

HVHB 18th Annual Homebrew Competition

The Hudson Valley Home Brewers will hold their 18th annual competition on Saturday, March 15th 2008, 9am, at the Gilded Otter Brewing Co., 3 Main St., New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-1700. The entry deadline will be Saturday March 8th, 12 noon. Entries will cost \$5.00 ea. Please contact competition coordinator Al Alexsa at aalexsa@aol.com or (845) 255-8685. Formal announcements will be forthcoming. Entries will be collected starting Sat, February 16th and drop off locations will be Party Creations, 345 Rokeby Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. (845) 758-0661. They will also be the only drop-off accepting mailed entries. and Halftime Beverage, 2290 South Rd (Route 9) Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 462-5400. If you are interested in judging the competition please contact Chief Judge Greg Venditto via email at Gregory_Venditto@bd.com. If you are interested in being a steward you can contact the Chief Steward Justin Taylor at justintalor84@hotmail.com

Your Club Needs Your Help

It is the start of a new year and it is time to start organizing our years events. We have already started planning this years competition and have three new volunteers helping with that. I would like to thank Greg Venditto, Justin Taylor and Brett Lavin for volunteering.

We still need many more volunteers. As I mentioned at the last meeting we need someone to volunteer to edit the newsletter. I am covering it this month, but if there is no volunteer you can consider this the last newsletter we will publish. We also need people to organize the picnic this year, preferably several people. One to organize the food, another for the drink, and someone for the games and raffle. We also need people to act as organizer for each of our brewing events (Big Brew, Teach A Friend, Mead Day etc...). We also need someone to organize the Anniversary party.

Please step up. To volunteer just Speak with Jim Taylor, Charlie Haight, Al Alexsa or Dave Sherfey. You can

email

me at: cehaight@optonline.net

January 9th Meeting: Guest Speaker from Tuthilltown Spirits

The Tuthilltown Gristmill is the oldest continuously operated water powered gristmill in New York State and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2005 Ralph Erenzo and Brian Lee started Tuthilltown Spirits in the old gristmill granary. Tuthilltown Spirits in Gardiner, New York is the first distillery producing hand made vodkas and whiskey in the State since the repeal of Prohibition. Their spirits are made from New York agricultural products. Unlike most vodkas, at Tuthilltown they distill their spirits from scratch right at the distillery making use of the local original materials such as whole fresh apples, New York corn and local wine grapes.

Mr Erenzo originally bought the mill with the thought of making it in to a camping area for climbers coming to scale the Shawangunk Ridge, but faced several obstacles and eventually had to abandon that mission. While trying to figure out a way to put the old gristmill and the farm back to work Mr. Erenzo partnered up with Mr. Lee and they decided to start the distillery.

Mr. Erenzo and possibly Mr. Lee, will be our guest speakers at the January meeting. They will discuss the journey they took to get to the first batch and discuss some of the different distilling projects they have done.

If you would like more info about Tuthilltown, visit their website at <http://www.tuthilltown.com/index.php>

I hope you can all attend. I think this will be very

Next Meeting

Wednesday

January 09, 2005

8:00 P.M.

River Station

1 North Water Street

Poughkeepsie, NY

interesting.

Homebrew Alley Competition

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2008

The New York City Homebrewers Guild is proud to announce its Second Annual

Homebrew Alley Competition.

We will need Judges and Stewards, so please come and enjoy a day of judging, good food and awards.

It will again be held at Chelsea Brewing Company - 59 Chelsea Piers Ste 62 Cold breakfast and hot coffee will be provided as well as lunch from Chelsea Brewing Co.. Sign up begins at 9:30 AM.

Last years inaugural HOMEBREW ALLEY contest was a learning experience for us, rest assured this year every effort has been made to move the event along more rapidly than last year. We will hold a raffle, during the awards ceremony, as well as have you leave with a " thanks for your participation" gift.

We also welcome as many beer entries as you can provide. The Grand Prize, to be announced, will be a rather large homebrew gift certificate. Additionally a special " Brewers Choice Award" will be chosen from the Best of Show beers by Chelsea brewmaster Chris Sheehan.

Please email your positive RSVP to aleliberty@nyc.rr.com. Questions can also be directed to that email address.

This, as you would expect, is a AHA and BJCP sanctioned event. Thank you for your interest.

John Naegele, Judge Coordinator aleliberty@nyc.rr.com

Sean White, Competition Coordinator
seanywanton@gmail.com

The 2008 New York HOTY Season has Started

The 2008 HOTY competition season has started. The final HB competition to be included will be the 2008 NYS Fair HB competition. Winners will be announced each year at the New York State Fair in conjunction with the Fair's homebrew award ceremony.

The results for the NYS Homebrewer of the Year award are calculated from the results of member competitions. The formula used remains consistent for a season. Any changes take effect the following season. The results are calculated using the number of entries in a category and your place in that category. This weights the score

according to a difficulty level. It is more difficult to place in a large category than a small one. Likewise the Best of Show winners are scored on the total number of entries in the competition. BOS is adjusted so that it is significant but not disproportional to the regular categories. If individual categories are collapsed to include more than one style, the combined styles are treated as one and awarded the same point values.

We rely on the competitions to report the results to NYSHOTY with the required information. It is important that each brewer check the individual competitions results for accuracy. It is also important to check the posted NYSHOTY results. Please check your results within two weeks of the posting to report any discrepancies. You can sign up for notifications using the form on the left side of the site.

For each entrant, these weighted points will be added up through the year-long competition.

To see the scheduling for the remaining competitions and to see the current results visit the NYS SHOTY website at www.nyshoty.org

2008 Boston Homebrew Competition Call for Judges

The Boston Wort Processors and I are pleased to announce that the 2008

Boston Homebrew Competition will be held in Boston on March 1st, 2008. I would like to invite all judges and stewards to join us in the 13th year of this fine beer competition. Homebrewing is seeing resurgence right now and from what I have seen, the quality of beer is pretty good and the competition is heating up. Your participation in this competition is

Necessary for us to be able to provide the brewers with the type of feedback that is essential to making great beer in all the world class beer styles. This is a BJCP sanctioned competition, MCAB qualifying event and part of the New England Homebrewer of the Year series.

This years judge coordinator is Mark Irwin.

Judge/Steward information is at www.wort.org/bhc/judgeinfo.shtml. Judge registration is easy, just go to www.wort.org/bhc/judgereg.shtml and sign up. We'll send you confirmation and will follow up with directions and information for the day of the judging. There will be some nice gifts for all judges participating in this years competition. Lunch will also be provided.

Please pass the word onto fellow judges as well as fellow brewers. All the information you need for entries is at www.wort.org/bhc/index.shtml. I do apologize if you received this email more then once, I was working off from several different mailing lists.

I look forward to seeing old faces as well as lots of new faces there.

Thanks for your dedication.

Cheers,
 Michael LaCharite
 The Boston Wort Processors
 2008 Boston Homebrew Competition Organizer
organizer@wort.org

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When Are Your Dues Due???

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, Gloria, Al Alexa 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	2008-05-30	Franconi	Bruce	2008-01-31	Rarig	Randy	2008-12-30
Alexsa	Al	2008-06-30	Franconi	Gloria	2008-01-31	Rinaldi	Tom	2008-05-31
Bartles	Don	2008-11-30	Franconi	Joe	2008-01-31	Ritters	Erik	2008-01-31
Beckerman	Wayne	2008-04-30	Frisch	Michael	2008-09-30	Rowe	Marty	2008-05-31
Blumstein	Robert	2008-01-30	Gange	Morgan	2008-06-30	Rucker	Carl	2008-02-28
Brandtner	Daniel	2008-09-30	Gernhardt	Alfred	2008-03-31	Rudy	John	2008-01-30
Brooks	Kevin	2008-03-31	Haight	Charles	2008-05-31	Schalle	Dirk	2008-02-15
Bruno	Al	2008-04-30	Hillis	Bill	2008-06-30	Schneider	Jim	2008-09-30
Buryk	Jim	2008-09-30	Himelstein	Rachel	2008-11-30	Schultz	Stephen	2008-09-30
Butler	Brian	2008-02-28	Holl	Manny	2008-05-31	Schwartz	Steve	2008-09-30
Cagle	Les	2008-01-31	Holton	Greg	2008-01-31	Scott	Arthur	2008-05-31
Calen	John	2010-01-01	Horn	Amanda	2008-03-30	Sherfey	David	2010-04-30
Callahan	April	2008-11-30	Horner	Jeff	2008-03-30	Siegel	Gary	2008-05-30
Catania	Leonard	2008-01-30	Kane	Tim	2008-01-31	Siegel	Ira	2008-03-31
Cerchiara	Tom	2008-12-31	Keller	Jay	2008-09-30	St. Pierre	Henry	2008-09-30
Chaconis	Manny	2008-12-31	King	Dave	2008-09-30	Stevens, Jr.	Bob	2008-11-30
Chrysler	John	2008-12-31	Kobes	Frank	2008-03-31	Stolarski	Paul	2008-01-31
Clark	Robert	2008-11-30	Lakatosh	Jim	2008-10-12	Sykes	Raymond	2008-11-30
Cothren	Betsy	2008-08-31	Lavin	Brett	2008-01-30	Taylor	Jim	2008-02-28
Daley	Jim	2008-01-30	Lutz	Chuck	2008-03-31	Taylor	Justin	2008-02-28
Dave	Parth	2008-12-31	Lynch *	Jay	2008-09-30	Teal	Scott	2008-09-30
Deieso	Joe	2008-09-30	Machorro	Ralph	2008-09-30	Terwilliger	Robert	2008-03-31
Denlinger	Philip	2008-12-31	Maynard	Christopher	2008-02-28	Thomas	Steve	2008-04-30
DiCamillo	Pier	2008-07-30	McDonald	John	2008-01-30	Titone	Brian/Michael	2008-09-30
Dickett	Bill	2008-05-31	McGregor	Grian	2008-04-30	Town	Jeremy	2008-02-28
Dunn	Mike	2008-10-30	Messner	Troy	2008-01-30	Venditto	Greg	2008-01-30
Evans	Dan	2008-01-31	Moeller	Tom	2008-11-30	Wagner	Greg	2008-03-31
Federico	John T	2008-12-31	Moran	Gail	2008-09-30	Waldron	Mark	2008-05-31
Fell	Bill	2008-11-30	Muller	Georg	2008-09-30	Willmer	Mark	2008-06-30
Findley	Jeff	2008-06-30	Muollo	Jeremy	2008-08-31	Wise	Adam	2008-01-30
Flynn	Francis	2008-08-31	Nack	Stanley	2008-05-31	Wolfeil	Carol	2008-02-28
Fox	Brett	2008-11-30	Nunez	Louis	2008-08-31	Wolfeil	John	2008-02-28
Fraitag	Lee	2008-10-31	Parry	Greg	2008-07-30	Wood	Randy	2008-11-30
						Woodring	Bill	2008-02-28
						Zeller	Don	2008-10-30

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