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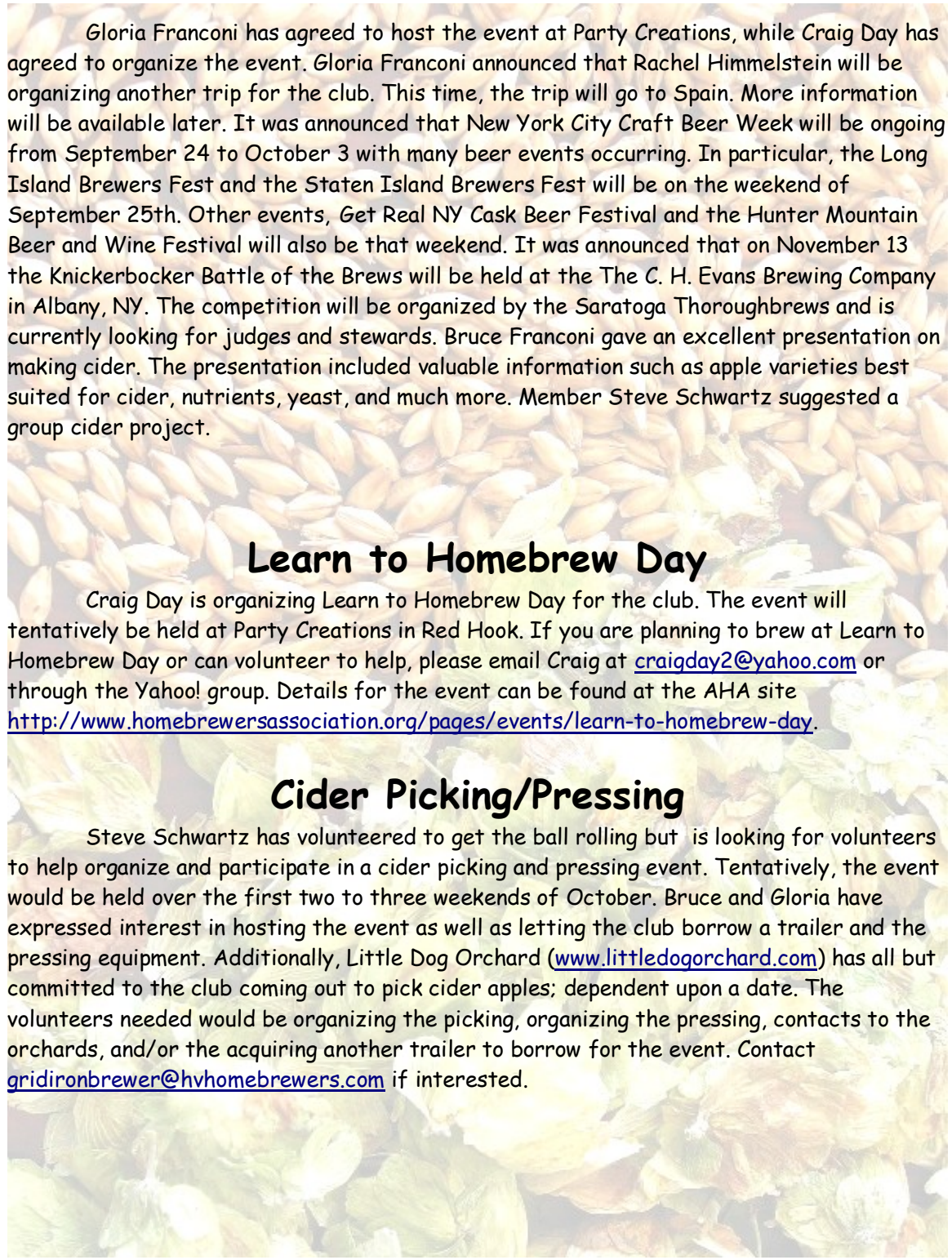
HVHB October 13, 2010

Our next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday, October 13th at the Brown Derby in Poughkeepsie, NY. (<http://www.brownderby.com/>) The topic of discussion is TBD. Also, bring some homebrew samples to share at the start of the meeting.

HVHB September 8, 2010

Hudson Valley Homebrewers Meeting Minutes for September September 8 at the Brown Derby Restaurant & Bar:

The meeting began with our usual round of homebrew samples: a roggenbier, saison, Belgian dark strong, bourbon vanilla stout, IPA, chocolate lager, and other excellent samples were shared. Treasurer/Acting President Tom Folster presented the treasurer's report. It was asked if a donation was made in honor of Paul Schwerman. Tom Folster replied that a donation was made to the foundation and the SPCA. It was asked if the meeting minutes had been kept. The meeting minutes had been kept, but in soft copy form. It was agreed that hard copies should be kept in the corporate binder. In old business, the club's bylaws state that it was up to the remaining board members to decide the temporary president and vice-president. It was decided at the previous directors' meeting that Tom Folster will be acting president and Arpit Mehta will be acting vice-president until the next round of elections. In new business, the club discussed the upcoming apple picking/cider pressing. Member Steve Schwartz will check on the status of various orchards in the area. The date for the cider pressing was also discussed. The apple pressing must be no more than a week after the apple picking; otherwise the apples will go bad. Having the pressing the same weekend as Learn to Brew Day was suggested. It was agreed that the picking should be done when it is best for apple quality. Since the pressing will be done at Party Creations, which will not be available on October 10th, the picking and pressing both need to be held before or after that date. It was asked how many apples are needed to produce a gallon of cider. The response was that one bushel produces 1-2 gallons of cider. It was noted that there was usually no shortage of cider. Tom Folster announced that he will contact certain members to be part of the nominating committee for upcoming elections. Tom Folster asked for volunteers for the anniversary party. At the meeting, there were no volunteers. Locations were discussed briefly, such as Keegan's Ales. Tom Folster announced that the club will be holding Learn to Brew Day (formerly called Teach a Friend to Brew Day) on November 6.



Gloria Franconi has agreed to host the event at Party Creations, while Craig Day has agreed to organize the event. Gloria Franconi announced that Rachel Himmelstein will be organizing another trip for the club. This time, the trip will go to Spain. More information will be available later. It was announced that New York City Craft Beer Week will be ongoing from September 24 to October 3 with many beer events occurring. In particular, the Long Island Brewers Fest and the Staten Island Brewers Fest will be on the weekend of September 25th. Other events, Get Real NY Cask Beer Festival and the Hunter Mountain Beer and Wine Festival will also be that weekend. It was announced that on November 13 the Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews will be held at the The C. H. Evans Brewing Company in Albany, NY. The competition will be organized by the Saratoga Thoroughbrews and is currently looking for judges and stewards. Bruce Franconi gave an excellent presentation on making cider. The presentation included valuable information such as apple varieties best suited for cider, nutrients, yeast, and much more. Member Steve Schwartz suggested a group cider project.

Learn to Homebrew Day

Craig Day is organizing Learn to Homebrew Day for the club. The event will tentatively be held at Party Creations in Red Hook. If you are planning to brew at Learn to Homebrew Day or can volunteer to help, please email Craig at craigday2@yahoo.com or through the Yahoo! group. Details for the event can be found at the AHA site <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/events/learn-to-homebrew-day>.

Cider Picking/Pressing

Steve Schwartz has volunteered to get the ball rolling but is looking for volunteers to help organize and participate in a cider picking and pressing event. Tentatively, the event would be held over the first two to three weekends of October. Bruce and Gloria have expressed interest in hosting the event as well as letting the club borrow a trailer and the pressing equipment. Additionally, Little Dog Orchard (www.littledogorchard.com) has all but committed to the club coming out to pick cider apples; dependent upon a date. The volunteers needed would be organizing the picking, organizing the pressing, contacts to the orchards, and/or the acquiring another trailer to borrow for the event. Contact gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com if interested.

October Meeting Officer Nominations

Show up for the October meeting to make your nominations for 2011 club officers. Be there or be nominated. And don't even think about getting up to use the rest rooms or you may get nominated.

Officer Elections

Officer elections will be held at the November anniversary meeting.

November Anniversary Meeting

Dann and Nicole Gavaletz are organizing the anniversary meeting. Tentative date is set for Wednesday, November 10, 2010. As of now, we are looking at the Dinsmore golf course in Staatsburg catered by Terrapin of Rhinebeck.

Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews

At 9:30am on Saturday, November 13th, the Saratoga Thoroughbrews will be holding their 15th annual Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews at the Albany Pump Station/C. H. Evans Brewing Co. Judges and stewards should arrive no later than 9am for sign-in and coffee and bagels/doughnuts. Lunch will be catered by Neil Evans/Albany Pump Station. This is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned competition, and also qualifies for the New York State Homebrewer of the Year. As always, judges and stewards may bring their entries on the day of competition, but ONLY if they are pre-registered prior to the entry deadline. More info can be found at the Saratoga Thoroughbrews' website: www.thoroughbrews.com. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each flight, as well as BOS top 3. Please contact me, Greg Mobley, if interested in judging or stewarding, at: gregskegs@yahoo.com. Please include your BJCP # if you have one, T-Shirt size, and any categories you wish to judge/steward, as well as those categories you wish to avoid.

2010 GABF Winners

<http://www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com/the-competition/winners/>

Brewery Tour

New videos all the time: <http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/index.html>



New England Regional Homebrew Competition

Save the Date! Judges, Stewards and Entries are needed for the 5th Annual New England Regional Homebrew Competition Saturday, October 23rd 2010 at Red Hook Brewery in Portsmouth, NH. This regional competition, run by Brew Free or Die and the Southern Maine Homebrewers, had over 325 entries in 2009 and raised over \$2000 for charity. The competition promises to be even bigger this year and we need your help in order to provide entrants with the best possible feedback. Judging will begin at 9:00 AM. Visit the NERHBC website, <http://www.bfd.org/NERHBC/index.php>, for entry details, and sign up today to participate as a judge or steward. More Information about hotel rooms, a local pub crawl in the Portsmouth area and other fun events is available on the NERHBC website. I hope that some of you can come on up to NH and join us.

Best of The Brews Fest!

On Saturday, October 2nd, The Garden State's most accomplished brew masters will showcase their unique offerings as Cricket Hill Brewing Company we invite you to experience "Best Of The Brews Fest" at Hidden Valley Club in Vernon, NJ. This is an opportunity to share your favorite beers and try new favorites with friends in North Jersey. In addition to a growing number of microbreweries and brewpubs from New Jersey, we will have out of state breweries participating. The scenic Hidden Valley Club is an easy drive from New York City, Westchester County/The Hudson Valley/Upstate New York, The Delaware Water Gap, and all points New Jersey. The event will consist of one (1) session. The hours are 1 PM to 5 PM and includes live music throughout the day. Tickets are on sale now for this "don't miss event!" General admission is \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Our brewing friends can receive a \$5.00 per ticket discount to "Best Of The Brews Fest!" Visit the event website: www.BestOfTheBrewsFest.com. Just mention promotion code CRICKET1. (This promotion code is case sensitive and requires ALL CAPS.) ALSO, YOU CAN BUY TICKETS AT OUR BREWERY AND AVOID THE ONLINE TICKETING FEE. MON-THURS 9AM-5PM; FRIDAY 9AM-7PM; Our Brewery Tour is Friday 5-7pm, please join us then!

Newsletter

The newsletter will be posted to the club website on the first day of every month. The treasurer will send out the newsletter to club member emails. Check out the club website to find the latest newsletter! <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/news/news.html>

Newsletter Articles

Yes, I'm back creating these pages of information. If you have any newsletter content you would like to see or contribute, please feel free to email me at gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com



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