have met through the internet, specifically match.com. Bill enjoys all beer styles, but is partial to Belgian Strongs, Doplebocks, and other big,

strong, malty beers

What have you brewed most recently? A Russian Imperial Stout at 11.5 % ABV, an IPA, and a Hefeweizen.

When did you start brewing and what was the 1st beer you brewed? I started in 1988 with something that came in a plastic bag, it was ale-like. The style could best be summed up as Beer.

Do you brew all-grain or extract? All-grain now. Started with extracts back when grains weren't as available as they are now. Started brewing all-grain in 1991.

How long have you been a member of HOTV and what is your favorite part of HOTV? I joined in 1993 at the instance of Lee Smith and Ted Mannaha. Initially I joined to increase my knowledge about homebrewing, now I enjoy being part of a larger organization and working with getting our 501(c)3 status. I like the fact that being a member of HOTV allows me to benefit my community doing something I love.

What is your next beer-related vacation? We will be visiting Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and maybe Belgium. It's not entirely beer-related, since we will be visiting Christiane's family and skiing.

Tell me something about yourself that most HOTV'ers don't know. I have my private pilot's license, and I'm a Master Scuba Diver. I've been diving since the age of 16, generally in the tropics.

BALD HILL VINEYARD WINEMAKING FAMILY OUTING

by Louis Hans



Karen, Zoe, my 84 years young Mom and her latest husband, Frank “the Italian Stallion” Spacaletlli, and I went out to Philomath to the Bald Hill Vineyard to pick grapes and make wine on October 10. It was truly a great experience. The Bald Hill Vineyard is a full service U-pick with all the equipment, chemicals, help and advice of the business owner Mark Daeschel.

Bald Hill has several varieties of grapes: chardonnay, Gamay Noir, Muller-Thurgau, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Mario Muscat, and Pinot noir. All the grapes are \$1.00 per lb u-pick

except Pinot noir @ 1.50 per lb.

Frank, at a spry 80 years young, was a grape picking machine. Karen, Zoe and I had to scramble so as not to be out picked. All together we picked 180 pounds of chardonnay grapes and truded them up the hill, 5 gallon buckets full, in about one hour. Mark hooked up the destemmer and we poured the grapes, bugs and all, through the machine. Then we took the kind of mushed grapes and put them into a wine press. This is all done 5 gallon buckets at a time. We were able to fit all the 180 lbs of grapes into the press then everyone took turns cranking down on the pressure lever. We squeezed about 11 gallons of juice from the grapes. Mark measured the pH and brix. The pH was 2.9 so he added potassium carbonate to bring the pH up to 3.4. Due to the wet cool autumn, the brix was only 18.5. So, only one cup of granulated sugar was added per gallon to achieve a final alcohol content of 13% rather than the 14% requested by Mom. Then the sulfites were added as the grape must was poured into the carboys. We loaded up the carboys and headed home.



The next day after the must had settled, we racked the must into the stainless steel conical fermenter. Now, after three weeks later of fermentation, we filtered the wine into two carboys where it will age in our basement. Sometime this spring, we will bottle our chardonnay. *Photo credits: Zoe Hans*

Have a festival, brewery, or beer review you'd like to do for the newsletter? Write it up and send it to Irene, along with a picture.

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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