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HVHB January 12, 2010

Our next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday, January 12 at the Derby in Poughkeepsie.

HVHB December 8, 2010

Call to Order at 2010 hours by President Tom Folster.

Treasury Report: As of 11/18/10, \$1805.61 in the club's account. We spent \$945 for our annual dinner and took in \$40 in dues tonight, leaving a balance of \$961.

Orders of Business

1) Elections. The nominations for 2011 officers are as follows:

President: Tom Folster Vice-President: Phil VanItalie

Treasurer: John Rudy Secretary: Eric Kennett

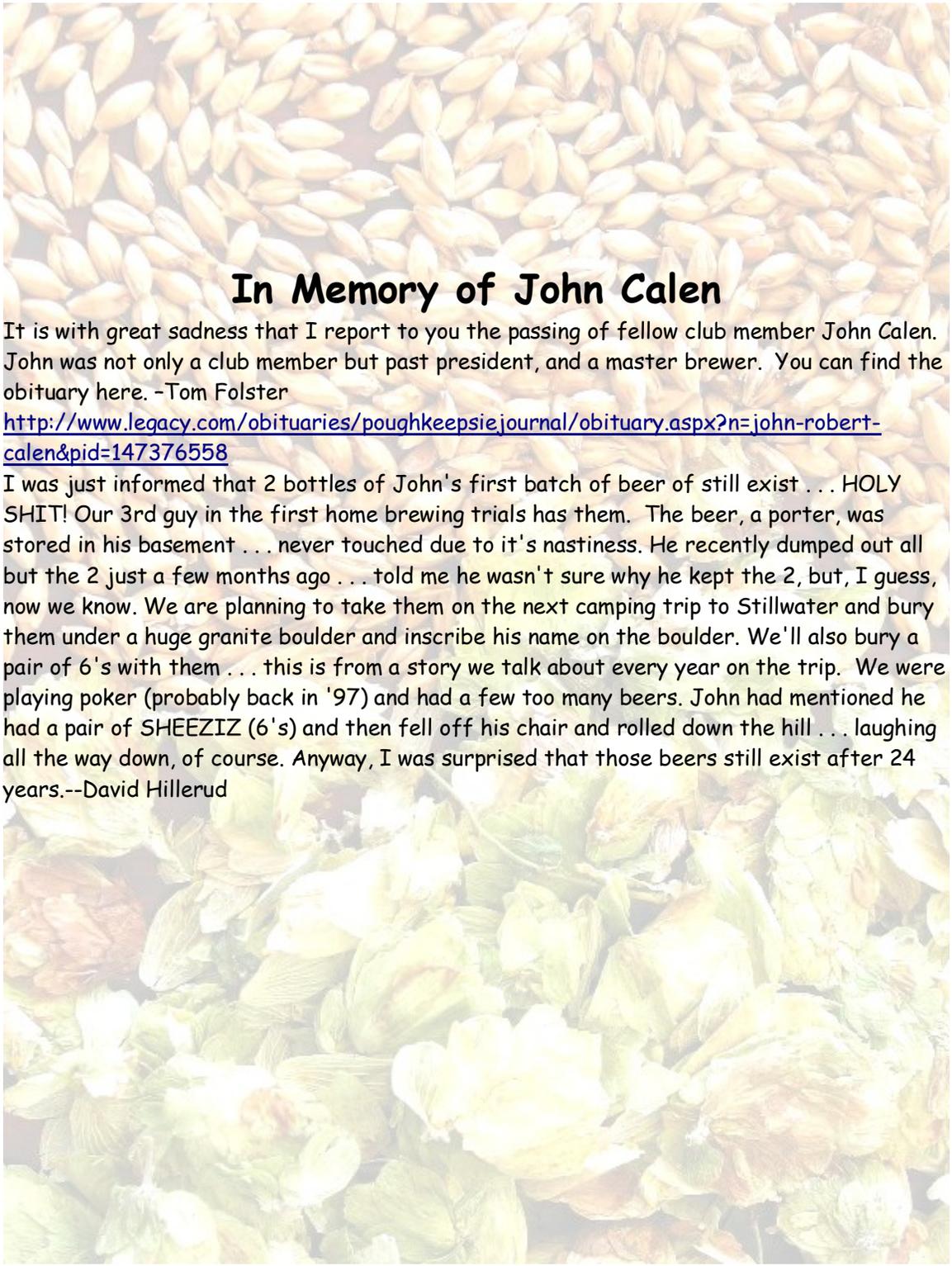
Sargent at Arms: Craig Day

Since no seats were contested, the President motioned that a voice vote be taken to confirm the read nominations as the next slate of officers for 2011. There were no objections from the membership and the single voice vote passed.

2) Competition. Presented by Justin Taylor.

The date for the HV Homebrewers competition will be March 26, 2011. The registration deadline is March 19, 2011. Drop-off locations for contest beers will most likely be in locations as in past years: Half Time in Poughkeepsie, Maltose in Monroe CT, and Party Creations in Red Hook. Jen will be coordinating prizes and is looking for assistance if anybody has any favors to call in from local vendors. Justin is also looking for a Steward Coordinator for the event. Justin can be reached at JustinTaylor84@hotmail.com. The event will be held at the Gilded Otter in New Paltz.

3) Education. No business.

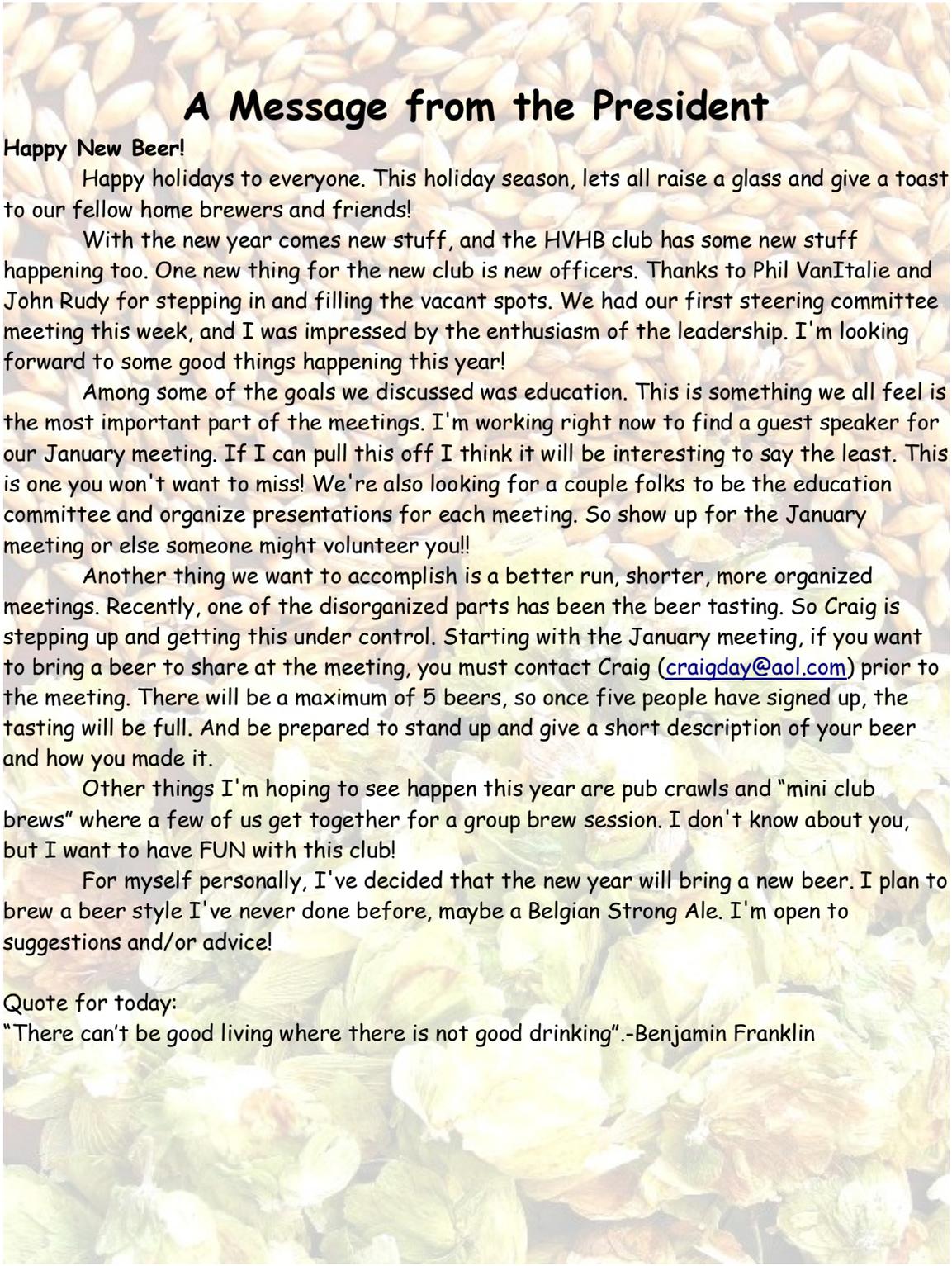


In Memory of John Calen

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of fellow club member John Calen. John was not only a club member but past president, and a master brewer. You can find the obituary here. -Tom Folster

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/poughkeepsiejournal/obituary.aspx?n=john-robert-calen&pid=147376558>

I was just informed that 2 bottles of John's first batch of beer of still exist . . . HOLY SHIT! Our 3rd guy in the first home brewing trials has them. The beer, a porter, was stored in his basement . . . never touched due to it's nastiness. He recently dumped out all but the 2 just a few months ago . . . told me he wasn't sure why he kept the 2, but, I guess, now we know. We are planning to take them on the next camping trip to Stillwater and bury them under a huge granite boulder and inscribe his name on the boulder. We'll also bury a pair of 6's with them . . . this is from a story we talk about every year on the trip. We were playing poker (probably back in '97) and had a few too many beers. John had mentioned he had a pair of SHEEZIZ (6's) and then fell off his chair and rolled down the hill . . . laughing all the way down, of course. Anyway, I was surprised that those beers still exist after 24 years.--David Hillerud



A Message from the President

Happy New Beer!

Happy holidays to everyone. This holiday season, lets all raise a glass and give a toast to our fellow home brewers and friends!

With the new year comes new stuff, and the HVHB club has some new stuff happening too. One new thing for the new club is new officers. Thanks to Phil VanItalie and John Rudy for stepping in and filling the vacant spots. We had our first steering committee meeting this week, and I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the leadership. I'm looking forward to some good things happening this year!

Among some of the goals we discussed was education. This is something we all feel is the most important part of the meetings. I'm working right now to find a guest speaker for our January meeting. If I can pull this off I think it will be interesting to say the least. This is one you won't want to miss! We're also looking for a couple folks to be the education committee and organize presentations for each meeting. So show up for the January meeting or else someone might volunteer you!!

Another thing we want to accomplish is a better run, shorter, more organized meetings. Recently, one of the disorganized parts has been the beer tasting. So Craig is stepping up and getting this under control. Starting with the January meeting, if you want to bring a beer to share at the meeting, you must contact Craig (craigqday@aol.com) prior to the meeting. There will be a maximum of 5 beers, so once five people have signed up, the tasting will be full. And be prepared to stand up and give a short description of your beer and how you made it.

Other things I'm hoping to see happen this year are pub crawls and "mini club brews" where a few of us get together for a group brew session. I don't know about you, but I want to have FUN with this club!

For myself personally, I've decided that the new year will bring a new beer. I plan to brew a beer style I've never done before, maybe a Belgian Strong Ale. I'm open to suggestions and/or advice!

Quote for today:

"There can't be good living where there is not good drinking".-Benjamin Franklin

The Hudson Valley Homebrewers 21st Annual Homebrew Competition

Saturday, March 26, 2010

At the Gilded Otter Brewing Company, 3 Main St., New Paltz, New York

Entries will accepted from Saturday, March 5th and the deadline, Saturday March 19th at 12:00 Noon

The Hudson Valley Homebrewers are pleased to present our 21st Annual Homebrew Competition. This is an AHA and BJCP sanctioned event. Over the years we have enjoyed an event that provides valuable feedback to brewers, great prizes to those who win, and an entertaining day for those who participate as judges and stewards. The competition is open to all amateur brewers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Beer, Mead, and Cider entries are welcomed. Entry categories are per the **2008 BJCP Style Guidelines**. The complete Guidelines can be found on the Web at www.bjcp.org
2. Each entry must be homebrewed **NO** commercially brewed beverages allowed.
3. The entry fee is \$6.00 per entry. Checks are preferable for your security. Make checks payable to **Hudson Valley Homebrewers, Inc.**
4. **Brewers must submit two (2) 10 to 20 oz. bottles per entry** Swing-top bottles are OK, as are carbonators. Caps must be plain with any markings blacked out.
5. Each bottle must have a completed bottle label fastened by rubber band only. **NO TAPE PLEASE!**
6. A completed entry form must accompany each entry. Pick up a competition announcement package with all necessary forms at our web site <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com>. Entries will be accepted between Saturday, March 5th, and **the entry deadline, 12:00 Noon, Saturday March 19th.**

DROP-OFF AND SHIP TO LOCATIONS

Party Creations (ship to and drop-off)	Half Time (drop-off only)	Maltose Express (drop-off only)
345 Rokeby Road	Route 9	887 Main St
Red Hook, NY 12571	Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	Monroe, CT 06468
(845) 758-0661	(845) 462-5400	1-800-MALTOSE

COMPETITION ORGANIZERS

Competition Organizer	Justin Taylor (845) 527-7406	justintaylor84@hotmail.com
Judge Coordinator	David Sherfey (845)-629-4878	sherf@flagbrewing.com
Prize Coordinator	Jennifer Taylor (845) 489-8083	monroe414@aol.com
Competition Registrar	Brett Lavin (845) 256-1073	bwlavin@yahoo.com
Steward Coordinator	TBD	



Brewery Tour

New videos all the time: <http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/index.html>

Brewing TV

A new site for brewing videos. <http://www.brewingtv.com/episode-index/>

Newsletter

The newsletter will be posted to the club website on the first day of every month. The treasurer will send out the newsletter to club member emails. Check out the club website to find the latest newsletter! <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/news/news.html>

Newsletter Articles

Yes, I'm back creating these pages of information. If you have any newsletter content you would like to see or contribute, please feel free to email me at gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com



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