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## **HVHB August 14, 2008 Meeting**

### **Homebrew at the Pool.**

The August 13th meeting was held at Jim and Michele Taylor's house (thanks Michele!). Around 30 people turned out and once again we had an abundance of brew and food, no club business and a chance to go in the pool (nobody was brave enough except for Frankie's little friend). Some folks brought commercial beers and we had some great homebrews (Thanks everyone). Al Alexa brought a delicious English Brown Ale, Phil Clarke had jolly good English IPA, Ray Sykes a slightly smoky Scottish Ale, Bruce Franconi a Strong Scotch Ale, Dave Sherfy had a tasty ESB, Jim Taylor a single Hop Summit Pale Ale and a Stout. Phil Denliger wheeled his cooler full of 4 single hop German lagers and we taste tested them so it counts as an educational meeting. There were more beers but I'm a little hazy at that point. For food Jim and Michele had Buffalo Chicken Dip, Guacamole, corn and cabbage salad, Pulled Pork BBQ and Mexican Tacos Al Pastor, Jim Burke brought a delicious Cole slaw, Art Scott his world famous brownies and Gloria Franconi brought a blueberry dessert. Everyone socialized well into the night, all the food got eaten and even the mosquitoes got a buzz.

Mead Day was August 3, 2008.

### **Volunteers still needed!**

Teach a Friend Coordinator

Meeting Topic Speakers (October, December)

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

**Next meeting will be September 10, 2008, 8PM at Keegan Ales for a brewery tour, hospitality, and Tom Keegan.**

20 St. James Street

Kingston, NY 12401

<http://www.keeganales.com/visiting/>

## Upcoming Competitions:

For the latest update on NYSHOTY:

[http://nyshoty.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28](http://nyshoty.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28)

### SNERHC 2008

The 19th Usually Annual Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition (SNERHC 2008) will definitely be held in Newtown CT on October 19th 2008. So keep brewing, and put all your spring winners and should-have-been winners in the back of your frig and save them for the competition. We will be making a formal competition announcement closer to the date. My e-mail list has one more year's worth of stale e-mail addresses stale, so please put the word out.  
Von Bair

### Club Only Competitions

#### What are they? Is anyone interested?

From the AHA website:

The Club-Only Competition program offers AHA Registered Homebrew Clubs an opportunity to compete nationwide with other homebrew clubs. Each competition concentrates attention on a specific style of beer or mead, giving clubs the opportunity to educate their members in these styles by focusing on them at club meetings or tasting events.

Each Club-Only Competition is sponsored by the AHA, and co-organized and judged by selected homebrew clubs nationwide. This also gives clubs a chance to learn more about homebrew competitions, beer evaluation, and judging procedures.

All AHA Registered Homebrew Clubs are eligible to compete. Only one entry may be entered from each club. Procedures for selecting a club's entry are determined by the club, and vary widely—some clubs choose an entry during an informal tasting, while larger clubs often run a formal competition. This entry is then sent to the appropriate judging site.

If a club's entry places in any of the six Club-Only Competitions that are held on an August to May cycle, the club earns points towards the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year award on a twelve-eight-four basis for first, second and third places respectively. Additional points can be earned on a six-four-two basis for first, second and third places respectively in the first and second rounds of the National Homebrew Competition.

Each competition has one or more categories from the BJCP Style Guidelines in which to enter, each category having one or more subcategories. First, Second and Third places will be awarded to the top three entries. It is important to pay attention to the categories and subcategories so that your club's entry is evaluated appropriately.

So I was wondering if anyone has interest in participating? If we were to participate I figure it would work like this. We would announce the Club only schedule and pick a specific club meeting that entries had to be in by in order to be included. We would then select a small panel of members that do not have entries to do the judging and pick our clubs entry. The club would then pay the entry fee and shipping for the winning entry.

For example: The next Club only competition is IMPERIAL ANYTHING and judging will take place on 10/18. This means that we would need the entries (4 bottles 2 for our judging 2 to send in if you win) at the September club meeting.

Entries will be judged to BJCP Category 23 Specialty Beer, so entrants must include information about what they have done. The competition is not about the biggest beer, it is about a bigger beer done right.

Entries MAY specify the base beer style, and MUST state the original gravity (OG), final gravity (FG), and the type of imperialization (ABV, IBU, etc.).

Note: Beer styles that are imperial by nature (Dopplebock, Eisbock, Strong Scotch Ale, Russian Imperial Stout, Imperial IPA, Belgian Dark Strong Ales, and English and American Barleywines) MUST have OG = 1.100 or greater, and ABV = 10% or greater.

Anyone game??

## **Beer News**

### **Beer-Drinking Tree Shrews: Sober As Judges**

In the rain forest of Malaysia, scientists have found a small mammal, closely related to primates, whose major source of food is a type of beer. For more on this article, surf here:

<http://www.npr.org:80/templates/story/story.php?storyId=93001529>

### **New HVHB Forum and Email**

Hi All,

I've added a link to a new forum on the main page at <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com>  
I'll wait to add the link to all of the pages to see if it gets used by anyone.

Also, if anyone wants an @[hvhomebrewers.com](mailto:HVHomebrewers.com) email address, let me know what you'd like your name to be and password...thanks!

Callum

### **2008 Presidential Beer Candidates**

The Keg Party has officially announced their candidate for the 2008 Presidential Election is:

<http://russianriverbrewing.com:80/wordpress/>

### **Weed Wins!!!!**

Mt. Shasta Brewing Co., makers of Weed Ales has been in a legal fight... for more article, navigate to here: <http://www.brew-monkey.com/news.php?id=607>

### **Beer Goggles**

OK, this might just be way to wrong to include in a newsletter, but it is pretty darn funny.

<http://presscue.com/node/36499>

### **Hop Growers Find Growth Business**

Last fall, South Dakota businessman Steve Polley was scouting for ways to make some extra income when he saw a news headline: The price of hops was surging because of a global shortage. To read more of this article:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121970968791471283.html?mod=hpp\\_us\\_whats\\_news](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121970968791471283.html?mod=hpp_us_whats_news)

### **New Brewery Coming**

Coming soon to Peekskill (possibly this summer), a new brewery: <http://thepeekskillbrewery.com/>

### **Top American Cask-Beer named at the Great British Beer Festival**

CAMRA announces winner of the 2008 Champion American Cask-Conditioned Beer Award.

"The Angel's Share" from Lost Abbey Brewery in San Marcos, California was today chosen as the best American cask-conditioned beer at this week's Great British Beer Festival.

See more of this article here: <http://beeradvocate.com/news/1486402>

## Beer Humor

*(Proofreading is a dying art, would you say?)*

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No, really? Ya think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Enfield ( London ) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape? Oklahoma's new construction program!

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Weren't they fat enough?!

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is....

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Did I read that right?

## **Dutchess County Fair Beer and Wine Exhibit Results**

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080828/NEWS01/80828016/-1/dcfair&GID=ZTkaF8s8SSM8K/V9PcVG/jdmmA1aUO5PJpzcw/G4kTA%3D>

### **Beer happenings in New York in September**

September 5, 2008, Friday  
Pacific Standard Anniversary Celebration  
82 Fourth Avenue  
Park Slope, Brooklyn

September 19, 2008, Friday — September 21, 2008, Sunday  
2nd Manhattan Cask Ale Festival at Chelsea Brewery  
Chelsea Piers (Pier 59)  
W. 18th Street at the Hudson

### **Newsletter Support**

Read a good beer joke. Found an interesting beer article. Heard some good gossip on an upcoming event. If you have any newsletter content you would like to see or contribute, please feel free to email me at [gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com](mailto:gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com)

### **Beer Advocate**

Anyone interested in supporting your local homebrew shop, visit [www.beeradvocate.com](http://www.beeradvocate.com) and search places for Party Creations. Write up an honest review of the shop.

### **Craft Beer Locator**

Looking for a place to enjoy craft beer? Want to spread the word about a recent brew pub or other commercial beer you've adored? Visit [www.craftbeerlocator.com](http://www.craftbeerlocator.com)



### HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Sep 10,2008	Monthly meeting	Brewery	Tom Keegan	Keegan Ales, Kingston
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	Xmas Beer		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	Bruce	1/31/2008	Rinaldi	Tom	5/31/2008
Alexsa	Al	6/30/2008	Franconi	Gloria	1/31/2008	Ritters	Erik	1/31/2008
Bartles	Don	11/30/2008	Franconi	Joe	1/31/2008	Rowe	Marty	5/31/2008
Beckerman	Wayne	4/30/2008	Frisch	Michael	9/30/2008	Rucker	Carl	2/28/2008
Blumstein	Robert	1/30/2008	Gange	Morgan	6/30/2008	Rudy	John	1/30/2008
Brandtner	Daniel	9/30/2008	Gavaletz	Daniel	1/1/2009	Schalle	Dirk	2/15/2008
Brooks	Kevin	3/31/2008	Gernhardt	Alfred	3/31/2008	Schneider	Jim	9/30/2008
Bruno	Al	4/30/2008	Haight	Charles	5/31/2008	Schultz	Stephen	9/30/2008
Buryk	Jim	9/30/2008	Hillis	Bill	6/30/2008	Schwartz	Steve	9/30/2008
Butler	Brian	2/28/2008	Himelstein	Rachel	11/30/2008	Scott	Arthur	5/31/2008
Cagle	Les	1/31/2008	Holl	Manny	5/31/2008	Sherfey	David	4/30/2010
Calen	John	1/1/2010	Holton	Greg	1/31/2008	Siegel	Gary	5/30/2008
Callahan	April	11/30/2008	Horn	Amanda	3/30/2008	Siegel	Ira	3/31/2008
Catania	Leonard	1/30/2008	Horner	Jeff	3/30/2008	St. Pierre	Henry	9/30/2008
Cerchiara	Tom	12/31/2008	Kane	Tim	1/31/2008	Stevens, Jr.	Bob	11/30/2008
Chaconis	Manny	12/31/2008	Keller	Jay	9/30/2008	Stolarski	Paul	1/31/2008
Cherry	Steven	2/28/2009	King	Dave	9/30/2008	Sykes	Raymond	11/30/2008
Chrysler	John	12/31/2008	Kobes	Frank	3/31/2008	Taylor	Jim	2/28/2008
Clark	Robert	11/30/2008	Lakatosh	Jim	10/12/2008	Taylor	Justin	2/28/2008
Cothren	Betsy	8/31/2008	Lavin	Brett	1/30/2008	Teal	Scott	9/30/2008
Daley	Jim	1/30/2008	Lutz	Chuck	3/31/2008	Terwilliger	Robert	3/31/2008
Dave	Parth	12/31/2008	Lynch	Jay	9/30/2008	Thomas	Steve	4/30/2008
Deieso	Joe	9/30/2008	Machorro	Ralph	9/30/2008	Titone	Brian/Michael	9/30/2008
Denlinger	Philip	12/31/2008	Maynard	Christopher	2/28/2008	Town	Jeremy	2/28/2008
DiCamillo	Pier	7/30/2008	McDonald	John	1/30/2008	Venditto	Greg	1/30/2008
Dickett	Bill	5/31/2008	McGregor	Grian	4/30/2008	Wagner	Greg	3/31/2008
Dinges	Mark	1/1/2009	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	Benepe	Callum	4/1/2009

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