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HVHB January 9, 2008 Meeting

At the last meeting, our guest speaker got his wires crossed on the meeting place. A future date will be confirmed for the presentation. We had a few volunteers for several positions but still need more volunteers. A few people brought samples including barleywine, dubbels, pale ale, bitters, and root beer.

Volunteers

Newsletter	Dann Gavaletz
Webpage	Callum Benepe
Big Brew Day	Steve Thomas
Anniversary Party	Rachel Himmelstein

Volunteers still needed!

Competition Prize Coordinator
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 February 13, 2008, 8 PM, River Station. Greg Venditto will be presenting a judging tune up. Greg, the chief judge of the upcoming HVHB competition in March, will be doing some blind tasting exercises in order to stretch and refine our pallets.

Homebrew Alley Competition

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2008

The New York City Homebrewers Guild is proud to announce its Second Annual **Homebrew Alley Competition** <http://hbd.org/nychg/> 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. We'll need your beer in our possession starting Monday, January 21 and **no later than Friday, February 1, 2008**; <http://hbd.org/nychg/dropoffs.html>. This, as you would expect, is an AHA and BJCP sanctioned event. Thank you for your interest.

Please email your positive RSVP to aleliberty@nyc.rr.com.

Questions can also be directed to that email address.

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

Sean White, Competition Coordinator seanywanton@gmail.com

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 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.

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



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Recipe of the Month

by Dann Gavaletz

Dark Roots Showing Blonde

Not quite a blonde ale; not quite a brunette.

Look for it in a growler at the meeting.

10# Maris Otter (6# light LME or 5# light DME)
0.5# 10L crystal
Mash 152F
Collect 7.5 gal
Boil 90 minutes
60 min hop Northern Brewer (7.5%)—18g (~4 AAU)
15 min ½ tablet Whirlfloc
Pitch hydrated Safale US-05 (11.5 g)
Ferment at 67-69F
Kegged—force carbonated at 25psi at 65F for 3 days
Or bottle with 4.5 oz priming sugar

Beer News Hangover

The Pour by Eric Asimov
January 18, 2008

Oooh, I don't like this feeling. I hate it. I can't remember the last time I felt this way. It's Thursday morning. I didn't drink that much last night. I really didn't. And I took the usual precautions. I drank plenty of water, all day long. I ate, a lot, at both lunch and dinner. This is most unexpected. It's, it's unprofessional? No, but maybe it's an occupational hazard.

Lunch was great, at a midtown restaurant with an exceptional wine list. I was going to write about that wine list – and I will, soon. Now, I can't even think about it. To read more [The Pour](#).

Glasses White with Foam

by Seth Kugel
November 25, 2007

IF you're in Napa, would you order a Côte du Rhône syrah? In Italy, would you eat microwavable Chef Boyardee? In Belgium, would you buy a Hershey bar?

So when you're in New York, why would you order a Coors Light or Corona when there are so many great in-state (and in-city) beers to choose from?

O.K., so New York isn't an internationally celebrated beer capital. But microbrews and craft beers you won't find in much of the country are sold throughout the city, in flavors ranging from subtle to walloping (but skewed heavily toward walloping). Sure, you might find Saranac and Brooklyn Brewery beers in a state near you, but others are not available in much of the country; one of the state's finest breweries, Southampton, just made it into its ninth state, South Carolina. Not bad. To read more [Glasses White with Foam](#).

Beer gets ahead as tiny brewers find holy grail

by Jamie Doward
Sunday January 13, 2008

As the famously patriotic pub landlord Al Murray might put it: 'All hail to the ale.' For British beer is most definitely back. After decades of falling sales, during which scores of breweries went to the wall, consumers are now rekindling their love affair with bitter. For the first time in living memory, sales of beer are increasing while those of lager are on the wane - at least in Britain's supermarkets. To read more [The Observer](#).

Video Tour Beermann's Beerwerks (7:43)

<http://www.vimeo.com/606575>
www.beermanns.com

HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Feb 13,2008	Monthly meeting	Judging tune up	Greg Venditto	River Station
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	Joe	1/31/2008	Rowe	Marty	5/31/2008
Alexsa	Al	6/30/2008	Frisch	Michael	9/30/2008	Rucker	Carl	2/28/2008
Bartles	Don	11/30/2008	Gange	Morgan	6/30/2008	Rudy	John	1/30/2008
Beckerman	Wayne	4/30/2008	Gavaletz	Daniel	1/1/2009	Schalle	Dirk	2/15/2008
Blumstein	Robert	1/30/2008	Gernhardt	Alfred	3/31/2008	Schneider	Jim	9/30/2008
Brandtner	Daniel	9/30/2008	Haight	Charles	5/31/2008	Schultz	Stephen	9/30/2008
Brooks	Kevin	3/31/2008	Hillis	Bill	6/30/2008	Schwartz	Steve	9/30/2008
Bruno	Al	4/30/2008	Himmelstein	Rachel	11/30/2008	Scott	Arthur	5/31/2008
Buryk	Jim	9/30/2008	Holl	Manny	5/31/2008	Sherfey	David	4/30/2010
Butler	Brian	2/28/2008	Holton	Greg	1/31/2008	Siegel	Gary	5/30/2008
Cagle	Les	1/31/2008	Horn	Amanda	3/30/2008	Siegel	Ira	3/31/2008
Calen	John	1/1/2010	Horner	Jeff	3/30/2008	St. Pierre	Henry	9/30/2008
Callahan	April	11/30/2008	Kane	Tim	1/31/2008	Stevens, Jr.	Bob	11/30/2008
Catania	Leonard	1/30/2008	Keller	Jay	9/30/2008	Stolarski	Paul	1/31/2008
Cerchiara	Tom	12/31/2008	King	Dave	9/30/2008	Sykes	Raymond	11/30/2008
Chaconis	Manny	12/31/2008	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	1/31/2008	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			
Franconi	Gloria	1/31/2008	Ritters	Erik	1/31/2008			