



OBC NEWSLETTER

The Presidential Pint



It feels like just yesterday that 30 of us were bundled up at FH Steinbart to hear Ben Edmunds talk about hoppy beers at our January meeting, during one of many snow storms of this past winter. Boy what a year it has been! We had two excellent "Out" meetings this year at Cider Riot and Oregon City Brewing, along with our annual Widmer and Hair of the Dog meeting. Thank you to the members who attended the November Elections meeting to vote on our new board members, 2018 budget and changes to the bylaws. Your participation is critical to the club's ongoing success.

Meagan has a great writeup on the Holiday Party and, besides hoping everyone will attend, we are still looking for a few more volunteers! Please bring food, bottles and kegs to share as we celebrate the many brewing accomplishments in our club this year. For those who do not make it to our night of awesomeness, I want to thank our 2017 Board of Directors for their passion, energy and enthusiasm. Our Treasurer Sean Morrison and Secretary Jodi Campbell will be leaving the board next year and we are excited to welcome Cameron Norris and Lisa Hinson to take their roles. And a big thank you to all of you who volunteered to pour at festivals, help out other members and teach new folks about our hobby.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many new members (and some old ones) and look forward to the year to come. 2018 will be a big year for the club as we welcome both the AHA and 3,000 fellow homebrewers to Portland for Homebrew Con next June. Many OBC members are already busy planning events, club night, soliciting speakers and talking with possible sponsors. The board will be discussing a scholarship program for OBC members over the next two months, and we hope to get as many OBC members to attend as possible.

Lastly, we will also be managing the first round of NHC judging here in Portland in April. This will be an amazing experience for our newly certified BJCP judges and we will need lots of help with the bottle sort and stewarding. Seattle has graciously hosted this 800 entry event the past few years, and we owe it to our region to step up! Last year almost 40% of the entries to Seattle came from Portland but only two of us came to judge.

I hope that everyone enjoys the holidays and cheers to a hoppy new year!

Cheers!

President Jim Thompson

Competition Corner

December may be a slow month for competitions, but plan ahead for February! There's plenty of opportunity for both judging and entering coming up.

First on the docket is **PDX Stout Bout** by our friends at Portland Brewer's Collective. The competition is taking place on Feb 10th, with a deadline for entries of Jan 27th. Entry fee is \$7. No registration website up yet.

The **KLCC Microbrew Festival Homebrew Competition** also occurs on Feb 10th, with entry deadline on Jan 28th. Entry Fee is \$10 for 1st entry then \$5 for other entries, and includes a night ticket to the festival. No registration site yet. This was a sanctioned Oregon State Home Brewer of the Year (OSHBOTY) competition in 2017, so don't be surprised if it's the first of the year in 2018 too!

Next up is the Oregon Brew Crew's first competition of the year, the 2nd annual **SheBrew!** This one is for the ladies only, and includes all BJCP styles. It will be Feb 24th at Baerlic Brewing. Entries are \$8 and due 2/16. [Registration](#) is open. We had a very successful debut competition last year – let's keep the momentum rolling!

Rounding out February is **the Greater Everett Brewer's League IPA Bracket Challenge**. This competition is a little different, and is a great opportunity to work on your future Heart of Cascadia entries. It's for IPAs only, and the top 16 beers advance to a bracket round. There are no details yet for this year, however last year the categories were English IPA, American IPA, Specialty IPA, and Double IPA. Entry deadline is 2/17, with the competition taking place on 2/24.

Happy Brewing, and may 2018 bring many tasty homebrews your way!

by: Corrie Heath

~ Burgermeister Brewsletter ~

See You At The Holiday Party!

November 9th, 6pm - 10pm
The Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge
4834 N Lombard St, Portland, OR 97203

We need YOUR HELP with the POTLUCK!

We provide the proteins and meat-substitutes, but we really only eat if YOU bring food! Therefore, we also need folks to commit to bringing a dish - **salads, sides and desserts.**

If you plan to bring a dish, please put your name on the **POTLUCK ITEMS** list even if you have yet not decided what to bring. Thank you! 😊



Notes From 2017 & Future Volunteering

Hello, Everyone!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated this year by bringing food and helping out. The year started off slowly, but you guys really came through the second half of the year! I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. 😊

It was a pleasure to serve you in the Bürgermeister position this year. I'm looking forward to serving you 2018! However, I have decided that this will be my third and final year as Bürgermeister. Therefore, I am open to any volunteers who would like to help out and get a feel for the role. Volunteering does not mean that you will be pressured to take the position, but rather serves to give you an idea if Bürgermeister is even something that you would be interested in for yourself. After all, the best way to make friends is to volunteer! Throughout the year, I will post/email asking for deputies for any in or out events we hold. (Feel free to reach out at any time, contact info below.)

Final reminder: Every year we hold a **raffle at the holiday party**. Members accrue points for volunteering for various things and participating in a potluck. Please make sure that you have logged your points for doing so! If you need help, please email me and request assistance. Thanks and good luck!

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OBC 2017 Membership Survey



As we wrap up the 2017 year, your Board would like your feedback. Please take a few minutes to go over the survey in the link provided.

In what we hope will be an annual tradition, we've created an end-of-the-year survey to both look back at how things went in 2017 and also look ahead for ideas on how to improve next year. It's only 12 questions long and takes about 5 minutes to complete.

The purpose of this survey is to help us to understand why our members join, member awareness of club amenities, and direction for the club to support its new and long standing members.

We will gather the results during the month of December and share our findings in January. We look forward to working with this knowledge and the membership as a whole to improve the club for everyone!

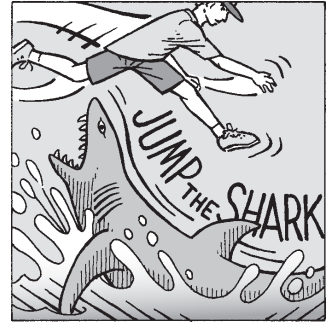
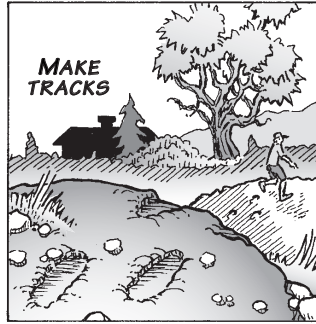
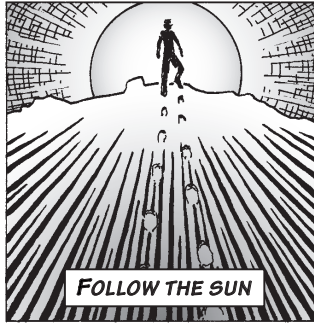
The survey is completely anonymous, so please be honest with your feedback. And make sure to complete the survey before December 31st!

Take the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/obcsurvey2017>

Brewhaha

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Challenge Coins!!!

<http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/Shop>



The OBC now has a challenge coin for sale. The cost to members is just \$8, and to non-members is \$10. When this limited edition is gone, the intent is to make a different design.

A special thank you to Michele Lish.

| Today December 3, 2017 | 2017 SOY (unbalanced) | 2017 Actual YTD | 2017 Remaining \$ | 7.95% Remaining % | Comments |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| INCOME | | | | | |
| BICP | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,930.00 | \$ 580.00 | 23% | BICP class & test |
| Dues | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 7,460.00 | \$ 2,040.00 | 78% | |
| Fall Classic | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 3,263.11 | \$ - | 0% | |
| Heart of Cascadia | \$ 350.00 | \$ 689.00 | \$ - | 0% | |
| Spring Beer Fest | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | 100% | |
| Portland Craft Beer Fest | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | 0% | 1% of profits year 1 (2015), 10% for year 2 & 3 |
| Merchandise Sales | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,516.19 | \$ - | 0% | |
| Bus Trips | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 625.00 | \$ 575.00 | 48% | |
| Collaborator | \$ 600.00 | \$ 7,253.78 | \$ - | 0% | Income from Widmer Collaborator beer sales |
| Donations Received | \$ 400.00 | \$ 540.00 | \$ - | 0% | \$ from Portland Brewing Harvest Fest, other donations |
| Unanticipated Income | \$ - | \$ 5,512.47 | \$ - | 0% | SheBrew, PureWater Brew, Portland Fruit Beer Festival, Fall Fest |
| Total Income | \$ 21,550.00 | \$31,479.55 | -\$9,929.55 | -46% | |
| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | |
| | 2017 SOY (unbalanced) | Negative is overspend | | | |
| General Board Expenses | \$ 5,020.00 | \$ 2,514.15 | \$ 2,505.85 | 50% | |
| Awards/Bungs | \$ 800.00 | \$ - | \$ 800.00 | 133% | Bung awards & awards/raffle prizes throughout the year |
| Board Mtg Expenses | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,200.00 | 100% | Expenses related to board meetings |
| Compassion Fund | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | 100% | Rides home from meetings for members if needed or other emergencies |
| Liability Insurance | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,274.22 | \$ 225.78 | 85% | Purchased insurance for 2017 & 2018 due to PNWHC and HomebrewCon |
| Holiday Party | \$ 350.00 | \$ 899.00 | \$ - | 0% | |
| AHA Ambassador dues | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 46% | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | \$ 400.00 | \$ 35.00 | \$ 365.00 | 122% | |
| Donations Paid | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 122% | |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 46% | |
| Burgermeister Expenses | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 2,969.48 | \$ 1,530.52 | 34% | |
| Food at mt-Meetings | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 678.27 | \$ 421.73 | 42% | Includes beer reimbursements |
| Out-Meetings (Food, drinks, etc.) | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 1,241.76 | \$ 1,158.24 | 53% | |
| Food @ Workshops/ Demos | \$ 500.00 | \$ 507.10 | \$ (7.10) | -2% | For all food expenses at demos or other similar events. |
| HO2D Meeting | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ - | 0% | Formalizing the amount we give to Alan yearly for the HO2D meeting. |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ 42.35 | \$ (42.35) | - | PNWHC Setup & Beer Reimbursements |
| Secretary and Treasurer Expenses | \$ 1,325.00 | \$ 1,091.38 | \$ 233.62 | 18% | |
| Office Supplies | \$ 300.00 | \$ 127.09 | \$ 172.91 | 69% | Covers nametags, pens, copies, tape, raffle tickets etc. |
| P.O. Box | \$ 75.00 | \$ 76.00 | \$ (1.00) | -1% | |
| Website & Membership Database | \$ - | \$ 209.37 | \$ (209.37) | - | pay dues online via PayPal (Paid early to lock in rate, next payment shouldn't be until 2018 but will be more) |
| Membership Card Expenses | \$ 150.00 | \$ 122.99 | \$ 27.01 | 18% | New member cards and "genuine" stickers |
| Legal/Tax | \$ 250.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 130.00 | 52% | Includes annual filing and renewal fees, DOI, Annual Report, Tax filing |
| Bank Fees | \$ 550.00 | \$ 435.93 | \$ 114.07 | 21% | PayPal & Square charge a % per transaction. |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | |
| Education Expenses | \$ 5,055.00 | \$ 2,512.89 | \$ 2,542.11 | 50% | |
| BICP | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,388.53 | \$ 1,111.47 | 44% | 2 classes per year? |
| Workshops & Demos | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 875.00 | \$ 125.00 | 16% | Includes Mead day, National Homebrew day, Teach a friend to homebrew day, Big Brew and any other events |
| Education at Meetings | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 249.36 | \$ 950.64 | 95% | Speakers at meeting, samples, supplies for classes |
| OBC Scholarship | \$ 355.00 | \$ - | \$ 355.00 | 0% | Money budgeted to fund a potential OBC scholarship or endowment (income from PCBF) |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | |
| Competition Expenses | \$ 3,900.00 | \$ 7,746.17 | \$ (3,846.17) | -99% | |
| Fall Classic | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,674.46 | \$ (174.46) | -7% | Medals, beer, food, prizes, posters, comp registration, etc. |
| HO2C | \$ 600.00 | \$ 835.47 | \$ (235.47) | 0% | Medals, beer, food, prizes, posters, comp registration, etc. (Bulk purchased medals for 2017-2019) |
| Miscellaneous Competition | \$ 300.00 | \$ 3,571.16 | \$ (3,271.16) | - | Includes PWB competition expenses |
| Competition Shipping Fees | \$ 500.00 | \$ 82.00 | \$ 418.00 | 0% | |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ 583.13 | \$ (583.13) | - | SheBrew Expenses |
| Festival Coordinator | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ 5,603.93 | \$ (803.93) | -17% | |
| PNWHC | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,134.37 | \$ (334.37) | -42% | All costs associated with festivals; includes PNWHC, OBC, NACBF, SB&W |
| Bus Trip | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,546.10 | \$ 453.90 | 85% | 2 bus trips? |
| Merchandise | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,933.46 | \$ (933.46) | -73% | |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | -73% | |
| Communication Chair | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | 100% | |
| Newsletter | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | 154% | |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 154% | |
| Vice President | \$ 650.00 | \$ 943.42 | \$ (293.42) | -45% | |
| Pilot System | \$ 650.00 | \$ 587.42 | \$ 62.58 | 10% | Increased budget to allow for continuing improvements to the Pilot system, as well as increased costs for Propane |
| Unanticipated Expense | \$ - | \$ 356.00 | \$ (356.00) | - | |
| Line Items | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 1,120.00 | \$ 1,080.00 | 49% | |
| Line Item A | \$ 400.00 | \$ - | \$ 400.00 | 133% | McCracken Scholarship Fund Donation |
| Line Item B | \$ 300.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 200.00 | 67% | Glen Hay Falconer Foundation hole sponsorship at the pro-am |
| Line Item C | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,020.00 | \$ (20.00) | 0% | \$ for scholarship for PNWHC |
| Line Item D | \$ 500.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | 0% | Storage shed for pilot system |
| Line Item E | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | |
| Line Item F | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | |
| Total | \$ 27,550.00 | \$ 24,501.42 | \$ (2,951.42) | -11% | |
| NET | \$ (6,000.00) | \$6,978.13 | | | |
| 12/3/17 | | | | | |
| OnPoint Balance | | \$ 8,579.00 | | | |
| OnPoint Contingency Fund | | \$ 2,497.74 | | | |
| Scholarship Fund | | \$ 7,747.81 | | | |
| PayPal Balance | | \$ 1,524.34 | | | |
| Square Balance | | \$ - | | | |
| Petty Cash/Undeposited funds | | \$ - | | | |
| Total cash on hand | | \$ 20,348.89 | | | |

Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

Fabulous upgrades to the Pilot System!

This year, we decided to spend the full pilot system budget on much needed upgrades and improvements. A Brobdingnagian thank you to Brian Haslip for ordering the parts and assembling/transfiguring the system! Great job!

Some of the improvements include:

- 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
- replaced the thermometers with a digital one
- Added a 3rd burner high BTU (Blichmann stand donated by Jim Thompson), that thing is a massive improvement!

Future improvements will include:

- replacing the other burners with high BTU
- etching of the interior of the keggles
- possible new keggles to expand the system
- Others? Your suggestions requested

In addition to the amazing upgrades and improvements, we are also improving the sign-out process.

There are new forms to complete that will allow you to request specific parts instead of the entire thing. This will enable multiple members to utilize the system simultaneously. Look for the new sign-out form online in 2017 to reflect these changes.

Any questions? Send them to brian.haslip@oregonbrewcrew.org

Happy brewing!



MOY Standings (as of 12/4/17)

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Charles Macaluso | 280 |
| Michele Lish | 220 |
| Eric Hinson | 135 |
| Lisa Hinson | 85 |
| Doug Klover | 70 |
| Rob Porton-Jones | 60 |
| Doug Ballou | 50 |
| Daveed Fleischer | 40 |
| Rose Ramanick | 35 |
| Nick McElmurry | 30 |
| Jessica Prior | 25 |
| Tim Ledlie | 20 |
| Shirley MacGregor | 20 |
| Scott Kivitz | 20 |
| Kate Reyes | 20 |
| Cesar Lopez | 20 |
| Doug | 15 |
| Dan May | 15 |
| Chris Page | 15 |
| Bryan Quinn | 15 |
| Tom Morris | 10 |
| Jess Zbeb | 10 |
| Jake Freshour | 10 |
| David Smith | 10 |
| David Johnson | 10 |
| Cameron Norris | 5 |



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Important: The cutoff for 2017 OBC Cup points is midnight, November 30th. All points will be verified and checked prior to the Holiday Party and final awards. December points will rollover to 2018.

If you are willing to write up an article for the newsletter please email me at

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