



OBC NEWSLETTER

The Presidential Pint

By Will Minderhout



Beer is community. The people that work in or are involved with breweries, taprooms, festivals, blogs, and home brew clubs, as well as anyone that enjoys the craft of beer, create that community. Your membership here says you are involved in this community. Everyone's level of involvement is different, but if you find that beer is becoming more passion than hobby, there are ways to increase your involvement. Going pro is an obvious choice, but it's not in the cards for everyone. Some recent examples of members making it more than a hobby include:

Jeremie Landers and Jenn McPoland. Their involvement with the club networked them with festival organizers and pro brewers. As Festival Chair, Jenn worked as a volunteer coordinator and Jeremie as a steward for several festivals, which eventually led to paid positions and many Pro/Am brews.

Yours truly. Pouring at every festival, volunteering as an OBC Board member, and networking at all of these events allowed me to transition to a Cidery, and now Brewery sales position.

Even if you're not interested in changing careers, your involvement with the club and home brewing places you deeper in the community than the average craft beer lover.

Cheers,

President Will Minderhout



Wild Brew Camp - Memorial Day Weekend

OBC Member/Guest Price - \$60/person

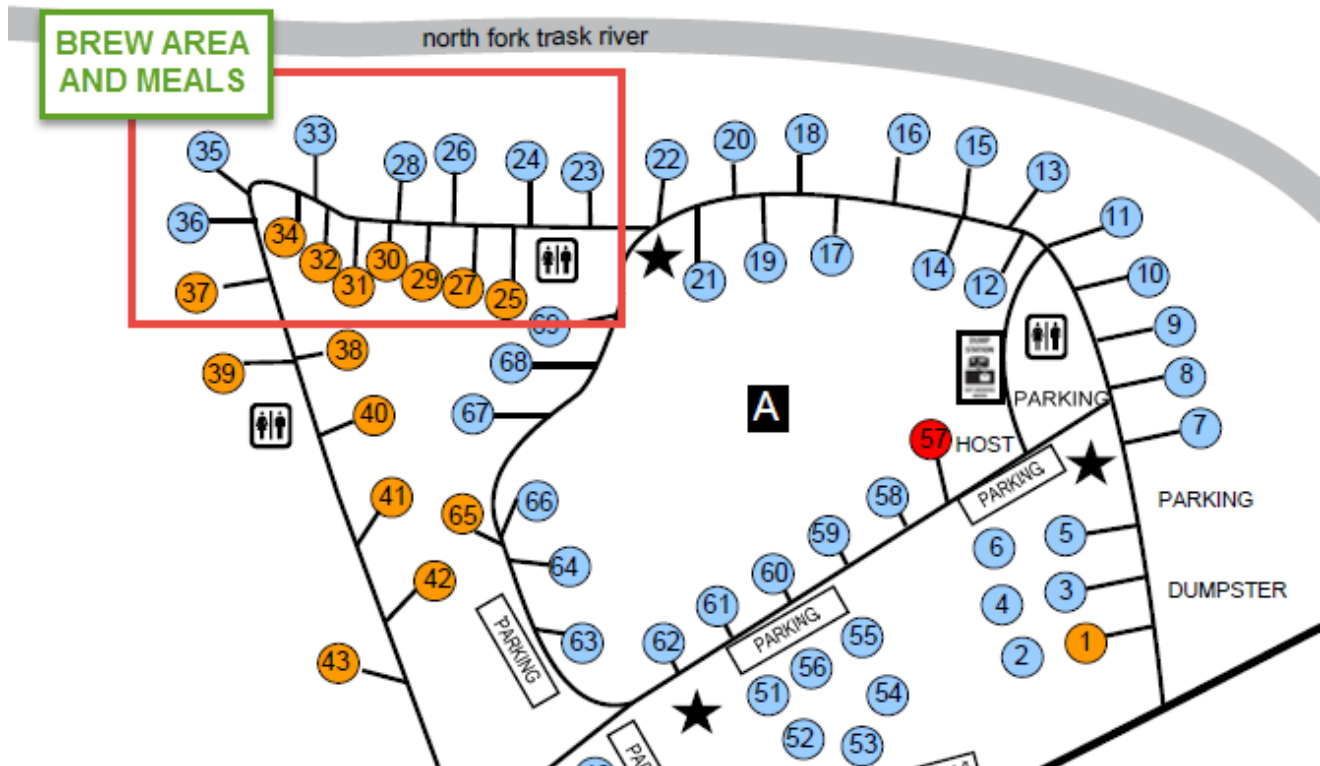
Non-OBC Price - \$75/person

Ever wanted to combine camping and homebrewing? Ever curious about capturing the local flavor and funk of Oregon with wild yeast and friendly bacteria while spending a few days “off the grid”? Well that is exactly what we will be doing over Memorial Day weekend along the beautiful Trask River in Tillamook county! Come join fellow OBC members and friends from the Portland beer community, for 3 days of fun, great food, group brewing experiences and education.

Our guest speaker will be Trevor Rogers from De Garde Brewing in Tillamook, who will discuss various topics relating to sour and wild beer production, and will help the group brew two 30 gallon batches of wort with De Garde aged hops and fresh river water. This beer will be naturally cooled overnight in the campground and inoculated with the resident yeast and bacteria from the area. 20 participants will have the chance to receive three gallons of wort in their own carboys, or you may purchase a PET carboy for an additional \$15.

Participants will also be able to bring their own brew stands and setups if they wish. There is no reason we can not brew a few batches of clean beer as well! There will also be an amazing wild and sour beer tasting on Saturday night!

TRASK RIVER COUNTY CAMPGROUND



DETAILS:

- Registration must be processed through the OBC website (marking “Interested” or “Going” on Facebook does NOT hold your spot!)
- Each OBC member can bring 1 guest, 2 guests per couple at the member rate. Pets are allowed and cost an additional \$5 each
- A 1/3 deposit will be required to reserve your space (\$20 per person). Non-members must pay full registration.
- Riverfront campsites (blue) accommodate up to 12 people BUT only 2 vehicles and 3 tents total, or 1 RV/trailer plus 1 vehicle and 2 additional tents.
- Interior campsites (brown) will accommodate up to 8 people BUT only 1 vehicle and 2 tents per site, or 1 trailer and 1 additional tent.
- Registration fees include:
 - Campsite for all members or guests. Campsite assignments will be made in advance and groups will likely be combined
 - **2 group dinners (Saturday and Sunday) and 3 group breakfasts (Saturday, Sunday and Monday).** Attendees are responsible for their own dinner Friday and lunches although leftovers may be available.
- Check-in is Friday 3:30pm and checkout is Monday 1:30pm. Attendees can arrive Saturday morning as well but the costs per person will NOT be prorated.

Hope to see you there!

Club Competitions and Special Events

Heart of Cascadia 2016 - The Colors of IPA!

May 14th, 2016 at Green Dragon
 Deadline: Saturday April 30th by 6pm
<http://hoc2016.oregonbrewcrew.org>

Sponsored by Green Dragon, Imperial Organic Yeast, FH Steinbarts, Homebrew Exchange and Brew Brothers.

At the January meeting, Bill Schneller and Tracy Hensley discussed the BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines with a focus on American IPA and "Specialty IPA". The slides from the presentation can be found on the OBC website under "Education" so check it out! While we still want to taste your best "Cascadian Dark Ales" (Black IPA) we are looking for members to get creative, drop the SRMs a little bit and brew your best Red, Brown, White, Rye and Belgian IPAs. You can even mix up the styles, strengths and colors but be sure to submit your entries under the right category. We have added selections for each of the new "Specialty" entries but you can still choose the catch-all "21B Specialty (Other IPA)".



Upcoming Regional Competitions

Date	Deadline	Competition	Location	Notes
4/22/2016	4/15/2016	COHO Spring Fling 2016	Bend, OR	OSHBOTY Qualifier
4/27/2016	4/22/2016	Portland Brewing Co's 2016 Homebrewer Series - Round 1 Summer Session Ales Compete for your chance to brew at Portland Brewing for a Beer Month release!	Portland	2 entry limit - 2 bottles per entry - 5.5% ABV or less. Submit to Portland Brewing Taproom in NW Portland
4/30/2016	4/24/2016	20th Annual Cascade Brewers Cup	Sumerian, WA	Cascade Brewers Guild
5/14/2016	4/30/2016	OBC 4th Annual Heart of Cascadia The Colors of IPA!	Green Dragon PDX	Brew your best American, White, Red, Brown, Black, Rye and Belgian IPA! 2 bottles per entry.
5/8/2016	5/5/2016	Coalition Brewing presents "Down Under Hop Smackdown!" Compete for your chance to brew at Coalition for the June 12th event!	Portland	Any style but MUST feature NZ/AU hops! Drop off at Coalition Brewing by May 8th
5/11/2016	5/8/2016	Cheers To Belgian Beers 2016	Portland	Imperial Yeast B58 Lioness ONLY. Available locally by request.
5/20/2016	5/7/2016	34th Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival	Corvallis	OSHBOTY Qualifier
5/29/2016	5/27/2016	Timber's Army Duane Graf Memorial Homebrew Competition	Portland	3 chances to brew your beer commercially and sold at a Timbers game!
7/29/2016	6/1/2016	Fire & Brimstone Homebrew Challenge The best Chili and Smoked beers will be brewed commercially and served at Saraveza and Hop & Vine at the end of July!	Portland	Limit to one entry per style (chili and smoked beer) 2 bottles required.
6/14/2016	6/10/2016	Widmer Collaborator	Portland	2016 Details Coming Soon!

March Competition Wins

National Homebrew Competition (Round 1)

Chuck Macaluso, 1st Place Strong Ale
 Chuck Macaluso, 2nd Place Strong Stout
 Alex Brehm, 2nd Place Amber Hybrid
 Jon Campbell, 2nd Place Spice/Herb/Vegetable
 Jim Thompson, 3rd Place Fruit Mead
 Steve Carper, 3rd Place Strong Ale
 Rodney Kibzey, 3rd Place Traditional Mead

Pouring At The Coast

Alex Brehm, BOS Honorable Mention
 Chuck Macaluso, BOS Honorable Mention
 Alex Brehm, 1st Place British Ale
 Alex Brehm, 1st Place (tie) Stout
 Lee Hedgmon, 1st Place American Strong Ale
 RJ Stangland and Gabe Saintz, 1st Place Dark British
 Chuck Macaluso, 2nd Place Dark British
 Eric Hinson, 2nd Place IPA
 RJ Stangland and Gabe Saintz, 2nd Place Spiced/Wood
 Sean Morrison, 3rd Place American Amber
 Alex Brehm, 3rd Place Cider and Mead



Ballast Point OG20

Good Afternoon,

As a homebrew club, we wanted to reach out to you to share some information on Ballast Point's BJCP-sanctioned national homebrew contest, which is currently open for submissions. Since its inception in the back of Home Brew Mart in 1996, Ballast Point Brewing was founded on the innovation of the home brewing community and we're excited to honor our roots with a national contest to encourage homebrewers to pursue their passion. Six regional winners will be brought to San Diego to scale up their homebrews on Ballast Point's research and development brewery in San Diego, and one grand champion will be chosen among them to become a packaged beer by Ballast Point.

Contest registration is now open via online entry form at <http://www.ballastpoint.com/og20>. Entries will be accepted until May 25, 2016 unless the contest registration cap is met sooner.

Contest Details:

- Online registration opens on February 25, 2016 and closes on May 26, 2016 – unless entry cap is reached before that time
- Registration fee is \$10, with maximum of 3 entries per entrant

- 6 regional winners, and one grand champion from those finalists will be commercially brewed by Ballast Point
- BJCP-certified judging to take place at Ballast Point Miramar on June 4, 2016
- Grand Champion will be announced at the 20th anniversary event on September 4, 2016

For complete official rules of the competition and additional details on accepted styles please visit <http://www.ballastpoint.com/og20-rules-regulations/>. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to OG20@ballastpoint.com.



CALLING ALL HOMEBREWERS

Six regional winners will have the chance to brew with us & one grand champion will have their brew packaged by Ballast Point.

Entry deadline: May 25, 2016

For more details and contest rules, visit ballastpoint.com/og20

#ballastpointOG20



Education

Last year I wrote an article in this newsletter that was a call-to-arms for our brewers to raise their game and get more OBC beers passed onto the second round of the National Homebrew Competition in Baltimore. I set a goal of at least six OBC beers making it, and guess what? **WE DID IT!** YOU did it actually but I need to take a little credit as your education chairman (only because none of my beers made the cut this year, boo hoo me).

We had 5 members finish within the top 3 of their categories, and one member had 2 beers make the cut making 6 total beers advancing. I'm very proud that we met our goal. How about a collective round of applause for these members; Alex Brehm, Charles Macaluso, Jon Campbell, Rodney Kibzey, and Jim Thompson!

But they didn't do it alone. I have to believe that as a club, we can ride on their coattails a little bit because of our collective commitment to make better beer, and we did this by following my early request of providing honesty in our feedback. When someone hands a flawed beer to an OBC member we don't just choke it down and wrestle out a "it...it's good!" No, we tactfully provide helpful, actionable feedback to help that brewer make a better batch next time. Now honestly these 5 winners were already well on their way to making great beer on their own, but I've personally seen the quality of our club beers improve significantly over this last year. Case in point was our club booth at the PNWHC in Vancouver... wow we had some great beers on tap!

Now, is it any coincidence that every one of these guys is also very active within our club? They each serve on the current board of directors or have volunteered to help present an educational topic for our club. This kind of participation is what makes our club so great and I want to publicly thank all 5 of these guys for their involvement.

The message YOU can take from this is; ***in order to make the best possible beers you must serve on the board of directors or volunteer to help your club in some way.***

No!?! Sound ridiculous? Prove me wrong, try running for a board position and see what happens to the quality of your beer!

Now, let's cheer on our contingent of OBC brewers as they submit their beers to Baltimore for the final round of the NHC competition and feel free to congratulate them the next time you see them. Way to go OBC!!

Your education chairman,

Jason Barker

Flint Water Crisis

#BeerForFlint

Go Fund Me

www.gofundme.com/beerforflint

The OBC approved a \$500 donation at the February meeting as a seed to get the fund rolling and is partnering with Clean Water Services to help raise funds and awareness of the water crisis in Flint, MI.

We are still looking for volunteers to approach breweries and homebrew clubs to join the cause. Read more about it at www.oregonbrewcrew.org/news/3844931

Contact Dylan VanDetta at treasurer@oregonbrewcrew.org if you are interested in helping with this important effort.

Odd Fellows Odd Ball

Everyone in the OBC is cordially invited to attend the Peninsula Odd Fellows Odd Ball. Bring an invitation or your current membership card for entry. 5 brewers from OBC will be competing to win the prize and to be named "Portland's Favorite Homebrew at the 2016 Portland Odd Ball". There will be a dance off and great music. The event raises funds for the Odd Fellows education fund and is raised via tips for the dancers and brewers. The Odd Ball will be held at the Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge, 4834 N Lombard St, Portland, OR on April 16, 2016 from 7pm to Midnight. (Same place as our holiday party last year)

Cheers!
Dylan



News from Burgermeisterville:

Thanks to the following people for bringing food to our last meeting! (*You* are the key to helping keep us sober and happy.)

FOOD for APRIL 14th OUT MEETING

Happy April, everyone! Spring is here and things are warming up. Speaking of warm, I just wanted share my gratitude with all of folks who brought food (most of it heated!), to the March Out-Meeting at the Labrewatory. I think we can all agree that we outdid ourselves! Well done and thank you! Let's see if we can get at least half of that offering again this month. :)

We need volunteers to bring food for the potluck! We will **hold a raffle** for those who participate. Remember, folks, food keeps us happy and relatively sober! ;)

RAFFLE TICKET VALUES

1 ticket for small items: chips/dip, breads, package of store bought cookies, candy, etc.

3 tickets for a medium items: salad, a plate of homemade goodies, a pot of beans, veggies, or a smaller-medium dish of food.

5 tickets for a large items: lasagna, mac and cheese, sausages, sandwiches or a medium dish with obviously expensive ingredients.

We will be raffling off: one \$25 keychain breathalyzer and one \$25 gift certificate to Steinbarts.

Thank you!

Meagan Thompson
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VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who volunteered at Spring Beer and Wine Fest and the Nano Brew Fest!!



Spring Beer & Wine Fest

after the last shift of the last night, volunteers enjoying some free beer for their efforts

2016 Kriekfest - Saturday, July 9th
Solera Brewery – Parkdale, OR

Not a club sponsored festival, but another new one coming up that we thought people might be interested in. This first year festival focuses on cherry beers and ciders. Most will probably be sours, but there's quite a range of beers listed on the website that are pouring.

<http://www.kriekfest.com/> Information on the website with more being added.

If you're interested in volunteering to pour for this festival, please contact Brian Yeager at brian@beerodyssey.com. There will be two shifts for the one-day festival. Roughly 10:30AM to 2/2:30 and then 2/2:30 to 7. Volunteers will get a ticket to the festival, glass and tokens.

How To Earn Member of the Year Points

Do you volunteer your time to the club and want recognition? Do you want to win a lot of awesome prizes? Have you heard of the Member of the Year Competition but don't know how to submit your points? I am here to help.

Pretty much anytime you are donating your time, beer, or food to the club you can earn points. The Member of the Year Competition is a member only competition that recognizes our members participation. The member with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded the prestigious Silver Bung Award at the clubs holiday party.

Below is a chart showing the Karma Point Schedule:

Okay, now that you have earned them how do you submit them?

To submit your Member of the Year points simply go to OregonBrewCrew.org.

From the main page click the "competition" tab then "for members" and last "Member of the Year". This page will have a self-explanatory form that you will fill out with your name, email, a description of how you earned the points and how many points you are submitting.

Members are responsible for submitting their own points. Make sure to submit them as soon as you earn them so you aren't playing catch up. All members that submit more than 5 points will earn raffle tickets for the holiday party. Members will receive 1 raffle ticket for every 5 points submitted.

I hope this has helped some of you.
Happy volunteering!

Eric Hinson

Member of the Year (MOY) - Event	Points
Judge/Staff/Steward at a qualifying competition	7
Judged at monthly SCP	2
Hosted a brewing demo at an OBC Event	25
Assisted at brewing demo at an OBC Event	10
Worked at OBC booth at OBF/SBWF or equivalent	15
Taught Class/Workshop for OBC members	20
Assisted in teaching class for OBC members	5
Helped Treasurer sign in members at meeting	5
Wrote a published newsletter article	15
Served on a committee	10
Organized an experiment	20
Participated in experiment	10
Brought Food for Meeting	5
Brought Keg to Meeting	5

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 2016 to reflect these changes.

Any questions? Send them to dylan.vandetta@oregonbrewcrew.org.

Happy brewing!

Dylan



At the end of this month, [Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership](#) is co-hosting a Homebrew Battle fundraiser in partnership with Columbia River Brewing in Portland's Hollywood District. Fifteen homebrewers will face off for the glory of people's choice and prizes for the top three brewers. Admittance is \$15, and all entry funds will support the Estuary Partnership's stewardship and outdoor education programs. At the event, homebrewers will offer up free samples of their brew, and folks will be able to vote for their favorite.

Here are the essential details:
 Homebrew Battle for the Columbia River
 Saturday, April 30, 1-5pm
 Columbia River Brewing, 1728 NE 40th Ave, Portland
 \$15 admission, Ages 21+
 Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1004820412930437/>

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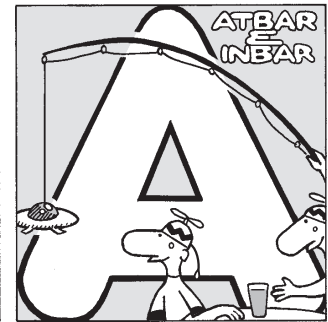
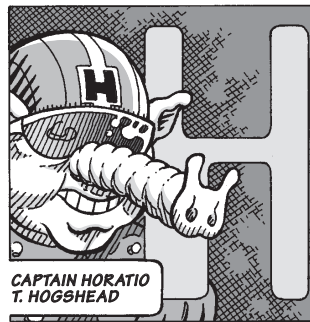
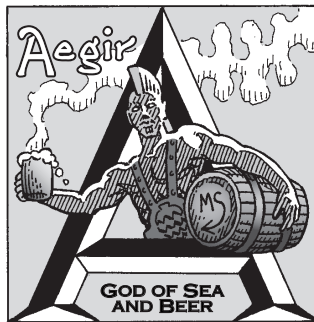
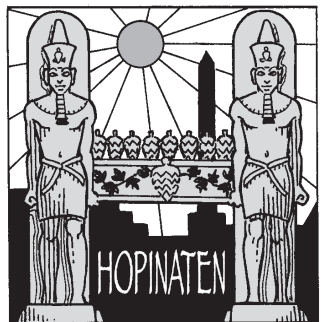
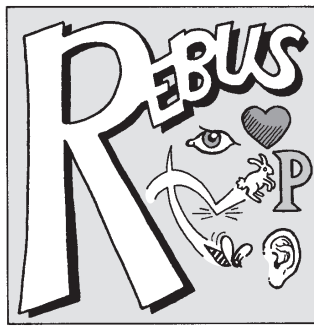
\$15 ADMISSION

SAMPLE & VOTE
 FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE!

All admission supports the Estuary Partnership's outdoor education programs.

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OBC T-SHIRTS! Now with a new front design!

Available at the next OBC meeting.

\$15 for members

\$20 for non-members

Payment by cash or credit card.

Available in mens and women's sizes small through 2XL.

Women's Missy fit V-neck in Heather Gray

Men's heavy weight crew neck in Navy or Black.

A special thank you to Bruce Prior and Michele Lish for their time to make these new shirts available.



SHOP NOW!!!

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

Challenge Coins!!!



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.

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OBC Cup Standings (as of April 7)

Charles Macaluso 151

Jim Thompson 130

Rodney Kibzey 118

Alex Brehm 75

Jason Barker 66

Lee Hedgmon 16

Seth Jacobson 15

Eric Hinson 15

Jon Campbell 8

Sean Morrison 6
