



OBC NEWSLETTER

The Presidential Pint

By Lee Hedgmon



Happy Spring Oregon Brew Crew!

I'm seeing little green buds on trees and birds being aggressive homebuilders-stealing stalks of grass from each other and giving us humans the hairy eyeball when we get too close. This time of year I start thinking about the spring beers that I'll be brewing and gearing up for the beer festivals and upcoming events.

First off I'd like to offer a hearty congratulations to OBC member Jodi Terry Campbell on her win for the second year in a row at She-Brew! The event this year was well attended by the public and praise was heaped upon the homebrews that were tasted. There was a beer for every palate in that room and the creativity of the beers was outstanding. I look forward to next year and seeing what our members come up with. Participating OBC members were: myself, Jodi, Caitlin Brehm, Lisa Barker, Jenn McPoland, Tracy Hensley, Sam Underwood and Corrie Heath.

2015



SheBrew

Again this year F.H. Steinbart's will be hosting Big Brew and they've offered 50% discount on ingredients for brewers who register to brew at the event. You can register by emailing Steinbart's at info@fhsteinbart.com and in the subject line "Register Me For Big Brew". This is the perfect opportunity to show off your brewing rig and inspire folks to brew!



Kristen's Reign Of Bacon

How time flies when you are doing spring cleaning!

Time to throw out all that dubious grain that's been sitting in the back of the cupboard, and check the expiration dates on the yeast.

Of course, if you're on a consistent brewing schedule, you won't have this issue (cue guilty look toward that cupboard next to the stove).

April 9th is an In meeting, so once again I call upon the members of OBC to bring forth comestible delights!

I had hoped to come up with a fabulous theme for this month, but after discarding things connected with April Fool's Day (no one wants to be surprised by food) I decided to make it **Anything Goes!!**

Please try to get your contribution to Steinbart's around 6:45 so I have plenty of time to make it look pretty!

I would like to thank everyone who brought food to last month's out meeting:

Chris Schlichten--Veggies!!

Rick Okamura--Veggies and 3 Layer Dip!!

Scott McSorley-- Pretzels and Nuts!!

Eric and Lisa Minson-- Chips and Dip and Green Oreos!!

Chuck Macaluso--Chips!!

Josh Huerta--Pie!!

Samantha Underwood--Pasta Salad!!

Caren Rockwood--Cheese and Figs!!

Mark and Holly Walla--Bean Salad and Fried Fava Beans!!

Scott Nieradka--Egg Salad!!

Jessica Prior--Rhubarb Cake!!

Todd Hochenedel--Brownies!!

Paul Hosom--Lavender Bread!!

Jon Boerner--Hummus!!

Caitlin and Alex Brehm--Vegetarian Greek Pasta Salad!!

Don Stewart--Spinach Dip and Crackers!!

Brian Haslip--Deviled Green Eggs and Ham!!

Jason and Lisa Barker--Elk Summer Sausage!!

Brent Mays--Chips and Salsa!!

Troy Hopkins--Sea Salt Bread Sticks!!

Diane Prior--Birthday Cake!!

Tyler Brotherton--Cheddar Broccoli Soup!!

Corrie Heath--Spent Grain Cheddar Crackers!!

Marilyn Burns--Lasagna!!

Mary and Todd Baker--Basil Pesto!!

If your name is not here then you forgot to sign the all-important Burgermeister's Logbook.



OBC's Bus Trip to the Coast

The OBC is heading over to the Coast for a series of brewery tours on July 25, 2015. Are you on the bus? If not, here is your chance to join the fun.

On the morning of July 25, 2015, we will be traveling to the Coast for tours and tastings at three outstanding Oregon breweries: de Garde Brewing, Buoy Brewing, and Fort George Brewing.

The cost for the trip is \$25 for OBC members and \$50 for non-members. The cost for non-members is higher because the club is subsidizing the price for members. The registration fee is fully refundable up to 72 hours prior to departure; however, there will be no refunds after that time. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The registration fee will cover the cost of transportation, lunch, and snacks/water on the bus. However, beer at the brewery stops is **NOT** covered in the registration fee - everyone is on their own for all drink purchases at the breweries.

Please note that you are allowed to bring beer on the bus (no kegs), but we ask that you please drink in moderation.

The bus will depart bright and early from the Washington Square promptly at 8:00 a.m. First stop is Tillamook, then off to Astoria. We then return to Washington Square by 8:30 p.m. Space is limited.

Competition Corner with Jamie Koty



2015 COHO Spring Fling Homebrew Competition

<http://cohomebrewers.org/SpringFling>

June 20, 2015

Entry Deadline: June 13 Please contact Tom Brohamer (tom@MyBrewPal.com) for more information about entry and judge registration.



Breakside 5th Anniversary Homebrew Challenge
(GABF ProAM)

Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM - Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 10:00 PM (PDT)

Details here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakside-5th-anniversary-homebrew-challenge-gabf-proam-tickets-16060521452?aff=erellivorg>



Slurp & Burp Results!

<http://strangebrew.org/slurp/>

Best in Show Winner:

Robert Blouch with Deep Six Cream Ale!

It would take pages to list all the OBC winners, but I wanted to give props to:

Alex Brehm & Caitlin Brehm



and Eric Hinson for sweeping the New Brewer Category!





Calling All Hops!

<http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/page-1510121>

Thursday, April 9th - 6pm - FH Steinbart

Bottles can be dropped off any time/day prior to meeting at FH Steinbart, or brought to meeting by 6pm.

Bring 2 bottles of your 14B (American IPA), 14C (Imperial IPA), 10A (American Pale Ale), 10B (American Amber Ale), CDA (Cascadian Dark Ale) and/or NW Red Ale.

Prizes will be awarded to the top beers. Please email Jamie Koty if you plan on entering a beer and/or would like to judge.



Heart of Cascadia

May 30th

Deadline: May 21st



Sasquatch Homebrewing Competition

May 23rd

Deadline: TBD

**Portland's Cheers
To Belgian Beers**



**Portland Cheers to Belgian Beers
Homebrew Competition**

Entry Deadline: Drop off between
4/25-5/4

Collaborator

June 3, 2015

Entry Deadline: May 29th
Questions- Email the Collaborator
Committee
(collaborator@oregonbrewcrew.org)



33rd Oregon Homebrew Festival

May 16, 2015

Entry Deadline: May 2nd- See site for entry, volunteer and judging info.



Brewing Education with Jason Barker

Refractometer

A refractometer is a great little tool to have in your arsenal. You can quickly take gravity readings of your wort without having to take a large sample or cool it to get a reading. There are a few things to remember though:

- 1) Calibration is key! Properly calibrate your tool prior to brewing. These are sensitive instruments that can wander off when getting jostled around your garage.
- 2) Make sure you know if your model is temperature-correcting or not.
- 3) Refractometers are only accurate for measuring wort, not beer. Once you've pitched your yeast and started fermenting you must use a traditional hydrometer for the most accurate reading.

Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

The OBC Pilot system is a full pilot brewery available for use by the membership. It has almost everything you need to brew a 10 gal batch of all-grain beer. Supply the ingredients and space to brew and you are ready to go! The club even supplies the propane!

Some of the components available in the system include 3 - 15.5 gal keggles, 3 propane tanks, a 2 burner camp stove, copper immersion chiller, copper counterflow wort chiller with a pump, a 10 gallon cooler mash tun, hoses and more.

The system is currently managed by the OBC Treasurer and can be reserved on the website by completing the form. Look for it under Education.

Happy brewing!

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Coming up!

April:

9th: OBC Meeting, Steinbarts, 7pm

9th: Calling all Hops SCP

May:

8th-9th: Cheers to Belgian Beers

29th: Collaborator Entries due at 5pm, FH. Steinbarts

23rd: Sasquatch Homebrew Comp

30th: Heart of Cascadia

June:

For those of you that read this section, let me know what you would like to see. Home-brew comp dates, beer fests, etc. Or something else...?

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