The Cold Beer Report

New Year's Resolution for 2012: Try at least 366 DIFFERENT beers



We officially started our resolution 3 days before the New Year, on December 29th, since we were planning to visit Amy's Alma Mater (RPI) that day and wanted to visit a brewery there. We told Amy's friend Roy about our goal, and he started us off right: by opening us up a bottle of German lager that he brought back with him when he visited Germany several months before. After



leaving Roy and Ruth's house, we went to Brown's Brewing Company; trying a total of 9 beers on our first day!

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Location	Misc.
1	Mönchshof	Lager	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	Thanks Roy!!
2	Brown's Brewing Co.	Pilsner	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	
3	Brown's Brewing Co.	Pale Ale	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	
4	Brown's Brewing Co.	IPA	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	
5	Brown's Brewing Co.	Cherry Raspberry	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	Amy's favorite
6	Brown's Brewing Co.	Brown Ale	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	
7	Brown's Brewing Co.	Porter	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	
8	Brown's Brewing Co.	Whiskey Barrel Aged Porter	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	Nathan's fave
9	Brown's Brewing Co.	Oatmeal Stout	Dec. 29 th , 2011	Troy, NY	

While we were in Troy, we picked up some local northeastern brews from a beer store nearby. The next night, we hung out with Stephanie & Stephen Purple and shared with them while watching *The Life Aquatic*.

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date & Location
10	Magic Hat	Howl	Dec. 30 th , Swansea, MA
11	Red Hook	Winter Hook	Dec. 30 th , Swansea, MA
12	Long Trail Brewing Co.	Blackbeary Wheat	Dec. 30 th , Swansea, MA
13	Magic Hat	Circus Boy	Dec. 30 th , Swansea, MA



We also knocked a few other beers off our list while visiting Massachusetts, including a visit to John Harvard's Brew House in Cambridge:

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date & Location	Misc.
14	Coors	Coors Light	Jan. 1 st , Somerset, MA	
15	John Harvard's	Russian Imperial Stout	Jan. 2 nd , Cambridge, MA	Nathan's favorite
16	John Harvard's	Winter Solstice	Jan. 2 nd , Cambridge, MA	
17	John Harvard's	Colonial Gold	Jan. 2 nd , Cambridge, MA	
18	John Harvard's	John Harvard's Pale Ale	Jan. 2 nd , Cambridge, MA	
19	John Harvard's	Black Watch Stout	Jan. 2 nd , Cambridge, MA	
20	Sam Adams	Winter Lager	Jan. 2 nd , Dedham, MA	
21	Fox Barrel	Ginger & Black Currant	Jan. 3 rd , Dedham, MA	
		Unfiltered Pear Cider		

The rest of the brews we bought in Troy came back with us to Boulder. Also, upon returning to Boulder we got a \$50 visa gift card in the mail (thanks U.S. Bank!) which we immediately took to Liquor Mart to stock up on beer (and by immediately... I mean it! We were at Liquor Mart within 20 minutes of getting the gift card!) These were all tasted at our apartment in Boulder:

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Misc.
22	Alexander Keith's	Nova Scotia Style Brown Ale	Jan. 12 th	weirdly sweet
23	Alexander Keith's	Nova Scotia Style Lager	Jan. 23 rd	
24	Lake Placid	Ubu Ale	Jan. 12 th	
25	Magic Hat	#9	Jan. 13 th	
26	Stoudt	Pils German-Style Pilsner	Jan. 15 th	Patriots Destroyed
			th.	the Brocos!
27	Huyghe	Delirium Tremens	Jan. 25 th	©
28	Margaritaville Brewing Co.	Landshark	Jan. 25 th	
29	UNIBROUE	Blanche de Chambly	Feb. 3 rd	
30	Mate Veza	Yerba Mate IPA	Feb. 2 nd	
31	Budweiser	Bud Light Lime	Feb. 2 nd	
32	Stone	Ruination IPA	Feb. 4 th	
33	Ommegang	Abbey Ale	Feb. 4 th	
34	Wells	Banana Bread Beer	Feb. 4 th	yum!
35	New Planet	3R Raspberry Ale	Feb. 5 th	
36	New Belgium	Trippel	Feb. 5 th	
37	Pabst	PBR	Feb. 5 th	
38	Green's	Amber Ale	Feb. 5 th	
39	Boulder Beer	Buffalo Gold	Feb. 5 th	
40	Stone	IPA	Feb. 7 th	
41	Twisted Pine	Ghost Face Killah	Feb. 10 th	owowow
42	Angry Orchard	Hard Cider Apple Ginger	Feb. 12 th	yum ©
43	Desnoes + Geddes	Red Stripe Jamaican Lager	Feb. 12 th	
44	Samuel Smith's	Organic Cider	Feb. 17 th	
45	Shock Top	Raspberry Wheat	Feb. 22 nd	☺
46	Angry Orchard	Crisp Apple	March 3 rd	amy like!
47	Angry Orchard	Traditional Dry	March 4 th	amy like!
48	Haandbryggeriet	Barrel-Aged Porter	March 3 rd	©
49	Young's	Double Chocolate Stout	March 4 th	tastes like cardboard
50	Durango Brewing Co.	Wheat Beer	March 8 th	

Chili and Stone Beer Night

On January 20th, we had some friends – Erica, Josh, Aaron, Apolune & Adam - over for a Chili and Stone Beer night (beer from Stone in San Diego). Erica couldn't find any stone beer we didn't already have, so she brought some stuff from Rogue, a brewery in Oregon.

No.	Brewery	Brew	Misc.
51	Rogue	Dead Guy Ale	
52	Rogue	Chocolate Stout	
52.5	Rogue	Nutella Beer!	mixture of the chocolate and hazelnut
53	Rogue	Hazelnut Brown Nectar	
54	Stone	Pale Ale	
55	Stone	Levitation Ale	
56	Stone	OAKED Arrogant Bastard Ale	
57	Stone	Double Bastard	awesome!
58	Stone	11.11.11 Vertical Epic	
59	Stone / The Bruery	La Citrueille Celeste de	
	/Elysian	Citranado	

Birthday Beer



Our birthdays are 2 weeks apart (Nathan is January 19th, I'm
February 2nd) and we used having birthdays as an excuse to drink more beer. I took
Nathan to Reuben's in
Boulder for his birthday, then his parents took us both out to Oskar Blues, a brewery in Longmont,
CO to share some beer samplers with us.

No.	Brewery	Beer	Location & Date	Misc.
60	St-Feuillien	New Year's Ale	Reuben's, Jan. 19 th	like ☺
61	Oskar Blues	Mama's Little Yella Pils	Jan. 22 nd	Nathan like!
62	Oskar Blues	Dale's Pale Ale	Jan. 22 nd	
63	Oskar Blues	G'Knight	Jan. 22 nd	Amy like!
64	Oskar Blues	Old Chub Scotch Ale	Jan. 22 nd	
65	Oskar Blues	Ten FIDY Imperial Stout	Jan. 22 nd	
66	Oskar Blues	Deviant Dale's IPA	Jan. 22 nd	holyy hops
67	Oskar Blues	Gubna Imperial IPA	Jan. 22 nd	
68	Oskar Blues	Red Eye Rye	Jan. 22 nd	
69	Oskar Blues	English Mild	Jan. 22 nd	too mild
70	Oskar Blues	Columbian Supreme	Jan. 22 nd	

Nathan's parents and sister also bought us a respectable stash of beer as birthday gifts:



Bull and Bush Brewery

We went to Bull and Bush in Denver and tried some of their samplers over lunch (Jan. 26th)

No.	Brew	Misc.
71	Patio's Vat Dunkelweiss	
72	Happy Hop Pilsner	Amy ☺
73	Allgood Amber Ale	
74	The Tower ESB	
75	Man Beer	
76	Big Ben Brown Ale	Nathan 😊









Random Excursions

There are a lot of good places to try new beer in and around Boulder. Reuben's has an extensive list of Belgian Beer that are hard to find just anywhere. And Mountain Sun... a brewery, but also has STOUT MONTH in February where they rotate several different stouts in and out of their menu throughout the month.

No.	Brewery	Brew	Location & Date	Misc.
77	Basteels	Tripel Karmeliet	Reuben's Jan. 29 th	
78	Mountain Sun	Girl Scout Stout	Feb. 8 th	thumbs up!
79	Mountain Sun	Dark Heart Pumpkin Stout	Feb. 8 th	also a favorite!
80	Mountain Sun	Korova Cream Stout	Feb. 8 th	
81	Mountain Sun	Dropkick Stout	Feb. 8 th	
82	Mountain Sun	Addiction Coffee Imperial Stout	Feb. 8 th	
83	Mountain Sun	Coconut Cream Stout	Feb. 8 th	
84	Anderson Valley	Boont Amber Ale	Backcountry Feb. 21 st	
85	Julian	Hard Cider	Backcountry Feb. 21 st	
86	Deshutes	Black Butte Porter	Backcountry Feb. 21 st	
87	Mountain Sun	Winter Warmer	April 1 st	

Other beer drank at home:

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Misc.
88	Morland	"Old Speckled Hen"	March 8 th	
89	Boulevard	Nommo Dubbel	March 16 th	
90	Carlow	O'Hara's Irish Stout	March 17 th	
91	Magners	Irish Cider	March 17 th	
92	Ringwood	Old Thumper	March 20 th	
93	Ace	Perry Hard Cider	March 22 nd	
94	Left Hand	Fade to Black	March 22 nd	
95	Boulevard	Irish Ale	March 22 nd	
96	Avery	Ellie's Brown Ale	March 22 nd	
97	Huyghe	Fruli	March 30 th	fruity and delicious
				(Amy's favorite fruit beer
				so far!)
98	Samuel Smith's	Nut Brown Ale	April 4 th	
99	Tim Feaver	Pumpkin Spice Beer	April 5 th	
100	Dogfish Head	Ta Henket	April 8 th	
101	Boulevard	Unfiltered Wheat Beer	April 9 th	
102	Woodchuck	Winter	April 13 th	
103	Mikkeller	Green Gold	April 14 th	
104	Huyghe	Delirium Nocturnum	April 14 th	
105	Timmermans	Strawberry	April 15 th	
106	Timmermans	Framboise	April 16 th	
107	Timmermans	Kriek	April 19 th	best of the Timmermans
				fruit beers
108	St. Peter's	Cream Stout	April 16 th	
109	Greene King	Wexford Irish Style Creme Ale	April 19 th	
110	Left Hand	Milk Stout (Nitro)	April 21 st	
111	Big Sky	Moose Drool	April 22 nd	
112	Abita	Strawberry Harvest Lager	April 29 th	
113	O'Dell's	90 Shilling	April 31 st	
114	Deschutes	Inversion IPA	May 5 th	
115	Avery	Karma Belgian Style Pale Ale	May 6 th	expected better from Avery!

Spring Break!

For spring break we drove to Carlsbad Caverns, and stopped at three breweries on our drive: Shamrock Brewing Co. in Pueblo, CO, The Wellhead in Artesia, NM, and Bristol Brewing Co. in Colorado Springs.

No.	Brewery	Brew
116	Shamrock	Blonde Lager
117	Shamrock	Arch City Pale Ale
118	Shamrock	Irish Red Ale
119	Shamrock	Irish Porter
120	Shamrock	Dunkelweizen
121	Shamrock	Lucky Lager
122	Shamrock	Scotch Strong Ale
123	Shamrock	Holy Keg
124	Shamrock	Doppelbock
125	Mississippi	Mississippi Mud
126	New Belgium	Sunshine Wheat
127	The Wellhead	Cisco Canyon Blonde
128	The Wellhead	Indian Basin Wheat
129	The Wellhead	Wellhead Pale Ale
130	The Wellhead	Roughneck Red
131	The Wellhead	High Pressure Special
		Pale
132	Bristol	Beehive Honey Wheat
133	Bristol	Mass Transit Amber Ale
134	Bristol	Red Rocket Pale Ale
135	Bristol	Laughing Lab Scottish
		Ale
136	Bristol	Compass IPA
137	Bristol	Winter Warlock Stout





Amy & Michael at Shamrock





Brewery Tour in Fort Collins

Fort Collins is an hour and a half north of Boulder, and has several breweries; the most well-known one being New Belgium. Amy finished her semester on Monday (May 7th) so we did an overnight trip May 7th through 8th to visit a few breweries there.

We started at funkwerks and overall enjoyed both their beer and their brightly colored building!





We got their flight of 5 beers, and here are beers 138 through 142 for this year!



After the flight, we also ordered beer #143, a delicious ginger chai white.



after funkwerks, we moved on to Equinox, and tried their standard sampler tray (# 144 – 149)





The next morning we went on a 90-minute tour of New Belgium, and tried the beer given to us on the tour:

No.	Beer	Misc.
150	Abbey	
151	Biere De Mars	part of the Lips of Faith series, light with lemon flavors
152	Fat Tire	
153	Ranger IPA	



No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Misc.
154	Hoppin' Frog	Barrel Aged B.O.R.I.S	May 13 th	
155	Ska	True Blonde Ale	May 15 th	awesomeee
156	Newcastle	Brown Ale	May 16 th	
157	Cheerday	Lucky Buddah	May 24 th	
158	Boddington's	Pub Ale	May 30 th	
158	Sierra Nevada	Pale Ale	May 31 st	
159	Kona	Koko Brown	June 1 st	Nathan likes, yummy coconut
160	Bombay	Maharaja	June 1 st	
161	Harpoon	Winter Warmer	June 1st	
162	Grand Lake	Wooly Booger	June 2 nd	
163	Santa Fe	State Penn Porter	June 3 rd	
164	Anderson Valley	Summer Solstice	June 3 rd	very good, good vanilla and caramel flavors
165	Bombay	Taj Mahal		
166	Woodchuck	Amber	June 7 th	
167	Jeremiah Weed	Spiked Cola	June 10 th	terrible
168	Jeremiah Weed	Roadhouse Tea	June 10 th	terrible
169	Anheuser-Busch	Busch	June 10 th	
170	Kona	Fire Rock Pale Ale	June 10 th	
171	Bristol	Wit	June 10 th	
172	Rogue	Voodoo Doughnut	June 10 th	Bacon Maple!
173	Bear Republic, Fat Head's, Stone	ТВА	June 11 th	
174	Ska	esb Special Ale	June 12 th	
175	Avery	Hog Heaven	June 17 th	
176	Ska	Modus Hoperandi	June 28 th	
177	Marble	Red Ale	June 28 th	
178	Plank Road	Red Dog	June 28 th	
179	Coors	Extra Gold Lager	June 28 th	
180	Stroh	Schlitz	June 28 th	
181	Steel	Steel Reserve	June 28 th	
182	Cerveceria Modelo	Victoria	June 30 th	
183	Sam Adams	Blackberry Witbier	July 1 st	tasty

Hawaiian Beer Night (May 20th)

No.	Brewery	Brew	
184	Pyramid	Apricot Ale	
185	Maui	Bikini Blonde Lager	
186	Maui	Mana Wheat	
187	Maui	CoCoNut Porter	
188	Maui	Big Swell IPA	
189	Kona	Longboard	





On June 8th we went to Boulder Beer for the first time together.... and probably the last time we will ever go to Boulder Beer together as well. It was not very good.

No.	Brew	Misc.
190	Single Track	
191	Single Track (Nitro)	
192	Single Track (Cask)	Tasteless and Flat
193	Apricot Cranberry IPA	
194	Sweaty Betty Blonde	
195	Hazed & Infused	
196	Kinda Blue	
197	Flashback	
198	Planet Porter	
199	Mojo IPA	
200	Saison	

Twisted Pine (July 1st)



Neither of us had a very good impression of Twisted Pine before we went; the brewery is small and we hadn't tried anything amazing from them. But we decided to check them out, and we were VERY pleasantly surprised!

No.	Brew	Misc.
201	Billy's Chilies	
202	Cream Style Stout	
203	Razzy Xpress	Amy's favorite – a raspberry espresso stout
204	Big Easy Offbeat	delicious! Brewed with horseradish, wasabi and
	Brown	ginger
205	Irish Strong Ale	Nathan's favorite

Puerto Rico

....not exactly known for its beer © There were very few local brews, and most were on par with other cheap beers.

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date
206	Cervecería Nacional Dominicana	Presidente Light	July 12 th
207	Cervecera de Puerto Rico	Medalla Light	July 13 th
208	St. Johns Brewers	Virgin Islands Tropical Mango Pale Ale	July 13 th
209	Cervecería Nacional Dominicana	Presidente	July 14 th

More Misc. Beer Consumption!

No.	Brewery	Brew	Location	Date	Misc.
210	Anchor	Merry Christmas and	Boulder	July 7 th	
		Happy New Year 2011			
211	Harpoon	White UFO	San Juan	July 14 th	
212	Guinness	Guinness Draught	Mahwah, NJ	July 21 st	
213	Tröegs	Troegenator Doublebock	Mahwah, NJ	July 22 nd	
214	Smuttynose	IPA	Dedham, MA	July 24 th	
215	Griffin	London Porter	Dedham, MA	July 24 th	
216	Stone	Imperial Russian Stout	Dedham, MA	July 24 th	
217	Naragansett	Lager	Boulder	Aug. 2 nd	Good for a cheap lager!
218	Twisted Pine	Carrot IPA	Louisville, CO	Aug. 3 rd	
219	L&L AlpHand	Ambrée	Louisville, CO	Aug. 3 rd	One of two beers brought to us by Nathan's parents from a microbrewery in France!
220	Newport	Tim Dunkelweiss	Louisville, CO	Aug. 3 rd	
	Storm				

Sam Adams Brewery Tour (July 25th)

We made it to Sam Adams the morning that Nathan was flying back to CO from Boston. We finished the tour, and Nathan made it to his gate (barely) on time!

No.	Beer	Misc.
221	Boston Lager	Nathan's favorite.
222	Summer Ale	Amy's Favorite
223	White Water IPA	

Avery (August 4th, Boulder CO)

Awesome brewery! We really liked everything that we tasted there and it was hard to pick a favorite!

No.	Beer	Misc.
224	3Point5	
225	Joe's Premium American Pilsner	Nathan's Favorite!
226	White Rascal	Amy's favorite!
227	Collaboration Not Litigation	
228	Salvation	
229	The Reverend	

Mountain Sun

We go to Mountain Sun/Southern Sun a lot. Their beer is delicious. Their food is delicious. Everything is very well-priced. And Southern Sun is practically across the street from our church, so it makes a good stop for lunch on Sundays!

No.	Beer	Date	Misc.
230	Hummingbird	April 29 th	delicious honey ale with citrus
231	Fruitcake	May 17 th	very very good (special for American
			craft beer week)
232	Cat Burglar Belgo-American IBA	May 17 th	IBA = India Black Ale
233	Bombshell Blonde	May 17 th	
234	Java Porter	June 3 rd	
235	St. Amos Witt	June 3 rd	
236	Rouge de Brugge Belgian Red Ale	July 8 th	
237	Colorado Kind Ale	July 8 th	
238	Ciel Lumineaux	Aug. 8th	
239	Resinous Rye I.P.A.	Aug. 8th	
240	1636 Belgian Dubbel	Aug. 8th	
241	Super Kind American Barleywine	Aug. 8th	
242	Grasshopp-ah Cider	Aug. 8th	Guest brew from Colorado Cider Company.
			Hoppy, which was a little strange for a cider.

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Misc.
243	Avery	IPA	Aug. 5 th	
244	Full Sail	IPA	Aug. 5 th	
245	Latrobe	Rolling Rock	Aug. 5 th	pretty good for a cheap beer!
246	Victory	Storm King Stout	Aug. 5 th	
247	Ridgeway	Reindeer Droppings	Aug. 5 th	©
248	Wynkoop	Rail Yard Ale	Aug. 5 th	8
249	Wynkoop	Silverback Pale Ale	Aug. 5 th	
250	Coors	Blue Moon	Aug. 5 th	©
251	Breckenridge	Avalanche	Aug. 5 th	
252	Victory	Prima Pils	Aug. 5 th	
253	Cerveceria Modelo	Negra Modelo	Aug. 6 th	
254	Great Divide	Claymore Scotch Ale	Aug. 6 th	
255	Trumer Brauerei	Trumer Pils	Aug. 6 th	
256	Great Divide	Denver Pale Ale	Aug. 10 th	
257	Heineken	Heineken	Aug. 15 th	
258	Pyramid	Hefeweizen	Aug. 15 th	
259	Pyramid	Snow Cap Winter	Aug. 15 th	
		Warmer		
260	Ska	True Blonde Dubbel	Aug. 15 th	good, but not as good as the True Blonde
261	Dundee	Honey Brown	Aug. 15 th	
262	Cuahtemoc Moctezuma	Carta Blanca	Aug. 15 th	
263	Polo	San Miguel	Aug. 15 th	
264	Spoetzl Brewery Shiner	Shiner Blonde	Aug. 15 th	
265	Spoetzl Brewery Shiner	Shiner Ruby Redbird	Aug. 15 th	☺
266	O'Dell	Easy Street Wheat	Aug. 19 th	
267	Shock Top	Belgian White	Aug. 19 th	
268	Paulaner	Oktoberfest Wien	Aug. 19 th	
269	Stone	Smoked Porter	Aug. 21 st	
270	He'Brew	Origin Pomegranate Ale	Aug. 21 st	
271	L&L Alphand	Stout	Aug. 21 st	
272	Flying Dog	Raging Bitch	Aug. 21 st	
273	The Lost Abbey	Lost & Found Ale	Aug. 21 st	
274	Coors	Blue Moon Vintage	Aug. 21 st	delicious! Tasted a lot like
		Blonde Ale		champagne.
275	Ska	Euphoria Pale Ale	Aug. 25 th	
276	Dogfish Head	120 Minute IPA	Aug. 25 th	good, very strong & flavorful

Walnut Brewery (Aug. 14th)

No.	Beer	Misc.
277	Salamander Amber	Nathan's favorite
278	Buffalo Gold	
279	Indian Peaks Pale Ale	best of the light beers we tried
280	Seasonal Wheat – Hefeweizen	
281	St. James Irish Red	pretty much tasted like water
282	Old Elk Brown	Nathan liked! Amy thought it also tasted like water.
283	Devil's Thumb Stout	

No.	Brewery	Brew	Date	Misc.
284	Coors	Batch 19	Sept. 1 st	
285	Pinkas	Ur Pils	Sept. 1 st	
286		Açai Berry Wheat	Sept. 1 st	
287	Brothers Reserve	Galaxy Hopped Barleywine Ale	Sept. 1 st Sept. 1 st Sept. 1 st	