


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 November meeting will be at Jon Fulton's house in Albany 7:00 PM on November 16.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Litter Patrol – Hyak Park – to be announced

HOTV Christmas Party – December 10 at Ron and Jenny Hall's at 6:00 PM

Holiday Ale Festival Portland
November 30 – December 4
<http://holidayale.com/index.php>

Links to More Beer Events and Information in our area can be found at:

<http://www.portlandbeer.org/>

<http://beervana.blogspot.com/>

<http://beernorthwest.blogspot.com/>

<http://brewpublic.com/>

President's Corner

Greetings HOTV'ers...

It is that time of the year for you to get out and vote for your new club officers, so make sure you either get to Jon's house on Wednesday or email your selection to Secretary Karen so your vote can be counted. There are some new names on this year's ballot. I am happy to see that different members are willing to become more involved in the club. Remember the club can only be as great as its members and its members need to work together to achieve its goals. I am looking forward to working with my new officers and making 2012 a prosperous year for HOTV.

Drink responsibly, drink homebrew. Armand

Vice President's Corner

The Holiday Ale Festival will be in Portland November 30 to December 4. If there is enough interest, we can purchase a block of train tickets for \$20 round trip on the Amtrak Cascade. Admission to the Festival is \$25 and include a plastic mug and 8 drink tickets. Please send Louis an email (fishheads@peak.org) if you are interested in attending the Festival.

The Christmas party will be a Ron and Jenny Hall's in Covallis on December 10 starting at 6:00 PM. The party is a potluck so bring your favorite dish and beverages.

Last Month's Meeting

HOTV October meeting

October 19, 2011

Notes by Karen Hans

The meeting was called to order by President Armand Schoppy at 7:30 PM;
20 members are in attendance: everyone thanks Joel for hosting the meeting;

Two new members are introduced:

Dan Fief and Ron Garnett;

The club will be nominating officers and committee chairs later in the meeting;

Marshal – Hop Festival in Independence had a good turnout for brew demonstration. He will bring the beer from the demo to the November meeting – 2 hazelnut browns that taste different so BJCP judges will be put to the test.

Treasurer's report by John Sterner:

September Fest :

- gates and other sales totaled \$32,000 up 8% from 2010;
- expenses \$16,000;
- net of about \$15,000;

Vice President's report by Louis Hans:

- Pub Crawl to Holiday Ale Festival in Portland – Louis will look into bus vs. Amtrak;
- Christmas Party at Ron and Jenny Hall's December 10;

September Fest report by Scott Caul:

- Planning is under way for the volunteer appreciation party. Scott is currently looking for a venue for the party;

Education Report by Christiane Loehr:

- Club only competition starting with Hefewiezens; deadline to submit is November 25. Bring your submissions to the next meeting (November 16) to submit. February will be stouts.
- Next BJCP test will be September 2012 and 2013. Christiane will be hosting classes next summer in preparation for the test. The class will cover different beer styles, with 4-5 beers sampled in each class, how to fill out judge sheets, etc. The class will need at least 4 students. Cost of class is \$70. An on line class is also available for \$250; see Christiane for details.

Litter Patrol by Armand and Irene:

- Litter patrol is still on hold due to continuing construction on Highway 20.

Recent Board Activity by Bill Baxter:

- Club will hire an accountant to go over records to review deductions and expenses to be sure they are appropriate for nonprofit status;
- Club is bringing in money from festival and spending on activities that may be taxed like the picnic and Christmas party;
- Survey for club's ideas on direction of club will be finalized soon;

Club nominations for officers and chairs:

President – Armand Schoppy

Vice President – Gary Terrell and Louis Hans
Treasurer – Karen Hans and Patrick Gorman
Secretary – Marshall Guthrie and John Fulton
Competition Chair – David Swisher and Irene Schoppy
Septemberfest Chair – Scott Caul
Education Chair – Christiane Loehr and Marshal Guthrie
Litter Patrol – Eric Haunreiter (David Benson respectfully declined)
Board Member (3 year term) – Bill Baxter and Eric “Howie” Howard

Nominations (with seconds) will be accepted until the next meeting (November 16).

Any dues paying club member can vote by proxy by sending Karen Hans their vote via email by November 16 at 5 PM.

New Business –

- Calapooia Brewing is doing a bottle release and it is Mark Martin’s birthday so Joel is sending him a mega bottle of Double Bastard;
- The Corvallis Downtown Association is planning a beer version of Rhapsody in the Vineyard for April 2012 and would like HOTV to assist with serving beer at downtown businesses.

Raffle – two t shirts donated by Flat Tail Brewery are won by Will Oberest and Dan Fief (new member)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Intern Competition Chair Karen Hans

With the departure of Competition Chair Mort, HOTV needs a new Chair! Please submit your nominations, including yourself, for this coveted and highly respected position.

A comprehensive list of all the scheduled homebrew competitions can be found at:

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

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.

Club nominations and Candidate Statements

Candidate Statements:

President: Armand Schoppy

Some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. Well, this candidacy has been thrust upon me again and I hope to rise to the occasion. 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 will continue my involvement in HOTV and my reign as president providing guidance and support, trying

to get more members involved, listening to new ideas, and aiding in the development of club activities for members to enjoy. Thanks for the nomination.

Louis Hans – Vice President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Vice President of HOTV this last year. I urge you to vote for Gary Terrell as 2012 Vice President. That's who I am going to vote for. He is the perfect person to take over the Vice Presidency.

Gary Terrell - Vice-President

I would consider it an honor to serve as vice-president for HOTV in 2012. I am not sure I can live up to the fine job that has been done by Louis Hans in 2011, and Dave Benson before him, but I would do my best to make sure all activities would be fun and full of beer. However, I am still going to vote for Louis because one good year deserves another, and I would encourage all of you to do the same.

Jon Fulton - Secretary

"If I am elected I promise not to wear a skirt to the meetings"

Marshal Guthrie - Secretary

Statement for Secretary Position:

While honored that I would be nominated for this position, I have one big concern with my ability to serve effectively. I know that, given my awkward work schedule and the need to travel from Monmouth, I will be unable to attend every meeting. Rough numbers: I'm figuring I'll be in attendance about 50% of the time. As such, recording the minutes will be problematic.

I'm happy to work with creating the newsletter and getting it distributed to the club, as well as any other duties that do not require meeting attendance. Thank you for the nomination.

Marshal Guthrie – Education Chair

Statement for Education Chair Position:

I distinctly remember my first HOTV meeting. It was the day I first sampled my own homebrew. A Porter from Joel's starter sheet, I drank a bottle of my first homebrew before the meeting, then headed over to Bill's to pay my dues and get feedback from a second bottle. Mort was the first eager soul to step up.

Since then, the benefit of my membership that I've enjoyed the most has been the acquisition of homebrewing knowledge and feedback from other club members. The BJCP tasting circle organized by Christiane was eye-opening and fun, and I really enjoying organizing the brewing demo at this year's Hop and Heritage festival.

If elected to Education Chair, I would continue to support hosting the BJCP classes and exam. I would also look for ways to support novice homebrewers and better trade our individual homebrewing "secrets". One area where I would look to the rest of the club for support would be organizing events with local brewers and OSU. Right now, I think I'm the biggest thing brewing in Monmouth (sorry Dave), so I don't have the ties to local brewers that many of our other club members do. I would rely on individuals members to bring forward partner opportunities to the club.

Thank you for the nomination.

Christiane Loehr

Candidate Statement 2011 Heart of the Valley Education Chair

I have been education chair for the last two years and have enjoyed my position tremendously. I would be happy to continue in this function if elected, but need to let you know that I may not be available in person for a few month at the beginning of next year due to professional development

Karen Hans – Treasurer

I am running for Treasurer of HOTV because I no idea what I am getting into; this is your chance to take advantage of my naivety and elect me Treasurer. I do have some experience managing budgets. I have managed to keep a checking account for 35 years without bouncing a single check or missing any house payments. I also manage my program budget for my job and have administered several grant budgets as well.

Dave Benson – Litter Czar

Sorry to be a bumner, but there really isn't going to be a way for me to do the litter czar. I will need to defer to the other guy running against me. I will be travelling a lot to Singapore again for the next 6 months.

David Swisher – Competition Chair

Thanks for the confidence you have in my abilities...You can leave me in the race, I'm confident the group will recognize the best choice for Chair is Irene and I'm no doubt going to assist where ever I can.

Irene Schoppy – Competition Chair

While I did not actively seek out this nomination, if elected I will take on the position of Competition Chair. If elected, I will put together a competition committee who will do most of the work. I will then take credit for it! Seriously, after taking the BJCP exam last year, I could use the points to obtain the "National" BJCP rank. That said, I think David would do an excellent job as well 😊

Scott Caul – Festival Chair

"Me likey make party, whee!"

Bill Baxter - Candidate Statement 2011 Heart of the Valley Board of Directors

I am honored to have been nominated to run again for a position on the Board of Directors. Currently I am serving as Chairman of the Board and have been a Board member since HOTV's incorporation in 2009.

I offer the expertise and insights earned through devoting a large amount of time to HOTV activities over the years. I have served HOTV in the past as President, HOTV competition chair, judge coordinator & registrar. Currently, I am also managing the web site migration and the online registration software application for the HOTV annual bier competition.

HOTV transformed from a club into a non-profit corporation in the State of Oregon in 2009. HOTV members decided to legitimize our homebrew club to take advantage of non-profit status. This was in part because HOTV had seen tremendous financial growth during the past few years. HOTV is currently awaiting a response from the IRS on our 501(C)3 tax exempt status.

I have been Instrumental in the incorporation of the organization including drafting of the bylaws, purpose and mission statement as well as organizing and processing the necessary forms, applications and updates to the Secretary of State, Department of Justice and the IRS.

As with all new adventures, there was and continues to be a steep learning curve for everyone involved and I am happy to report that we have made tremendous progress. I feel strongly that my professional experience and knowledge gained over the last couple of years provide a solid base for substantial contributions to our shared mission and provides a deep understanding of the current strategic priorities for HOTV. I would love to continue to bring my intimate knowledge of the organization and the duties of the board to the organization, so that we can keep moving smoothly along our path to 501(C)3 tax exempt status while maintaining the intimate feel and wonderful social aspects our club has to offer.

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

PRESIDENT: Armand Schoppy
VICE PRESIDENT: Louis Hans
TREASURER: John Sterner
SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Karen Hans
FESTIVAL CHAIR: Scott Caul
COMPETITION CHAIR: Karen Hans
EDUCATION CHAIR: Christiane Lohr
LITTER CZAR: Armand Schoppy