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## HVHB September 10, 2008 Meeting

### Keegan Ales

Tom Keegan gave an awesome presentation to catch everyone up from when he opened five years ago. He also gave a brief history of the brewery; which used to be Woodstock Brewery. After the speech, Tom invited everyone into the brewery for a detailed tour. From the malt storage room to the bottling line, Tom explained the process to everyone, as well as his philosophy of brewing. After the tour, the group was offered plenty of fine beers to sample. Mothers' Milk, Hurricane Kitty, Capital Ale, and a wheat beer were all tasted. Tom even hang out for a while and shared some stories with several of the members of the club.

**Next meeting will be October 8, 2008, 8PM at River Station. Matthew Spaccarelli from Benmarl Winery will be discussing the winemaking operation at Benmarl and sanitation techniques used at a commercial winery.**

### Volunteers still needed!

Meeting Topic Speakers (October, December)

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

## 30th Annual Dutchess County Classic

<http://www.mhrrc.org/MHRRCuploads/raceResults/Half%20Overall%20and%20Awards.pdf>

71 - Frank Kobes

130 - Justin Taylor

142 - Nat Collins

143 - Steve Schwartz

## BJCP Exam

Anyone interested in taking (re-taking) the BJCP exam please contact Frankie Flynn via [fflynn@optonline.net](mailto:fflynn@optonline.net). If there is enough interest, the exam will be in May.

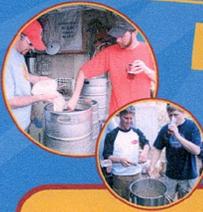
# BREW YOUR OWN BEER!

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## 10TH ANNUAL AMERICAN HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION TEACH A FRIEND TO HOMEBREW DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

THERE'S A SITE IN YOUR AREA



**SITE NAME:** PARTY CREATIONS

**LOCATION:** 345 Rokeby Road 11AM-6PM  
Red Hook, NY 12571

**CONTACT NAME:** Dann Gavaletz

**CONTACT INFO:**  
RSVP: [gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com](mailto:gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com)

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At Party Creations, join us for some brewing, learning, teaching, fun, socializing, and of course, sampling some homebrews. If you plan on attending, then also plan on bringing some food and homebrew to share. If you are planning on brewing, bring your own water for brewing; there will be some water available for wort chillers. So far there will be an all-grain batch of Irish Red Ale by myself, a coffee stout by Randy and possibly an extract batch.

Brewing will commence around 11AM and all brewers need to be completed no later than 6PM. There will be a few of the above flyers available at the meeting if anyone is interested in taking them to a store/bar to promote the event. (ie Guided Otter, Half Time, Keegan's, etc.)

Please send questions or RSVP: [gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com](mailto:gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com) (Dann Gavaletz)

## Apple Picking/Pressing Cider

**Oct 11 (10am):** Mead Orchard - if we need more apples we will proceed to Migliorelli Farm \* **rain date is Oct. 12 (10am).**  
I'll have a trailer there to load apples on. The trailer is 6' wide, 18' long and sides will be 1.5'-2' high. If anyone wants to keep certain varieties from the mix, they should bring containers.

**Oct 18 (10am):** Apple pressing at Cheryl McFee's \* **rain date is Oct 19 (10am)**  
I'll bring the trailer load of apples and also a tractor/loader to dispose of pulp.

Contact Frankie if you have any concerns **OR** plan on attending. [fflynn@optonline.net](mailto:fflynn@optonline.net)

<http://www.meadorchards.com/> 15 Scism Rd, Tivoli NY 12583  
Migliorelli Farm Corner of River Rd. & Rt. 199 Rhinebeck, NY

The apple picking will be a three to four hour event. Family and friends are always welcome to join in the fun. Homebrew and a dish to pass around are very much encouraged to share.

The pressing is an all day event. Again, family and friends are always welcome to join in the fun. Homebrew and a dish to pass around are very much encouraged to share. Remember that if you want to bring some cider home with you, plan ahead and bring a container along to transport the cider.

## 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)

## Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews

I was wondering if your brew club could provide some BJCP judges for our 13th Annual Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews on November 8th. We would also appreciate your excellent entries. The Best Of Show (BOS) prize is \$200 cash. There will be other prizes too. Please pass this invitation around to your club. I would appreciate your help and your entries.

Please contact our judge coordinator and VP Greg Mobley at [gregskegs@verizon.net](mailto:gregskegs@verizon.net) if you and your Hudson Valley Homebrewers are interested in judging. Hope to see you soon.

Thanks for helping GD with your donation,

Jim Azotea

President Saratoga Thoroughbrews

## **SNERHC 2008**

The Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition (SNERHC) will be held on Sunday, October 19th at Edmund Town Hall in Newtown, CT, the location of the past few competitions.

This year online entry registration is mandatory at [www.undergroundbrewers.org/snerhc](http://www.undergroundbrewers.org/snerhc). This is much easier for all concerned. Registration is very quick, then we provide the bottle labels and summary sheet for you to print out. All you have to do then is label the bottles and deliver them, with the summary sheet and entry fee, to one of the drop-off points. Of course, we are looking for judges and stewards. Contact me at [vonbair@aol.com](mailto:vonbair@aol.com). Good luck! We are looking forward to seeing you and your entries.

### **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.

Anyone game??

# Beer News

## 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](http://www.hvhomebrewers.com) email address, let me know what you'd like your name to be and password...thanks!

Callum

## New Brewery Coming

Coming soon to Peekskill (possibly this summer), a new brewery:

<http://thepeekskillbrewery.com/>

## Beer happenings in New York in October

Brewtopia Great World **Beer** Festival - New York, NY - **October** 26-27 Fifth annual event

[www.beerinfo.com/index.php/pages/2007octoberbeerfestivals.html](http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/pages/2007octoberbeerfestivals.html)

**Wine, Beer, Food Festival for the Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation**

<http://localsearch.poughkeepsiejournal.com/sp?skin=&aff=1002&eventId=36272&startDate=&endDate=>

**October 18,19 Johnny Appleseed Festival.** Cider-pressing, make your own scarecrows, hayries, and more. Prospect Hill Orchards, 40 Clark's Lane, Milton; 10am-3pm; 795-2383; [www.prospecthillorchards.com](http://www.prospecthillorchards.com)

## 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)



## HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Oct 8,2008	Monthly meeting	Benmarl Winery	Matthew Spaccarelli	River Station
Oct 11(12) 2008	Apple Picking	Group Brew	Steve Schwartz & Marty Rowe	Mead or Mig
Oct 18(19) 2008	Cider pressing	Group Brew	Steve Schwartz & Marty Rowe	Cheryl McFee
Nov 1,2008	Teach a Friend	Group Brew	Dann Gavaletz	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 Alexa or John Rudy or you can mail them to:

**Hudson Valley HomeBrewers**  
**503 Sharon Turnpike**  
**Millbrook, NY 12545**

<http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/dues.html>

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