



# OBC NEWSLETTER

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## Highlights from the September Edition

In this issue, you will find the following:

- **September In-Meeting – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at F. H. Steinbarts.** Join us for Imperial Yeast and their Kviek yeast experiment!
- **Presidential Pint** – Upcoming events and elections!
- **Competition Corner** – Fall Classic registration is [open!](#) Judging will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Portland Cider. We will need lots of judges and several stewards for the competition, so please consider signing up to volunteer as you sign up to have your beer judged. Remember that volunteering gets you Member of the Year points!
- **Events** – Recap and time to start thinking about the Holiday party.
- **Bürgermeister** – Please bring a dish to share to our September meeting!



## Presidential Pint President – Lisa Hinson

Hello Brew-Loving Friends,

It is hard to believe we have rounded the corner on this year and are already headed into Fall. I don't know about all of you, but it's my favorite time of year around here! Cooler air, all the colors, some great fresh hopped beer, with some richer darker beers coming up fast right after! (I'll save commenting either way on Pumpkin Beers to avoid the controversy!)

This is also a really busy time for the club and for your OBC Board! I hope you all had a chance to see my email earlier this week, and have maybe been thinking a bit about how **you** can be involved. The truth is, without volunteers giving their time at every level, our club wouldn't be able to do all (or really any) of the amazing things it does!

Coming into the Fall there are three particular ways you can consider helping out!

**Fall Classic Competition Committee** - Eric Hinson ([competitions@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:competitions@oregonbrewcrew.org)) is assembling a team to plan and run our club's largest annual competition! The competition is November 1-2nd, but whether or not you can be there the day of (or have **any** experience at all) your help will be very welcome! Please email Eric for more information.

**Holiday Party Planning Committee** - I will be co-chairing this planning committee with Michele Lish. We are looking for folks to be involved in helping at **all** levels. There are a lot of moving pieces to this fun-filled event, so whether you are interested in helping plan/arrange food, set-up/clean-up, solicit raffle prizes, or many other tasks... there is a place for you on this committee! Contact myself ([president@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:president@oregonbrewcrew.org)) or Michele ([events@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:events@oregonbrewcrew.org)) to let us know you can help! We'll be setting up some meeting dates soon!

**2020 Oregon Brew Crew Board** - Elections for next year's board will be held at November's meeting (Thursday, November 14th). Each year we elect the next year's board, and while all positions are considered to be "open" (i.e. anyone can run regardless of if the person currently in that position chooses to run again) we know, particularly, that we will have several positions vacant (i.e. the current board member will not be running for that same position). We hope you will consider how you might be able to serve your club by being a part of next year's board! If you are interested to know more or in any particular position, we encourage you to reach out to the person currently in that position (or any board member) to get more information! You can find more information on the positions here: <https://oregonbrewcrew.org/page-1858083>

Thank you for being a part of the Oregon Brew Crew, and for considering how you can be involved in our continuing to be the "Awesome Club of Awesomeness."

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hinson  
OBC President



## Education Corner

Education Chair - Tracy Hensley

### Upcoming In Meeting Education Topics

**September 12th:** Kviek Yeast Experiments with [Imperial Yeast](#)

This will be our last education session for the year so make sure to attend. It also completes our series of the 4 essential ingredients in beer: Malt, Hops, Water, and Yeast!

### Get Involved

Reach out to me with your ideas, questions, and/or if you want to get involved: [education@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:education@oregonbrewcrew.org)

## Bürgermeister News Torri Hansmann

Please bring food to get us ready to learn about yeast! Let's make this next meeting's potluck just as good as any. It's not as hot out, so I imagine there will be more crock pot meals, casseroles, and deli food. Cold cuts, cheese, crackers, and rolls, chips and dips, breads and even pizza are great too! I will come up with something fun go share with you. We will have power for crockpots. I hope to see many of you there.

I will have two raffle drawings, a Steinbart's gift certificate and.....? Come out and see what I have come up with.

Work too late to cook on Thursday? That's okay, just grab a deli salad at your local grocery store. It'll get you a raffle ticket!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at

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### Potluck Raffle Ticket Values

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

**2 tickets** for medium items: salad, a plate of homemade goodies, a pot of beans, veggies, or a smaller to medium dish of substantial food.

**3 tickets** for large items that feed a couple dozen people: lasagna, mac n cheese, sandwiches, BBQ or smoked meats, or a medium dish with obviously expensive ingredients, or a generous portion of time to prepare it.

**Side note:** Your Burgermeister is extremely allergic to all onions which includes chives. Please be courteous and let me know if there are onions, fresh raw, dried/powdered or cooked as it will need to sit far, far away from me, I cannot even breathe them. Thank you so much!

## Events Corner Events Coordination Chair – Michele Lish

This is the end of events for OBC for 2019 as far as beer festivals are concerned. We had a great time at the Bacon Eggs and Kegs event, and in fact had extra volunteers because some of the breweries and cideries sent reps to pour their own product and not all who volunteered were needed. However, it is good the reps will pour because they can tell attendees about the product whereas a volunteer may not have even tasted it so would have no opinion to give. The after party was the best I've ever seen. There was so much food and drink, and it was amazing, not just chips and stale sandwiches, but tons of bacon, bloody Mary's with all the

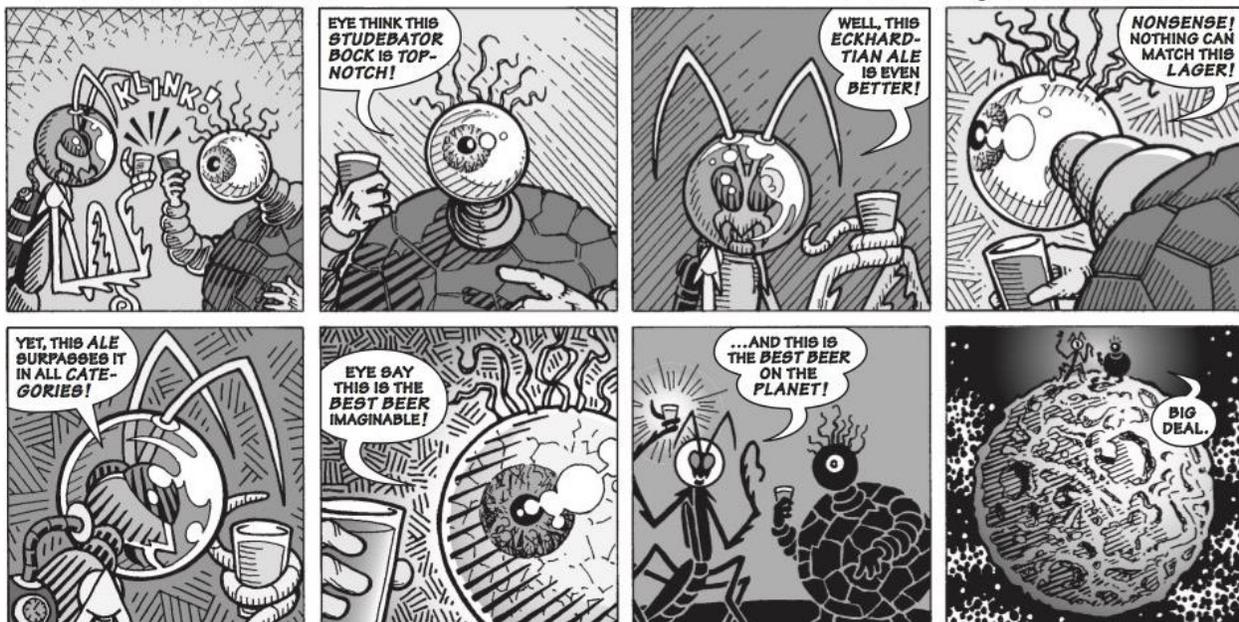
fixings you could imagine, shrimp, fruit and veggies, and so much more. I have not yet heard what the amount will be that they are donating to OBC, but they said they would be producing a "branded" canopy for us, and I sent them the graphs that Bruce Prior created for it. Next year we will have all the same events, and possible one more Nano Beer festival, so keep your calendar open and volunteer. It is fun and rewarding.

I have organized all the boxes and bins so that next year the supplies will be ready to go. Since this is a slow time of year for this position I hold, I volunteered to co-chair the Holiday Party with Lisa Hinson. **We will need volunteers to help with the Holiday Party.** We are able to get into the hall early for set up, and as in the past, it will be a potluck, so think about food now. The event will be at the same place as the past couple of years, Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge in North Portland. If you are interested in helping in any way for this club event, please contact me at [michele.lish@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:michele.lish@oregonbrewcrew.org)

Next year I plan to move on to a new position on the OBC board, so will need someone to step up to the plate to take this position over. I will be available to assist you in transitioning into the position and plan to volunteer a lot myself. It is very rewarding position to take on, and frankly a lot of fun. I got to sample a lot of good beer while doing this job. If you have any question or are at all interested, reach out to me and I'll fill you in.

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## Competition Calendar

### Competition Committee Chair – Eric Hinson

**Cascade Fermentation Association Rocktoberfest** – Redmond, OR. Registration deadline August 30<sup>th</sup>, judging the following weekend (Sept 6-8) at Initiative Brewing in Redmond. **This is an OSHBOTY qualifier.**

**Washington State Fair** – Puyallup, WA. Information can be found on the website [HERE](#).

**Worthy Garden Club Hoptoberfest** – Bend, OR. Interesting competition, this is a Fresh Hop Competition hosted by a Natural Science Research Non-profit. No entry fee, and you must use Worthy Hops, which are provided free of charge. IPA, Specialty IPA and Pale Ale categories. Judging and People's Choice. Drop-off deadline September 25<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration [HERE](#).

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual OBC Fall Classic** – Clackamas, OR. Fall Classic is here! The finale for the OBC Competition season and the final **OSHBOTY** event of the year. Judging will be held Friday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at Portland Cider Co. in Clackamas, the same location as last year. Registration/Drop-off deadline October 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open now [HERE](#).

**Competition Committee** – Running competitions requires a dedicated team. If you are interested in serving as Head Steward, Judge Coordinator or simply helping plan for both Heart of Cascadia and Fall Classic please contact me at [Eric.Hinson@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:Eric.Hinson@oregonbrewcrew.org). Heart of Cascadia is typically in May, Fall Classic is typically in late October, early November. The goal will be to hold several planning meetings before each event. If you can't make it to each meeting that's fine! If you can help plan beforehand but can't be there day of, that's fine! It takes a village. Serving on a committee will also fulfill your volunteer requirement as an OBC member and earn you **Member of the Year** Karma points!

**Opportunity for Nano Breweries, with discount code: “nano-obc”**

We wanted to let you know about a conference targeted just for Nano Breweries (and Nanos in planning) that is happening in Vancouver, WA this November 1-2. Sign-up for two-days packed with over 30 seminars, workshops, and events targeted for small-scale commercial breweries before September 16 and save \$200 off the regular \$799 price using this unique discount code at check-out **nano-obc**.

Space is limited for this conference organized by Brew Your Own magazine so don't wait to lock in your spot and also save!

You'll learn over two days from experts and Nano colleagues about actionable ways to improve – or launch – your craft brewery with ideas geared just for your small-scale size and business model. You can attend any seminars from among four different learning tracks running in each time slot throughout the two days: Sales & Marketing, Brewery Operations, Business Operations, and Start-Ups. Plus there will be an exhibit area with vendors who understand the specialized needs of the Nano market.

**Registration:** <https://byo.com/product-category/2019-nanocon-vancouver-wa/>

**Coupon Code:** nano-obc

\*\* The code only applies to NanoCon registrations (not pre- or post-conference brewery tours or the pre-conference Brewery Start-Up Boot Camp). The NanoCon early discount (\$100 off) runs through September 16 and our unique discount code allows you to take an additional \$100 discount off of that. The code is not case-sensitive. A brochure with event details and registration info is attached and also downloadable at: [www.byo.com/nanocon](http://www.byo.com/nanocon)

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## Challenge Coins!



The OBC still 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; she paid for the challenge coins herself and is only reimbursed by the purchase of the coins.



# Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

## Fabulous upgrades to the Pilot System!

Last 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!

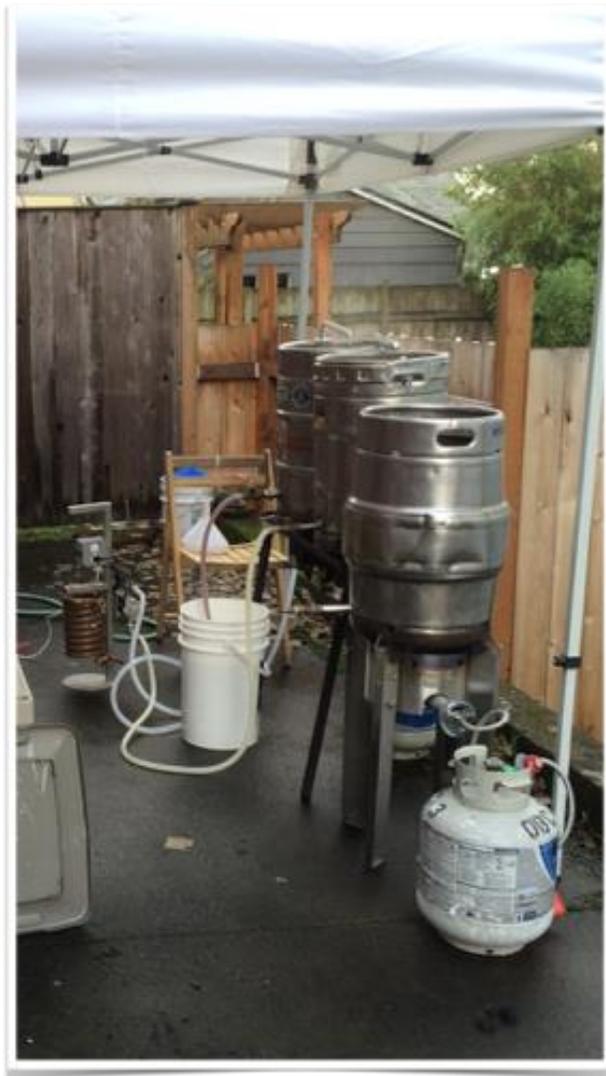
In addition to the amazing upgrades and improvements, we are also improving the sign-out process.

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 2019 to reflect these changes. Reserve here:

<https://oregonbrewcrew.org/pilotsystem>

Any questions? Send them to

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<b>OBC Cup Standings 9/5/19</b>	
Chuck Macaluso	374
Jason Barker	72
Jon Campbell	11
Corrie Heath	8
Eric Hinson	5
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<b>Member of the Year (MOY)</b>	
Chuck Macaluso – 90 points	
Corrie Heath – 80	
Jason Bauer – 45	
Kathleen Freitag - 25	
Rose Romanick – 20	
Ian Romanick – 20	
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