



August 2022 Oregon Brew Crew Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Events

August "Out" Meeting

Thursday, 8/11/22 at 7pm

Steeplejack Brewing Company

[2400 NE Broadway,](#)
[Portland, OR 97232](#)

Details:

Come enjoy the beautiful old church ambience of Steeplejack brewing and listen to their brewery startup story.

Note: This is a member's only event. OBC will provide some beer. Outside beer or homebrew is not allowed at this event.

Reminder: You can renew your membership online at oregonbrewcrew.org or at the meeting.





Presidential Pint

Happy August! Hopefully you were able to check out the Portland Craft Beer Festival and the Oregon Brewers Festival in July. It was nice to see those two events come back. It also gave OBC a chance to set up our booth and meet people who may be interested in Homebrew. I would like to thank Mark Gillette with FH Steinbart's for the Homebrew kit that they donated and OBC got to give away to a lucky recipient. If you watch KPTV 12 you may have seen Michele Lish at the Oregon Brewers Festival talking about Homebrew.
<https://youtu.be/4V9hrwA6T8Q>

As we are now into the eighth month of 2022 I feel it's a good time to remind everyone about the board. The board has ten positions that are all volunteer and are crucial to the success of OBC. Every November OBC has elections for those positions and we need all of your help in filling those positions as well as voting. I know at least half the board will be stepping down and we need members to take their place. If you are curious about any of the positions please look at the website descriptions and reach out to any of the board and we will tell you what we do. [Board duties](#)

As we get back to our OBC meetings please remember to eat and hydrate with water as well. If you find yourself over indulging please and don't have a ride then please get a hold of a board member and we will get you a ride home. We want to make sure that all of our friends and members get home safely. Also if you see someone that has had too much to drink and may need a ride please tell a board member.

This month's meeting is at Steeplejack Brewing, [2400 NE Broadway, Portland, OR 97232](#) on Thursday August 11th at 7pm. This is a member's only event and OBC will provide some beer. Outside beer or Homebrew is not allowed at this event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers,

-Jon Campbell

2020-2022 OBC President

Free Beer!

For the meetings...

We need beer for the meetings! We are looking for members to sign up and bring kegs to our in-meetings held at Steinbarts. To help incentivize and off set the cost of ingredients we are giving a \$10 Steinbarts gift certificate to anyone who brings a keg.

Please sign up before the meeting so we know who is bringing beer. We have In-meetings scheduled for July, September, October and November.

Members can always bring bottles and growlers as well but this incentive only applies to kegs. To sign up for these meetings please email grace.schrick@oregonbrewcrew.org.

Cheers,
Grace Schrick
Vice President

Events Update

Thank you everyone who helped staff the booth at the Oregon Brewers Festival!
Without all of you it would have been a very difficult, long weekend. Beer was cold and the temps were scorching!
Be on the lookout for upcoming events in the near future.
Bill Midkiff
Events

Burgermeister Brewsnews

Hello friends! This coming meeting is an out meeting, so not much for me to say about it. But let me tell you about our next IN meeting!
I had introduced a new food comp, pre-shutdown and am bringing it back! That's right, it's the (new) annual Mac-in-Cheese Bake-Off! There are only 2 rules, 1: It cannot be store bought and 2: it must be entered by who ever did make it. That's it.
If you were here for the first one, you might remember I made a blueberry dessert mac-in-cheese and it was epic! You have been warned with plenty of time to practice.
I will write more about it in next month's newsletter. And remind you that if you want me to be able to judge your recipe, then it must remain 100% onion free as I don't feel like going to the hospital because I had to use my epi pen.
Cheers,
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Competition Corner - August

Upcoming Competitions:

Rocktoberfest, Redmond OR, 10/1. Entries need to be registered by 9/16, and dropped off (Steinbarts is a drop off point) by 9/23. Judging is at Mecca Grade Malt in Madras; I usually try to judge this comp every year as its a small club, and they can use the judges, but i cant get to mecca grade by bus, so if anyone is heading out to judge i can ride with let me know.

Fall Classic, Portland OR, Mid-November. Obc's large competition of the year. If you wish to help organize, contact scott.nieradka@oregonbrewcrew.org

OBC Cup:

Charles Macaluso	188
Corrie Heath	10
Adam Lund	5

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

Come on, I know more than these 3 have won medals this year, Fill out the form here whenever you enter any competition, win or lose, and get points for competing. Points can be traded for tasty raffle tickets at our annual holiday party, and the overall winner

gets a prize. See full details at the link above.

Washington Comps:

Best of the Bay, Bellingham, WA

Entry Deadline: 08/20/2022

Bill Arthurs (wjarthurs@comcast.net)

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

Fall City Apple Festival Hard Cider Contest, Fall City, WA

Entry Deadline: 09/09/2022

Entry Fee: 30

James Hutchins (jhutchins@nwnhcfamilyfund.org)

<https://nwnhcfamilyfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Cider-Contest-Entry-Form-2022.pdf>

Lights Out! Dark Beers Only 2022, Auburn, WA

Entry Deadline: 10/28/2022

Entry Fee: 9

Steven Ouzts (steven@ouzs.net)

<https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=WALQCS1000733>

Scott Nieradka

Competition

40th Anniversary Party Update

The committee has been reaching out to those who have purchased tickets already to ask if they are able to attend on Saturday, Nov 5th . Many are thrilled that we are finally going to host this celebration, some are saddened that they will be unable to attend due to conflicts and a few are no longer interested in attending. We need a headcount for food and rental supplies, so **PLEASE if you have not replied yet, do so to:** obc40@oregonbrewcrew.org

We had one person submit a reply to the survey, but they did not put their name on the form, only used the numbers 1 & 2 for tickets purchased. If that was you, please contact the committee as noted above.

Some who are not attending have kindly donated the funds to OBC to use for the event. Others have requested a refund. If you cannot attend and want a refund, we will honor your request until Sept. 5th . Contact the OBC Treasurer Michele Lish at: treasurer@oregonbrewcrew.org

We have opened up ticket purchasing once again at the previous rates of \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. These can be purchased at <https://oregonbrewcrew.org/event-3651418>

The committee will be meeting on Monday, Aug 8th to discuss what tasks we need to address and who will volunteer to take those tasks on. If you are interested in being on the committee, contact us by email: obc40@oregonbrewcrew.org

Our intention is to work with a local brewery to brew another special anniversary beer in time for the event. We hope to have the plans for this finalized by late summer.

OBC 40 Planning Committee

obc40@oregonbrewcrew.org

OBC will be hosting Learn to Brew Class(es)

At the Oregon Brewers Fest, we had a sign-up sheet for people to be in a raffle to attend a learn to brew class. Apparently people who have different levels of skill in brewing from novice to moderate skills and beyond want to attend such a class.

We had about 30 people sign the sheet. We plan to host the event in October or November, but sadly, the National Learn to Brew Day is the same day as our 40th Anniversary Gala so it won't happen on that day.

If you are also interested in attending or maybe want to help teach the course, please contact Michele Lish and let her know: michele.lish@oregonbrewcrew.org

The board is still working out the details, so watch for updates in future newsletters or on our website.

More Beer History

There is a lot written about the history of beer, and like anything that has been around for centuries, conflicting stories exist. This one is interesting, especially since it specifies only women will get punished.

Under Babylonian rule, Mesopotamian beer production increased dramatically, became more commercialized, and laws were instituted concerning it as paragraphs 108-110 of the Code of Hammurabi make clear:

108: If a tavern-keeper (feminine) does not accept grain according to gross weight in payment of drink, but takes money, and the price of the drink is less than that of the grain, she shall be convicted and thrown into the water.

109: If conspirators meet in the house of a tavern-keeper, and these conspirators are not captured and delivered to the court, the tavern-keeper shall be put to death.

110: If a "sister of a god" open a tavern, or enter a tavern to drink, then shall this woman be burned to death.

Volunteerism

Volunteerism: The dictionary defines this as "the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward."

You are probably asking why I am mentioning this in our newsletter. The answer is two-fold: Firstly, as a member of OBC you are asked to volunteer in some way to help the club. This can be done by bringing beer or food to a meeting; helping with competitions by being a judge, steward or admin staff; helping present an education topic; staffing an OBC booth at an event, being on a committee or doing any number of other tasks which benefit the club. Secondly, I was surprised by the opinion of some club volunteers who expected some sort of reward for volunteering. Maybe times have changed and I'm not "with it" or am too old, but at an early age when I learned about volunteering, it was as the definition above states... with no expectation of a personal benefit. My benefit was the good feeling I got when I volunteered and helped someone or some group. I've donated blood, volunteered at Habitat for Humanity build sites, taken positions on several nonprofit boards, raised money for charities such as women's shelters, Alberta Kerr and the Boys and Girls Club to name a few. I also regularly donate goods and money to nonprofit charities. To hear that people expect something in return for volunteering was a new concept for me. If something is given freely that doesn't cost someone else or is surplus materials, that's different. But when someone else is paying because you volunteered it seems to take the true meaning of being a volunteer away. This is my own personal opinion and I've come to recognize it is not the opinion held by some other people, and if I spoke out of turn to you because you expressed that you expecting something in return for volunteering, I apologize. It was just the way I was raised and that I believe is what people should do out of the kindness of their hearts.

Michele Lish

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!

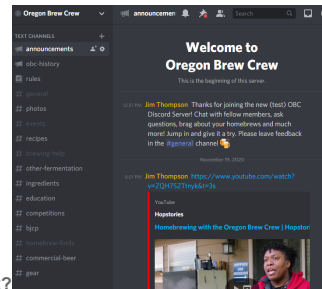
<https://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/pilotsystem>

Any questions? Send them to
board@oregonbrewcrew.org

Happy brewing!

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](#) started in 2012 as a social networking platform primarily aimed at gamers. Like [Slack](#), 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](#) and [membership system](#).

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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