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HVHB March 12, 2008 Meeting

What a great meeting! There were some awesome beers and meads served. Randy brought a locust mead, an amber ale, and an Irish red. Jim brought a Harpoon scotch ale he got at Half Time for 15% off. Paul brought his pale ale.

Randy has volunteered to coordinate Mead Day on August 2, 2008. Schwatzy is taking care of the almost annual cider press and could use help from all those willing. The press will take place sometime around October and the club is looking for a place to get good sharp, tannic, acidic apple flavor; not just sweet. Also, if anyone has an idea for a fundraiser for the cider press event; make it known.

Rachel discussed the upcoming trip to Oregon and the need for donations for the 2009 HVHB competition. Contact Rachel for more information.

Callum is in the process of updating the club website. If you have any pictures for the photo gallery, please send them to Callum (<http://hbd.org/hvhb/photos2/photos.html>). There are also links to past newsletters. Check out the new design and thank Callum the next time you see him.

Finally, thanks to Greg Venditto for providing the tune up beer judging. For those of you who missed out, that was some great training on recognizing good beers and gruesome ones, too.

Volunteers still needed!

Picnic Coordinators (a couple of people to plan games)

Teach a Friend Coordinator

Meeting Topic Speakers (June, September, October, December)

And of course we need everyone to come out and support those that volunteer to coordinate.

The next meeting will be held April 9, 2008, 8 PM, River Station. Topic: Opener Casting with Steve Thomas and Jim/Bruce AND Tuthilltown Distillers (<http://www.tuthilltown.com/>).



Reminder: Entries due March 31-April 11

More information available at <http://beertown.org/events/nhc/>

HVHB 18th Annual Homebrew Competition

The Hudson Valley Home Brewers held their 18th annual competition on Saturday, March 15th 2008, 9am, at the Gilded Otter Brewing Company. Thank you to all who attended and assisted in making the event successful. Check out the results here: <http://hbd.org/hvhb/results08.html>

“I would like to thank our competition organizers for yet another successful competition. Thanks to:

Al Alexa for being our Competition Coordinator for the 3rd straight year.

Greg Venditto for being the Judge Coordinator.

Justin Taylor for being the Chief Steward.

Brett Lavin for being the registrar.

Jen Rich for being the prize coordinator and raffle organizer.

Rachel Himmelstein for being the assistant prize coordinator.

Bill Woodring for being the Voice of the Hudson Valley Homebrewers.

and last but not least all of the legions of volunteer judges and stewards. It was a great day and you once again made our competition look like a class act.

Lastly I just want to remind everybody to thank our sponsors for their support when ever you see them. They are important to our success and we need to make them know how much we appreciate them.” --Charlie Haight

A special thanks to all our sponsors.

Half Time <http://www.shop.halftimebeverage.com/main.sc>

Hop Union <http://www.hopunion.com/>

The Casual Palate

Gilded Otter <http://www.gildedotter.com/home.htm>

Crosby and Baker Ltd <http://www.crosby-baker.com/>

Albany Pump Station <http://www.evansale.com/>

Golden Rail Ale House <http://www.thegoldenrail.com/>

Party Creations <http://www.partycreations.net/>

Beech Tree Grill <http://beechtreegrill.homestead.com/home.html>

Thrifty Beverage <http://www.thriftybev.com/>

L.D. Carlson <http://www.ldcarlson.com/>

TAP New York <http://www.tapnewyork.com/>

The Dubliner

Crew

Maltose Express <http://www.maltose.com/>

Special Congratulations to the HVHB members who won:

Light and Amber Lager (14 Entries)				
Raymond Sykes		1C	Premium American	1
Dark Lager (9 Entries)				
Manny Holl	Munich Dunkel	4B	Munich Dunkel	2
Scottish and Irish Ale (7 Entries)				
Manny Holl	Scotch Ale	9E	Strong Scotch Ale	1
Randy Rarig	Irish Red Ale	9D	Irish Red Ale	3
American Ale (27 Entries)				
Manny Holl	American Brown	10C	American Brown	3
English Brown Ale (9 Entries)				
Frank Kobes	BA	11C	Northern English Brown	2
Porter (13 Entries)				
Raymond Sykes		12C	Baltic Porter	1
Chuck Lutz	Colonial Porter	12B	Robust Porter	2
Jim Taylor	Will I Am	12C	Baltic Porter	3
India Pale Ale (19 Entries)				
Bruce Franconi		14B	American IPA	1
Jim Taylor	Hoppy the Elder	14C	Imperial IPA	3
German Wheat and Rye Beer (9 Entries)				
Jim Daley	Wise Guy Weizenbock	15C	Weizenbock	2
Belgian/French Ale and Sour Ale (17 Entries)				
Raymond Sykes	Flanders Pt. 7	17B	Flanders Red	1
Jim Taylor	Hobblin' Tripel	16E	Belgian Specialty	2
Steve Thomas	Belgian Specialty Ale	16E	Belgian Specialty	3
Belgian Strong Ale (24 Entries)				
Mark Waldron	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	18E	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	1
Raymond Sykes	Eastvelt_21	18E	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	3
Strong Ale (14 Entries)				
Bruce Franconi		19C	American Barleywine	1
Manny Holl	Barleywine	19C	American Barleywine	3
Fruit, Spice, Herb and Vegetable Beer (13 Entries)				
Raymond Sykes	21A Jewish Rye	21A	Spice, Herb, Vegetable Beer	1
Smoked, Wood Aged and Specialty Beer (16 Entries)				
Jim Taylor	Tuthilltown Bourbon Barleywine	22C	Wood-Aged Beer	2
Traditional and Fruit Mead (12 Entries)				
Bruce Franconi		25B	Pymment	1
Chuck Lutz	Pymment	25B	Pymment	3
Other Mead and Cider (13 Entries)				
Dan Evans & Bruce Franconi		26A	Metheglin	2
Raymond Sykes	Oak Barrel	28A	New England Cider	3
BEST OF SHOW				
Raymond Sykes	Flanders Pt. 7	17B	Flanders Red	1
Bruce Franconi		19C	American Barleywine	2
Raymond Sykes		12C	Baltic Porter	3

Upcoming New York State Homebrewer of the Year Competitions:

Amber Waves of Grain, May 16th and 17th

Entry Deadline May 3rd

Website: <http://awoghomebrew.com/>

Brewers East End Revival, May 17th

Entry Deadline May 10th

website: <http://hbd.org/beer/>

New York State Fair, June 13th and 14th

Entry Info: TBD

website: http://www.saltcitybrew.org/sf_competition.html

NE-Boston Region Longshot Competition

Greetings,

I am in the early stages of planning the Northeast - Boston region of the Longshot competition. My goal is to have a staff of 140 with at least 45 BJCP judges another 45 experienced/apprentice judges, 45 stewards, and at least 5 more to handle various staff positions. This is a massive homebrew contest, so I need lots of help, if you could forward this message to the members of your home brew club, or others you might know who are qualified and interested in helping, I would appreciate the help.

The Longshot competition will be a BJCP registered event, and it will be taking place in Boston on one of the following weekends: 5/17, 5/31 or 6/7, and meals and one night hotel to be provided by Boston Beer Co. Still working out the logistics, but please register at: <http://www.nhbrewers.com/LongShot/registration.php> if you can help.

As I hope everyone is aware, Boston Beer Co. does tons to support the home brewing community. I can tell you from first hand experience that Boston Beer Co. does a fantastic job of taking care of the judges and stewards, as I recently organized the Patriot Homebrew Competition, which was a competition that was held at the Gillette stadium (you know where the New England Patriots play).

Michael Fairbrother

Welcome to a New Member

I am Paul Berge and live in Stone Ridge, just south of Kingston. I joined the HVHB club in February and attended my first event as a steward at the judging competition at the Gilded Otter in New Paltz - it was GREAT !! My good friend Gregg Liguori (also a member) and I brewed my first (and his second) batch of beer, an IPA, back in January and entered it at the event. It was a lot of fun, and I plan to brew more. I am a beginner brewer but not so in the drinking and appreciating it department. My favorite types of beer are Belgian/Trappist style ales and IPA's - yes I'm a hop-head. I joined the club to learn more about appreciating and brewing better, and maybe judging at some point. As for other interest, I enjoy being outdoors and skiing, hunting, golf, attending drag racing/car events and riding my Harley. Cheers!

Recipe of the Month

New Belgium Fat Tire Clone

5 lbs Dingemans Pils
2 lbs Munich Malt
2 lbs Dark Munich Malt
0.5 lbs Victory Malt
0.5 lbs crystal 60L

Mash 153F

0.5 oz Summit 16.1%AA 60 minutes



Beer News

Totally Cool Websites

Beer Judge Certification Program has updated the 2004 guidelines. Check out all the features of the BJCP website and the new updates here: <http://www.bjcp.org/index.php>

Beer Legislation

FOR INFORMATION CALL: CLIFF LAUBE at (845) 486-7745

FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM PRESENTS "A GOOD TIME FOR BEER":
CELEBRATING FDR AND THE RETURN OF BEER
BEER TASTINGS, PANEL DISCUSSION, AND PERIOD MUSIC: SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 3PM

HYDE PARK, NY-On Sunday, April 6, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will host "A Good Time for Beer": Celebrating FDR and the Return of Beer-a special event bringing together an array of Hudson Valley breweries for tastings, a panel discussion on prohibition, beer and brewing, and period entertainment. A special appearance by "The Beer Guys"-who frequently appear on WAMC-will round out the afternoon. "A Good Time for Beer" will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Tickets are \$15 per person and reservations are required.

Participating breweries include the Albany Pump Station, Brooklyn Brewery, Hyde Park Brewing Company, and Olde Saratoga Brewing Company. The Culinary Institute of America will provide "snacks" to compliment the beer tastings throughout the event. Panelists will include George De Piro, Brewmaster, C.H. Evans Brewing Company at the Albany Pump Station; Paul McErlean, Brewmaster, Olde Saratoga Brewing Company; Jonathan Zearfoss, Chef Instructor, Culinary Institute of America; and Gloria and Bruce Franconi, award-winning home brewers of beer and cider. Period music will be performed by vocalist Mark Raisch.

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Beer-Wine Revenue Act (enacted April 7, 1933)-legalizing the sale of wine and beer in America-"A Good Time for Beer" is one of a series of events held at the Roosevelt Library in 2008 to promote the Library's new special exhibition, "Action, and Action Now" FDR's First 100 Days. Following the event, attendees can visit the new exhibition in the Roosevelt Library free of charge.

Reservations are required and there is a \$15 admission fee. All registrants must be 21 years or older. For additional information or to make a reservation please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745, or clifford.laube@nara.gov.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

Book Review

BY BeerSmith Home Brewing Beer Blog

March 12, 2008

I recently revisited Ray Daniels' classic work "Designing Great Beers", a book written in 1996 and published by the Brewers Association. Though I originally read this book several years ago, I enjoyed it even more the second time.

To read more visit: <http://www.beersmith.com/blog/2008/03/12/designing-great-beers-by-ray-daniels-a-book-review/>

Beermaking Slideshow

Takes some time to download this slideshow so you dial-up users might want to stay clear of this one. Additionally, turn down the volume due to accompanying music. Kind of interesting and it obviously took this couple some time to put this together.

<http://blogs.hundredmonkey.net/brewingiseasyslideshow.html>

Beer Color Laboratories

Looking for information about the color of beer? Look no further, this website even offers a printable, pocket-sized guide to fill your needs: <http://www.beercolor.com:80/>

Tap NY

90+ beers from around NY; gourmet food; 30+ breweries; awards; TONS OF FUN!!!! Get your tickets before they are sold out. <http://www.tap-ny.com/purchase.htm>

What, when, where? If you don't know, you'd better ask somebody! Or just click here: <http://www.tap-ny.com/about.htm>

Is there a brewery in NY that won't be there? Doubtful, but see for yourself: <http://www.tap-ny.com/invited.htm>



For Sale:

This is Steve Fernandez with the Northern Westchester Homebrew Club; I am selling a 3-tap beer chiller (Jockey Box) thought I would offer it to the HVHB before I put it on Ebay. Please forward this if you think it's appropriate. Thanks.

Steve 914-714-1968 FOR SALE 3 tap Jockey Box with Aluminum cold plate (no coils) \$200

HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Apr 9,2008	Monthly meeting	Tuthilltown Distillers	Ralph Erenzo	River Station
Apr26,2008	TAP NY	Beer Festival	Bill Woodring	Hunter Mt
May 3,2008	Big Brew Day	Group Brew	Steve Thomas	Party Creations
May 14,2008	Monthly meeting	Saison	Dave Sherfey	River Station
Jun 11,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station
Jun 7,2008	Picnic			Wilcox Park
Jul 9,2008	Monthly meeting	Mead	Dave Sherfey	River Station
Aug 2,2008	Mead Day	Group Brew		Party Creations
Aug 13,2008	Monthly meeting	Homebrew in the Pool	Jim Taylor's	Jim Taylor's
Sep 10,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station
Oct 8,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station
Oct 2008	Cider pressing	Group Brew	Steve Schwartz & Marty Rowe	TBD
Nov 1,2008	Teach a Friend	Group Brew		Party Creations
Nov 11,2008	Monthly meeting	Anniversary Party	Rachel	TBD
Dec 10,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station

HVHB Dues

A common complaint since we did away with the paper newsletter is that people don't pay their dues because they don't know when they are due anymore. Below is a list of the club membership and their anniversary date in 2008. This is not an indication of paid or not paid, only a reminder of which month the dues are due. If your dues are due this month and you have paid them I thank you. If they are due and you have not paid them please see Charlie Haight, Gloria Franconi, Al Alexsa or John Rudy or you can mail them to:

Hudson Valley HomeBrewers
503 Sharon Turnpike
Millbrook, NY 12545

Last	First	renewal	Last	First	renewal	Last	First	renewal
Adams	Daniel	5/30/2008	Franconi	Gloria	1/31/2008	Ritters	Erik	1/31/2008
Alexsa	Al	6/30/2008	Franconi	Joe	1/31/2008	Rowe	Marty	5/31/2008
Bartles	Don	11/30/2008	Frisch	Michael	9/30/2008	Rucker	Carl	2/28/2008
Beckerman	Wayne	4/30/2008	Gange	Morgan	6/30/2008	Rudy	John	1/30/2008
Blumstein	Robert	1/30/2008	Gavaletz	Daniel	1/1/2009	Schalle	Dirk	2/15/2008
Brandtner	Daniel	9/30/2008	Gernhardt	Alfred	3/31/2008	Schneider	Jim	9/30/2008
Brooks	Kevin	3/31/2008	Haight	Charles	5/31/2008	Schultz	Stephen	9/30/2008
Bruno	Al	4/30/2008	Hillis	Bill	6/30/2008	Schwartz	Steve	9/30/2008
Buryk	Jim	9/30/2008	Himelstein	Rachel	11/30/2008	Scott	Arthur	5/31/2008
Butler	Brian	2/28/2008	Holl	Manny	5/31/2008	Sherfey	David	4/30/2010
Cagle	Les	1/31/2008	Holton	Greg	1/31/2008	Siegel	Gary	5/30/2008
Calen	John	1/1/2010	Horn	Amanda	3/30/2008	Siegel	Ira	3/31/2008
Callahan	April	11/30/2008	Horner	Jeff	3/30/2008	St. Pierre	Henry	9/30/2008
Catania	Leonard	1/30/2008	Kane	Tim	1/31/2008	Stevens, Jr.	Bob	11/30/2008
Cerchiara	Tom	12/31/2008	Keller	Jay	9/30/2008	Stolarski	Paul	1/31/2008
Chaconis	Manny	12/31/2008	King	Dave	9/30/2008	Sykes	Raymond	11/30/2008
Cherry	Steven	2/28/2009	Kobes	Frank	3/31/2008	Taylor	Jim	2/28/2008
Chrysler	John	12/31/2008	Lakatosh	Jim	10/12/2008	Taylor	Justin	2/28/2008
Clark	Robert	11/30/2008	Lavin	Brett	1/30/2008	Teal	Scott	9/30/2008
Cothren	Betsy	8/31/2008	Lutz	Chuck	3/31/2008	Terwilliger	Robert	3/31/2008
Daley	Jim	1/30/2008	Lynch	Jay	9/30/2008	Thomas	Steve	4/30/2008
Dave	Parth	12/31/2008	Machorro	Ralph	9/30/2008	Titone	Brian/Michael	9/30/2008
Deieso	Joe	9/30/2008	Maynard	Christopher	2/28/2008	Town	Jeremy	2/28/2008
Denlinger	Philip	12/31/2008	McDonald	John	1/30/2008	Venditto	Greg	1/30/2008
DiCamillo	Pier	7/30/2008	McGregor	Grian	4/30/2008	Wagner	Greg	3/31/2008
Dickett	Bill	5/31/2008	Messner	Troy	1/30/2008	Waldron	Mark	5/31/2008
Dunn	Mike	10/30/2008	Moeller	Tom	11/30/2008	Willmer	Mark	6/30/2008
Evans	Dan	1/31/2009	Moran	Gail	9/30/2008	Wise	Adam	1/30/2008
Federico	John T	12/31/2008	Muller	Georg	9/30/2008	Wolfeil	Carol	2/28/2008
Fell	Bill	11/30/2008	Muollo	Jeremy	8/31/2008	Wolfeil	John	2/28/2008
Findley	Jeff	6/30/2008	Nack	Stanley	5/31/2008	Wood	Randy	11/30/2008
Flynn	Francis	8/31/2008	Nunez	Louis	8/31/2008	Woodring	Bill	2/28/2008
Fox	Brett	11/30/2008	Parry	Greg	7/30/2008	Zeller	Don	10/30/2008
Fraitag	Lee	10/31/2008	Rarig	Randy	12/30/2008			
Franconi	Bruce	1/31/2008	Rinaldi	Tom	5/31/2008			

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