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

## HVHB September 9, 2009 Meeting

Dann Gavaletz gave a presentation on basic chemistry. If you missed it, look for a presentation on the HVHB homepage. Many members brought excellent samples of their latest creations.

## HVHB October 14, 2009 8PM

Dubliner <http://www.dublinerpubny.com/>, 8PM There might be a surprise speaker with an interesting topic.

## HVHB Sad News

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/declassifieds?Dato=20090924&Kategori=obits&Class=1&Type=CAT2000&Lopenr=909240427&Selected=5>

I would like to thank the club for the beautiful flower arrangement they sent for my Patti. She so loved flowers and I am sure that she must have had a huge smile on her face when she saw the spectacle that was on display at the visitation and funeral. As many of you know Patti loved the club and all of its members. I would also like to thank all of you that have been there with your love and support over this last 19 months. It is with this support that we were able to persevere. Some of you may have heard me say this before, but it bears repeating. Patti showed us all the true meaning of Grace Courage and Love and I can only hope that I can rise to her standard in all that I do and am in life. Thank You, Charlie & Charles

## SODA KEGS for SALE

Bill Dickett has 4 soda kegs for sale at \$25.00 each.

He also has 1 soda keg with a Sanke connection for the same price.

Bill can be reached at (845)266-5866 or [Billd6@optonline.net](mailto:Billd6@optonline.net)

## OAK BARREL for Sale

Used 30 gallon oak barrel - used for cider only ... call Robert Woodward at 876-1136

## Teach a Friend

The first Saturday in November is the annual teach a friend to homebrew event; the date is set for November 7, 2009. Craig Day will be heading up the event. Check with the Brewers Association website for more details (<http://beertown.org/events/teach/index.html>). Or contact Craig ([craigday2@yahoo.com](mailto:craigday2@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in helping out or brewing that day.

## Dry vs. Liquid Yeast (Zymurgy online)

By Horst Dornbusch and Tod Mott

“The promotional campaign is now in full swing with full-page advertisements in major brew magazines. But dried yeast? No way! After all, many of us in the American craft brewing industry arrived at the professional ranks via the homebrew route. We remember the bad old days when our dried yeast pitches gave us randomly slow or stuck fermentations at best and infected brews at worst, all for reasons that were largely inexplicable to us then.” To read more visit the link below:

[http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/zymurgy\\_magazine/pdf/JAzym06\\_YeastDebate.pdf](http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/zymurgy_magazine/pdf/JAzym06_YeastDebate.pdf)

## Grape Must

From Ray Sykes

I ordered grape must (Cabernet Sauvignon) last year from them, came from Lodi .6 gals for \$48. About a buck or so higher this year also Italian must and grapes went down 20%. Go figure; don't want to step on toes but you can make great wine for 3\$- to 6\$ a bottle what you would spend or more going out. So why not? They also got a lot of equipment for sale including pot stills. So you could make brandy (not for internal use) Robins produce warehouse <http://pantanowine.com/>.

## Poughkeepsie Water Update

“About 70,000 people in Dutchess County may soon taste chlorine in their water as the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility temporarily changes the process it uses to disinfect Hudson River water. Facility Administrator Paul Lill said customers may notice a chlorine taste for about six weeks beginning Sept. 28.” For more of the article:

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009909200360>

## Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews

Hi All, This is a Call for Judges, Stewards, and entries for the 14th Annual Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews, to be held at 9:30 am, on Saturday, November 14th, at the Albany Pump Station/C. H. Evans Brewing company, in Albany, NY. Judges and Stewards should arrive by 9am for registration, coffee, and bagels/donuts. Lunch will be catered by Neil Evans/Albany Pump Station. This is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned competition, and also qualifies towards the New York State Homebrewer of the Year. As always, Judges and Stewards may bring their entries on the day of competition, provided they are registered with Keith Looney, Competition Organizer and Registrar, prior to the entry deadline. More info can be found at the Saratoga Thoroughbrews' website: [www.thoroughbrews.com](http://www.thoroughbrews.com). Last year, we had 227 entries, and over \$2000 in prizes were up for grabs in the raffle and for competition winners. Medals will be awarded for the top three entries in each flight, as well as the top three in the Best of Show round. Please contact me, Greg Mobley, if interested in being a Judge or Steward, at: [gregskegs@verizon.net](mailto:gregskegs@verizon.net). Please include any category you wish to judge/steward, as well as those you wish to avoid. Hope to see you there, Greg Mobley; President/Judge Coordinator; Saratoga Thoroughbrews



## Oktoberfest 2009 Pictures

[http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/09/oktoberfest\\_2009.html](http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/09/oktoberfest_2009.html)

## Brewery Tour

Take an eight minute tour of the Blackfoot River Brewing Company:  
<http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/index.html>

## SNERHC

<http://www.undergroundbrewers.org/snerhc/index.php>

## Not Beer Related but Seemed Cool

<http://www.neave.com/strobe/>

## GABF Results

Find all the results from 78 categories of the Great American Beer Festival here:  
[http://www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com/pdf/winners/gabf09\\_winners.pdf](http://www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com/pdf/winners/gabf09_winners.pdf)

## HVHB 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

The club is coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thinking about the big party. The tentative dates will be a Saturday late afternoon in November (7, 14, or 21), possibly at Keegan Ales. Frankie is working out all the kinks. Contact him if you'd wish to lend a hand or plan on going. ([fflynn@optonline.net](mailto:fflynn@optonline.net))

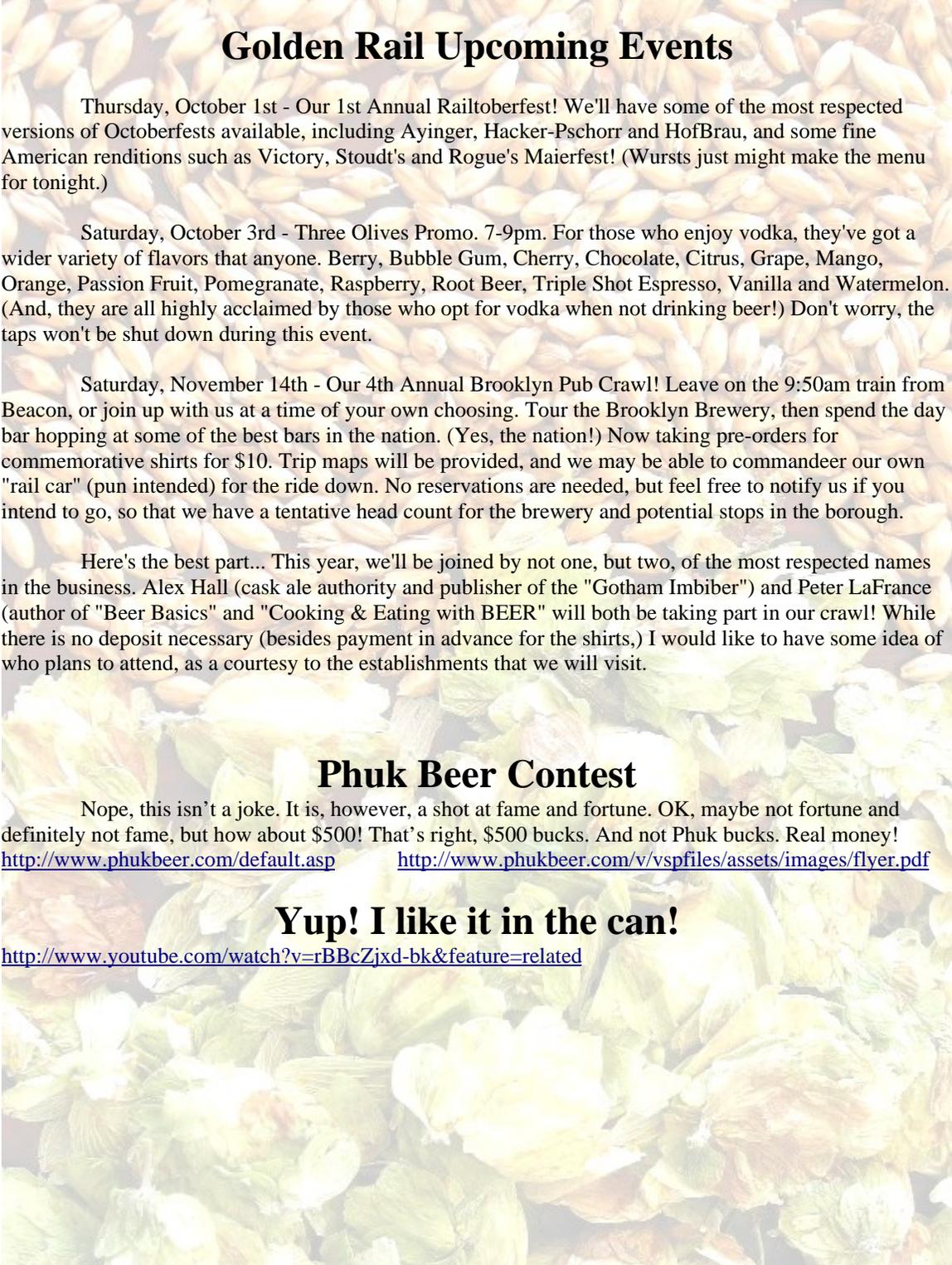
## Newsletter

Don't want to wait until a couple nights before the next meeting to read the latest newsletter? Check out the club website to find the latest newsletter! Or just wait for it to show up in your inbox.

## Newsletter Articles

***Thanks for all of the feedback coming in for the newsletter. It is much appreciated!***

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)



## Golden Rail Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 1st - Our 1st Annual Railtoberfest! We'll have some of the most respected versions of Octoberfests available, including Ayinger, Hacker-Pschorr and HofBrau, and some fine American renditions such as Victory, Stoudt's and Rogue's Maierfest! (Wursts just might make the menu for tonight.)

Saturday, October 3rd - Three Olives Promo. 7-9pm. For those who enjoy vodka, they've got a wider variety of flavors that anyone. Berry, Bubble Gum, Cherry, Chocolate, Citrus, Grape, Mango, Orange, Passion Fruit, Pomegranate, Raspberry, Root Beer, Triple Shot Espresso, Vanilla and Watermelon. (And, they are all highly acclaimed by those who opt for vodka when not drinking beer!) Don't worry, the taps won't be shut down during this event.

Saturday, November 14th - Our 4th Annual Brooklyn Pub Crawl! Leave on the 9:50am train from Beacon, or join up with us at a time of your own choosing. Tour the Brooklyn Brewery, then spend the day bar hopping at some of the best bars in the nation. (Yes, the nation!) Now taking pre-orders for commemorative shirts for \$10. Trip maps will be provided, and we may be able to commandeer our own "rail car" (pun intended) for the ride down. No reservations are needed, but feel free to notify us if you intend to go, so that we have a tentative head count for the brewery and potential stops in the borough.

Here's the best part... This year, we'll be joined by not one, but two, of the most respected names in the business. Alex Hall (cask ale authority and publisher of the "Gotham Imbiber") and Peter LaFrance (author of "Beer Basics" and "Cooking & Eating with BEER" will both be taking part in our crawl! While there is no deposit necessary (besides payment in advance for the shirts,) I would like to have some idea of who plans to attend, as a courtesy to the establishments that we will visit.

## Phuk Beer Contest

Nope, this isn't a joke. It is, however, a shot at fame and fortune. OK, maybe not fortune and definitely not fame, but how about \$500! That's right, \$500 bucks. And not Phuk bucks. Real money!

<http://www.phukbeer.com/default.asp>

<http://www.phukbeer.com/v/vspfiles/assets/images/flyer.pdf>

## Yup! I like it in the can!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBBcZjxd-bk&feature=related>



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## HVHB Dues

*If you don't want your name to appear on the website, please notify Callum Benepe or John Rudy from <http://hvhomebrewers.com/contacts.html>*

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, Al Alexsa, or John Rudy or you can mail them to:

**Hudson Valley HomeBrewers**  
503 Sharon Turnpike  
Millbrook, NY 12545  
<http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/dues.html>