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HVHB February 13, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, Competition Prize Coordinators are Jen and Rachel.

Volunteers still needed!

Picnic Coordinators (2-3 people to plan food, drink, and games)

Mead Day Coordinator

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 March 12, 2008, 8 PM, River Station. Topic: Opener Casting with Steve Thomas and Jim/Bruce AND Greg Venditto will be presenting a judging tune up.

Homebrew Alley Competition

Winner's list: <http://hbd.org/nychg/homebrewalley/HA2winners.html>

Congratulations to our winners:

Cat #s	Category	Place	Member Name
1,2,3	Dortmunder Export	2 nd	Manny Holl
9	Strong Scotch	1 st	Manny Holl
19	Am. Barleywine	2 nd	Randy Rarig
19	Am. Barleywine	3 rd	Manny Holl

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, noon. Entries will cost \$5.00 each.

Please contact competition coordinator Al Alexsa at aalexa@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 justintaylor84@hotmail.com.

UNYHA 30th Annual/17th Empire State Open

Entries and judges/stewards needed for UNYHA 'XXX', Rochester NY

Greetings, homebrewers, mead & cider makers, judges & stewards --

Please forgive this "mass" mailing and for duplicating posts that you may already have seen in TechTalk, Judgenet, etc.

Entries for the Upstate New York Homebrewers Association's 30th Annual/19th Empire State Open Homebrew Competition -- we're calling it "XXX" for short -- will be accepted between February 13 and March 1. Please visit our website, www.unyha.com (UNYHA Events/2008 Competition page), for full details about entry deadlines, shipping/drop-off points, and to download forms.

All beer, mead, and cider/perry styles will be judged, and we do allow multiple entries in a single subcategory. Our bottle rules are relaxed (10-17 oz. glass bottles, corked, capped, swing top), our entry fee is modest (\$5 per 2-bottle entry), and we've got some great prizes again this year. The BOS winner will receive a one-of-a-kind handmade wooden stein and the winning beer will be replicated by the Rohrbach Brewing Company on their new 7-barrel system.

We're looking for volunteers to help judge and steward on Saturday, March 8 at Rohrbach's, 3859 Buffalo Road in the western suburbs of Rochester, NY, followed by an awards banquet (cost will probably be about \$20/person). We can provide overnight accommodations in members' homes for out-of-towners, so let us know if you need a bed for the night.

We hope to see you for judging on March 8, and to sample your precious homebrewed creations! Feel free to reply to Alex Macur (Judging Coordinator) and me if you need additional information.

Good brewing,

Tina Weymann, BJCP Certified Judge, competition_coordinator@unyha.com

Alex Macur, BJCP Certified Judge, judging_coordinator@unyha.com

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 year's 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 year's 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 than once; I was working off from several different mailing lists.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, Feb 13th, 2008. Late entries will neither be judged nor returned. <http://bhc.wort.org/>

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

Thanks for your dedication.

Cheers,

Michael LaCharite (organizer@wort.org)

The Boston Wort Processors

2008 Boston Homebrew Competition Organizer

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 new to home brewing and I am looking forward to making new friends and learning from more experienced brewers. So far I've brewed a pale ale kit and two extract recipes. I've made a number of mistakes but I'm hooked now, and I can't wait to brew beers that I can be truly proud of. I live in Hyde Park with Lori, my wife of 11 years and our two cats. I'm 41 years old.

Today (2/17) I was going to brew Piraat, extract recipe, but I have decided to wait, as I don't have what I wanted as far as equipment. I purchased an oxygen stone and regulator, but I just discovered that it does not fit on a standard oxygen tank. I really wanted to try oxygen prior to pitching this time. I guess I'll have to refrigerate my 2 quart starter till I'm ready. No I'm not fishing for advice or opinions, really. :)

That's enough rambling for now so I'll wrap it up. I look forward to the March 12th meeting, so I hope to see you there.

Take care,
Steve Cherry

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Saturday 11AM—4PM

Closed Sunday and Monday

845-758-0661

www.partycreations.net

Recipe of the Month

Have you brewed something that you are planning on bringing to a meeting? Send me an email with the recipe to post in the newsletter. (danngavaletz@optonline.net) If you think you've found something interesting you want to share with the club via the newsletter, then send me an email. I will make every effort to get it into the newsletter.

Beer News

Beer Legislation

Updates in beer legislation throughout the states can be found here:

http://www.beertown.org:80/govt_affairs/2008/february.html

Totally Cool Websites

Hudson Valley Homebrewers Yahoo Group that we use to post homebrew questions, club info, reminders, and anything else we see that is homebrew related:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hudsonvalleyhomebrewers/>

The Ebay Wrap Up [and] Tom, Thomas and Tomme

Tommie Arthur

Owner and Brewer of Port brewing and Lost Abbey beers in Calif

The Ebay Wrap Up

It's been a couple of weeks since my Last Call article was published in Beer Advocate. It was a soap box based piece that Jason and Todd Alstrom let me publish without editorial interference. I have mad respect for them letting it go to print as it was originally authored. It was the least edited piece I have ever written.

Tom, Thomas and Tomme

It's a scorching July day and we've gathered at O'Briens American Pub in Clairemont Mesa (San Diego) for what promises to be an epic tasting. My good friend Tom Nickel (proprietar of said pub) and Dr. Bill Sysak have scoured the earth and collected one bottle of each vintage Thomas Hardy's Strong Ale that has been produced up until now. This also includes the most recent 2003 Vintage that was moved to the O'Hanlon Brewery.

Thanks to Frankie for sharing this website!

To read more of this blog visit <http://lostabbey.com/blog/?m=200802>

Orr: What beer brand stopped would-be robber?

BY PATRICK ORR - porr@idahostatesman.com Edition Date: 02/15/08

When the news broke last week that an off-duty prison guard foiled a robbery at a Jacksons with a six-pack to the head of the perp, the first question that popped into my mind was - what kind?

To read more visit: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/entertainment/story/295832.html>

Beer Haiku

<http://www.beerhaikudaily.com/2008/02/23/the-best-medicine-2/>

February 23, 2008

The Best Medicine?

a joke so funny
it made beer come out his nose
to his wife's chagrin

Astoria Brewing Looking for New Brewer!

<http://pdxbeer.blogspot.com/2008/02/astoria-brewing-looking-for-new-brewer.html>

HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Mar 12,2008	Monthly meeting	Opener Casting	Steve Thomas & Jim T. or Bruce F.	River Station
Mar 15,2008	HVHB Competition	18th Annual	Al Alexsa	Gilded Otter
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	2/13/2009	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	2/13/2009	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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