


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 next meeting will be held September 21 at the Schoppy's. Directions will come out via email.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hop and Heritage Festival
September 23-25 Independence
Septembeer Festival
September 17 Benton Co Fairgrounds
Corvallis Beer Week!
September 12 – 18
<http://corvallisbeerweek.org/>

Fresh Hop Festival <http://www.hood-river-hops.com/>

More Fresh Hop Festivals in Sister, Portland,
and Eugene
<http://oregonbeer.org/2011/09/02/fresh-hop-harvest-fests/>



Congratulations
David Swisher
Best of Show
Oregon State Fair

President's Corner

Septembeer is here and fall is fast approaching. Time to prepare for the hop harvest, fresh hopped beers and, most importantly, Septembeerfest! Let's hope for warm, sunny skies so all can enjoy themselves and make the festival a success.

This past spring I planted two new hop varieties, Saaz and Nugget, and replanted my Cascade. Each did surprisingly well, keeping healthy, aphid free and providing me with enough cones to make my first estate hop ale. This is my largest hop harvest to date. I attribute the productive growth of my new hops to the ample application of chicken manure pellets applied in the spring.

Lastly I would like to congratulate David Swisher on his Best Of Show win at the State Fair for his Schwartzbier. Way to go David! You earned it!!

Always remember, drink responsibly, drink homebrew.
Armand Schoppy

Vice President's Corner

There are several fresh hop festivals in the next month. Check the calendar of events for links with more information for festivals in Portland, Sisters, Eugene, and Hood River.

Corvallis Beer Week is September 12 – 18 with many events planned all over town. Please check the list of events and show up in force for events at Flat Tail Brewery, Block 15, Corvallis Brewing Supply, and Oregon Trail as they are great supporters of the Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club.

And, of course, September Fest is Saturday the 17th. Thanks to everyone (especially Scott and Mort) who is working hard to make this another successful, fun, and safe event. See you there!!

Last Month's Meeting

HOTV July Meeting

July 20, 2011

Christiane and Bills House

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Armand Schoppy

20 members in attendance

The club offers thanks to Christiane and Bill for hosting

Welcome Tim Sutton new member

John: Competition 1500.02 from entries =1965 total net \$720. Plus \$24 from Mort

Vice Pres report: picnic coming up August 20: need volunteer for beer raffle - Bill will do the raffle again Picnic is at Adair Village County Park, Frisbee golf tournament like regular during picnic plus regular games,; also need volunteers for games – will put out to club. Kegs from Calapooia or Oregon Trail. Keg relay, keg toss, hop put, food – potluck plus provided meat – Howie is in charge of meat – What is budget?? Total budget is \$500. Bring homebrew it is legal.

Golf update: pre-golf tournament was at Par 3 last year but Par 3 is closed for a wedding. Option 1 Par 3 at noon and start picnic late or 2) go to Marysville golf. Club votes to go to Marysville – meet at 9 AM; Doug and Mare will coordinate golf plan as Bob will be away before picnic. Will be more expensive - will cost \$20;

Scott: September Fest – Irene and Mort signing up volunteers for event. Will be running and chasing to pick up and return beers. Joel is in charge of beer – 30 total – something good and special - that is not in wide distribution . In next couple of weeks, coasters, stickers, posters, Flat Tail is sponsor –

Scott gives account of his European brewery tours in Austria. He has contacts with brewer in Salzburg Austria for future ultimate brewing tour.

Armand: the week before September Fest is “Corvallis Beer Week” – Block 15 and Corvallis Brewing supply – web page is up- 12 events – want 24 to 30. New Terminus Restaurant will do beer cocktails, Cave open next to Block 15 – Ask club to cap off the week with September Fest – homebrew demo at Farmers Market,

Litter Patrol : August 28 or Sept 11 – emails to follow

Competition – state fair David: August 6 and 90 is judging - free admission for fair awards ceremony Aug 27 at fair 5 PM (first Sat of Fair) – contact Karen or Louis for van ride to Fair – Charley is brewing on August 27 and needs help – will also get free tickets to Fair

Mort is coordinating volunteers for Septemberfest – double up on first two shifts – What about campout -2 – 10; 8 am to start; put fence and table up Friday.

Mort solicits for new competition director volunteer

Club host MCAB competition: prestigious, and get about \$1500. Big thing is getting really good judges. Bring winning MCAB event winners to HOTV for judging –

Bill: Board of Directors – Survey questions for club with anonymous answer in put on club mission and direction club members in data base – protected – manage by web master - Jeremiah – rhizome exchange watch out for aphids and encourage lady bugs; Thyme Garden may have lots of hops for fall: Have not heard from IRS on 501 3 c so can not give out receipts – yet – until hear from IRS – that tax deductible – we are a non profit but... Guidelines for when members represent club.
Club brew day? – Mort will host a club brew day on Saturday July 23 Charley will brew Cherry Porter on same day;

Marshal – has Hop and Heritage Fest – needs more volunteers – will be doing extract brew – do we want to brew beer for festival to sell – HOTV will get some proceeds – What is HOTV relationship with Rogue? Other clubs have \$0. 10 a pint return – need to revisit HOTV relationship with Rogue. Is continuing with Rogue advantageous to the Club?
Next meeting is the picnic.

New Business: Kendal is back in town professor of history and beerology.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Hi all,

This will be my last Competition column before our big move down under. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the club for their friendship, knowledge and general thirst for beer. We're sad to be leaving, but we'll probably be back when you least expect it. Anyone who's planning on heading to Australia or New Zealand, look us up!

Enough mooshy stuff, competitions!

Competition Name	Competition Date
<u>Southern Oregon Amateur Beer and Wine Competition</u>	09/23/2011
<u>Umpqua Valley Brew Fest</u>	10/21/2011
<u>Oregon Brew Crew Fall Classic</u>	10/29/2011

Cheers, Mort.

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.

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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