



June 2021 Oregon Brew Crew Newsletter

A message to all our members:

As you may or may not be aware, there is currently a reckoning around sexual assault and sexual harassment going down in the brewing community. Unfortunately, and disappointingly, the Oregon Brew Crew is not immune, and has been called out. Last week, a speaker who presented to the club a few years ago posted an account of sexual harassment at an OBC meeting on Instagram. The posted story is mortifying, and is a stain on the OBC's reputation, and if we've learned anything from the last few years, it's that when there's one story that's public, there's a whole host of stories behind it that are unknown. It is no leap at all to assume that this is a systemic issue that we have been ignoring for years.

The OBC has always stood for everyone's right to enjoy the hobby of homebrewing that we all love, and the current board of the OBC stands for that right.

We would like to reiterate to all of our members that OBC membership is a privilege, not a right, and that we have a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment in our club, at club events, and even at events outside the OBC's purview. We expect that all OBC members will treat everyone with respect, and harassment of members or guests will be met with expulsion from the club.

If you are at an OBC meeting, and you feel unsafe, or see a situation where someone else is uncomfortable or is being made to feel unsafe, the board is here to help support you. You should always feel supported intervening in a harassment situation; the board has your back. If you do not feel safe, we encourage you to approach a board member and let them know what's going on, and we will handle it. The OBC is always intended to be a Safe Community, and the board will support you. If you don't know board members by sight, we wear name tags with gold/brown edges at all meetings -- look for one of us, and we will intervene.

The board also realizes that this isn't enough, especially in light of the story that was shared about our meeting. As such, the current board will be scheduling a training session on how to recognize and intervene in a situation where harassment is occurring in a drinking situation. All board members will attend, and any members who are interested are invited to join. Training in anti-sexual harassment actions will be mandatory for all current and future board members, and future trainings will be available to all members who desire. Any members who attend and are trained will have the opportunity to, at all OBC events, get and wear a sticker that will identify you

as a person who is safe to approach if someone is being made to feel uncomfortable or unsafe. We will be also drafting a one-page sheet that will be provided to all speakers and guests at in-person events detailing this project.

In addition, a board member will prepare a short, 10-15 minute, presentation on sexual harassment awareness that will be presented every January between the business and education segments of our regularly scheduled meetings. We encourage every member to come and listen, and to be aware of your behavior, and how it may impact the people around you.

The OBC will continue to stand for what it always has: the right of everyone, no matter their gender, race, or creed, to relax, don't worry, and have a homebrew. Hopefully, by attending to these deficiencies in our structure, we will make the OBC a place where the only stories told about us are about the tastiness of our beer, the friendliness of our members, and the quality of our events.

Thank you for reading,

The OBC Board

In case you were unaware:

<https://www.eater.com/2021/5/19/22444336/sexism-abuse-harassment-craft-beer-brewing-industry-ratmagnet>

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Events

June education via Webinar 06/10/21 at 7pm (no OBC interactive meeting this month)

Meeting Link

Presidential Pint



Happy June and welcome to summer! This month Oregon Brew Crew is having its Heart of Cascadia IPA competition on the 12th. This year the judging is being done remotely due to COVID. I am excited to see a Homebrew competition take place again locally. If you entered a beer into the competition I wish you luck.

American Homebrewers Association (AHA) is having Homebrewcon virtually this year. It will be taking place on June 17-19th and the cost is only \$139.00 for 27 live learning sessions that you will also have access to after the event as well and much more. Here is a link to [register](#) if you are interested. If you are not an AHA member there are a lot of benefits including getting a free book when joining and discounts a lots of businesses.

Hope you are all doing well and hopefully we can start socializing again soon together!

Cheers,

-Jon Campbell

2020-2021 OBC President

Competition Corner

Pacific Women Brewers' Cup, held on May 7th & hosted by Browns Point Homebrew Club, in Tacoma WA. Congrats to Kathleen Freitag for winning a gold with her Double IPA and 3rd Best in Show!

Full results at <https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieWeb.php?Web=1000620>

Heart of Cascadia: Entries due 6/4, Judging 6/12

Our annual IPA only comp is going forward this year, and we have close to 100 entries at time of writing, which I believe may be a record. We will be judging the weekend of June 12th and the award ceremony will be on Zoom on Sunday June 13th.

Full results should be posted Sunday as well. This is an OSHBOTY sanctioned competition.

<http://hoc.oregonbrewcrew.org>

Best of the Bay - Bellingham, WA

Entry Deadline: 07/24/2021

<https://bellinghamhomebrewersguild.org/bestofthebay/>

OBC Cup

If you are entering comps, please submit your points. There will be enough competitions this year hopefully to have our club competition for the best competing homebrewer. Chuck has won the last so many years, someone has to not make it easy for him this year. Also, I am going to be optimistic and say we are going to have a holiday party this year which seems like a distant dream, but in that dream, your entries and medals in comps for OBC earn you sweet, sweet raffle tickets.

<https://oregonbrewcrew.org/obccup>

-Scott Nieradka

Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

Some of the equipment includes:

- Added a 2nd, better pump on a new stand
- Improved the existing pump
- Added switches to both pumps
- replaced all of the hoses
- Added a sparge arm
- Added a 3rd burner high BTU

Follow the link to use the brew system or to request specific parts for your next brew day!

<https://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/pilotsystem>

Any questions? Send them to board@oregonbrewcrew.org
Happy brewing!

Note from the Treasurer

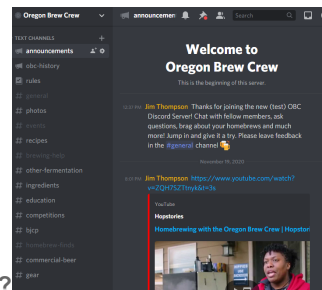
By Michele Lish, OBC Treasurer

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Membership Extension: Don't forget for those of you who were membership last year, we extended the membership for six month. Most of you have a Jan 1 due date for your renewal, but now it will be July 1. For those of you with a different date, that has been adjusted to add six month. The records still might not reflect that right now so if you get a notice to renew, no need to do that now. You certainly can renew now if you so choose, and your extension will be applied. Thank you to those who have done so.

Introducing the new OBC Discord Server!

Hello everyone, Jim here. I wanted to familiarize everyone with an excellent new resource for OBC members. In September 2020 we rolled out a dedicated, private Discord server for everyone to use as a new way of connecting, collaborating and sharing with fellow members and beer nerds.



What is Discord you ask?

[Discord](https://discord.com) started in 2012 as a social networking platform primarily aimed at gamers. Like [Slack](https://slack.com), which you may have heard of or use at work now, Discord offers topic-based text channels, audio chat and screen sharing, and lots of great ways to integrate with other public and private web services, like the [OBC website](https://www.oregonbrewcrew.com) and [membership system](https://www.oregonbrewcrew.com/membership).

Signup for the OBC Discord at:

<https://discord.gg/rp33QkJYfj>

Benefits of Discord

- Unlimited topics (brewing help, education, recipes, ingredients, gear, style specific, bjcp, etc)
- Roles to differentiate members, judges, board members or even volunteers
- Has a friendly mobile app (phones or tablets)
- Customize how you are notified of updates (email, app notifications, likes and @mentions)
- Ability to stream live events, brewdays and more (look for our first live brewday soon!)

- Automatic posts from HomebrewFinds.com and Brulosophy (more to come)
- Dozens of file uploads (recipes, presentations, videos)
- More of a "real-time discussion" as opposed to individual posts on a bulletin board
- For some people, the fact that it is NOT Facebook is a major positive as well

So follow the link above, set up your account (or link your existing account to our server) and jump right in!

Please try to use your full name, or at least most of your name so that people will recognize you. Administrators may override your Username, but don't worry you can still be "MegaDude95" on your favorite Minecraft server

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