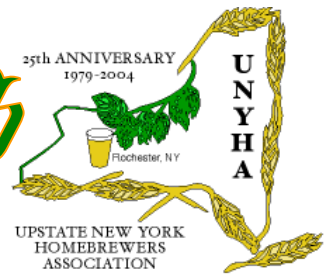


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ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P®INT

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- TWO BJCP Sessions this month:
 - Tues., April 5 – note the new date!! – *Bocks*, led by Deron Weet, at the Old Toad
 - Wed., April 6 – A very special *UNYHA Appreciation Night* at the Old Toad (details below)
- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill – April 13
- UNYHA Competition Entry Deadline – April 16
- Pub of the Month: Murphy's Law – April 23
- Novice Judge Training Session for those who'd like to judge UNYHA's competition but were afraid to ask – date TBA
- UNYHA Competition Judging – April 30

**** An expanded calendar can be found at the end of the newsletter ****

FRONT-PAGE NEWS: UNYHA "XXXIII" COMPETITION

UNYHA competition entries will be accepted at our April 13 meeting. If you have some case boxes to spare, please bring them.

We'll have a limited number of Brewer Info and Entry Info forms available at the meeting – we strongly urge you to fill out all the paperwork in advance! If you're unable to bring your entries to the meeting you have two options:

- Drop them off at Southtown Beverage, 2933 W. Henrietta Rd., no later than 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16;
- Bring them to Roc Brewing, 56 S. Union Street in Rochester, on Saturday, April 16 between 8:30 a.m. and noon – no other drop-offs at Roc Brewing, period!

All BJCP beer, mead, and cider/perry styles will be judged. Two bottles of each brew must be submitted, accompanied by the proper paperwork, with a bottle tag rubberbanded to each bottle, and your check payable to "UNYHA" (\$6 per entry). This year we are using a single **Brewer Info** form to record the brewer's personal data. Your entry information will go on separate **Entry Info** forms – you must *complete an Entry Info form for each entry you submit*. Paperclip (please do not staple!) your Brewer Info and Entry Info forms together, along with your check. Our forms are up on the UNYHA website.

We will conduct the main and BOS rounds of judging on Saturday, April 30th – there may also be a judging session on Friday evening, April 29. Judging will take place at Roc Brewing Company, 56 South Union Street, Rochester NY 14607. **We need judges!** BJCP-ranked judges, please register on our sign-up sheet at the April meeting. Experienced, passionate novice judges should speak directly to our Judge Director, Scott Ofslager, to be certain that you are capable and comfortable with the formal judging process (you will be paired with a ranked judge at the competition).

Thank you to the many members who've stepped up as stewards. Stewards will receive on-the-job training from Debbie Ofslager, our Steward Director – this job involves helping to set up the judging tables, bringing entries to the judges, doing some paperwork, and being available for odd jobs. You'll have a chance to sample entries and to sit in on the judging process; maybe you'll want to be a judge the next time around!

We also need people to help “burst” entries at Roc Brewing on April 16th between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We'll call for volunteers at our meeting on the 13th.

We will have information about our **banquet and awards ceremony** at the April meeting.

SPEAKING OF COMPETITIONS...

Congratulations to Ben Maeso, who garnered no fewer than seven awards at the recent Hudson Valley 21st Annual Homebrew Competition!

2nd Place - Munich Dunkel
2nd Place - American Brown Ale
1st Place - Northern English Brown
3rd Place - Mild
2nd Place - Brown Porter
3rd Place - American IPA
2nd Place - American Barleywine

AGENDA FOR APRIL MEETING

UNYHA's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at Merchants Grill (Merchants Road near Culver), in the upstairs room. Guests are always welcome! Come early for dinner and a brew in the dining room. Meetings start at 7:30 (Brew Guru sessions begin at 7:00).

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! Topic: *six more ways to ruin your beer* (a further demo of the club's Flav'rActiv kit), by Thomas Barnes.
2. **Pick up your personalized membership renewal form** (or take a blank one) along with your name badge from the back table when you come in. Dues are \$25/person, or \$40 for two persons at the same residential address. Check preferred, payable to UNYHA.
3. **Welcome:** We will welcome new members, guests, and pro brewers. Newbies are encouraged to stand up and introduce themselves and share a little about their brewing experience. Pro brewers: what's new & noteworthy?

4. **Monthly membership drawing/giveaway:** All members present and in good standing are eligible to win a donated prize! Please pick your name/ticket up off the back table and put it in the drawing bin. Feel free to bring a prize to donate.
5. **Mailman Report:** Steve Hodos
6. **BJCP Class Report:** Deron Weet/Thomas Barnes (schedule for the rest of the year is below).
7. **Last call for hop rhizome orders** from 11 Lakes Hop Farm (see below for details).
8. **Brewer of the Month:** Ciders (BJCP Categories 27 & 28 – all styles of cider and perry accepted). We hope entrants will bring their recipes to share informally after the judging has been done. The winning recipe, if it is provided to Tina, will be published in the following month's newsletter.
9. **Take in entries and sign up judges for UNYHA's April 30 competition.**

Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew!

PUB OF THE MONTH AND OFFICERS/COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING

Pub of the Month always happens on the third Wednesday of each month. Locations are selected by our POTM Czar, Jeananne Thomas (see contact info at the end of the newsletter to make a POTM suggestion). POTM starts “after work” and goes until “whenever” – to be a bit more precise, people begin showing up around 5:15, and some of them never leave... If you'd rather not be all alone at POTM, shoot for arriving around 6:00 or so and don't arrive after 8:00 or so.

We also hold monthly officers' meetings (and, as appropriate, Competition Committee meetings) at POTM. You may see a group of officers & other unpaid UNYHA officials huddled together, intently discussing the budget, upcoming events, or whatever – please give us some elbow room and privacy.

Pub of the Month for April 20 will be Murphy's Law, a really great Irish pub, 370 East Avenue (corner of Alexander). Parking can be tight, but you should be able to find a spot on Alexander.

AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Adam Odegard presented an incredibly informative **Brew Guru** session on planting, growing, and harvesting hops. Adam's notes are up on UNYHA's website.

John Urlaub from Rohrbach Brewing Company joined us and announced the return of the **Brewers' Fest**, which will be held on September 23 at Frontier Field. Yeah!!

Jon Mervine from **Roc Brewing** reported that construction of the brewery and getting licensing in place is ahead of schedule. Roc is shooting for an opening around May 1st – we'll keep you updated.

We had quite a few **mead entries in our monthly Brewer of the Month** series. Congratulations to Turk Thomas (1st place with 10 votes), Adam Odegard (2nd place with 9 votes), and Tom Ocque (3rd place with 6 votes). Jeananne Thomas deserves an honorable mention with 5 votes. Thanks also to Dana Edgell, Matt Slattery, and Jeremy Belair for their submissions in the mead BOTM.

Thomas Barnes reported on the February **BJCP** session covering English Pale Ales, at which Thomas presented two styles not recognized in the BJCP style guidelines: Golden Pale Ale and Burton Ale. Many thanks to Will Gardiner and Paul Guarracini for sharing homebrewed EPAs.

Raffle results:

Donor

Steve Hodos

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Turk Thomas

Jeananne Thomas

Steve Landgren

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Chris Kaurman

Shawn O’Leary

Sean Harnett

John Sullivan

Derek Donnolli

Jeremy Belair

Prize

Black Oak Double Chocolate Cherry Stout

Headstrong Pale Ale

Paulaner Hefeweizen

Coasters

Custom Brewcrafters Caged Alpha Monkey

Great Lakes Blackout Stout

2 bottles of Urthel Hop-It

Highland Brewing Oatmeal Stout

Dundee Stout

Goose Island Mild Winter

Sam Adams Lager

Breckenridge Vanilla Porter

FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

Brew Guru – Program to be announced.

Nominations accepted for next year’s Board. You may nominate yourself or another member for President, Weiss President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Election will be held in June, and the incoming officers begin their term in July.

Brewer of the Month – No BOTM in May.

Competition recap and distribution of scoresheets and prizes that weren’t picked up at our April 30th banquet and awards ceremony.

Alan Mack’s **Guess That Beer Style**. We’ll present a selection of leftover bottles from our competition (“normal” beer styles only – no meads or ciders, no specialty-type or weird beers). Teams will compete to see who correctly guesses the styles of the beers they’re served. Fun, and educational!

BJCP SCHEDULE

BJCP sessions are (almost always...) held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Old Toad on Alexander Street near East Avenue ----- **our regular April session will be held on Tuesday the 5th**, with a very special session on Wednesday the 6th. Because our dues underwrite the cost of this program, BJCP sessions are for UNYHA members only.

5 April (Tues.): **Bock**, Category 5 - Helles/Maibock (5A), Traditional Bock (5B), Doppelbock (5C) and Eisbock (5D) – led by Deron Weet

6 April (Wed.) Private tasting of **Jaipur** and **Kipling**, two unique pale ales from **Thornbridge Brewing**. Jules Suplicki of the Old Toad has arranged a very special private

tasting for UNYHA members and select beer aficionados. Alec Buchanan, senior sales rep of Thornbridge Brewery of Bakewell, Derbyshire (www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk), will be at the Toad at 7:00 to talk about this award-winning English brewery (and about the English brewing scene in general) and to serve draught and casked samples of *Jaipur* (an India Pale Ale with honey) and *Kipling* (which Thornbridge calls a “South Pacific Pale Ale”). Because this will be a very private, intimate event (restricted to 30 or fewer attendees), RSVP to Thomas Barnes (thomasbarnes@frontiernet.net) if you plan to attend. First come, first served!

Kipling

South Pacific Pale Ale



Golden blonde beer with an exquisite passionfruit, gooseberry and mango aroma. An initial sweetness and full body are balanced by a lasting grapefruit-like bitter finish.

ABV **5.2%**

South Pacific Pale Ale

Jaipur

India Pale Ale



A citrus dominated India Pale Ale, its immediate impression is soft and smooth yet builds to a crescendo of massive hoppiness accentuated by honey. An enduring, bitter finish.

ABV **5.9%**

India Pale Ale

- 4 May: *Light Lagers & Pilsners* (Categories 1 & 2) - led by Thomas Barnes
- 1 June: *American Ale* (Category 10) - led by Deron Weet
- 6 July: *Special Bonus Session* - TBA (Deron and/or Thomas)

BREWER OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE

Many thanks to Brewer of the Month coordinator Adam Odegard for his efforts in running this program. The style schedule for the rest of the year is:

- April *Cider* – All cider styles accepted
- May No BOTM this month
- June *Barleywine* – English and American
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

No recipe this month – sorry!

BEER HUNTERS ON SAFARI

Going on a trip for business or pleasure? Planning to visit the local breweries? UNYHA would like you to bring back beer to share at a meeting. UNYHA will reimburse you for it *provided* ...

- You contact Jeremy Belair in advance to get the OK.
- The beer isn't available locally.
- You bring at least half a case of each beer so that everybody can get a taste.

We have no Beer Hunters coming up.

HOP RHIZOMES AVAILABLE

The brand-new **11 Lakes Hop Farm** in Torrey (on Seneca Lake) has just harvested hop rhizomes, and they've invited UNYHA to make a bulk purchase. Their cultivars include Cascade, Centennial, Chinook, Magnum, Kent Goldings, and Willamette. Each rhizome comes with a 20' piece of twine. Rhizomes are available for \$4 apiece (plus shipping), or \$3 plus shipping if we order 50 or more. Quantities are limited, so contact Tina Weymann no later than April 13 to place your order.

For info on planting, growing, and harvesting hops, see Adam Odegard's Brew Guru presentation notes posted on our website.

UPCOMING BJCP EXAMS

Good luck to everybody who is scheduled to take the BJCP exam in Ithaca on April 16!

Todd Snyder of the Niagara Association of Homebrewers has scheduled a BJCP exam to be held in Buffalo on April 28, 2012. Contact Todd (tmsnyder@buffalo.edu) ASAP if you'd like to reserve a spot. Todd has also requested an exam for October 2012. Our sister clubs in Buffalo/Niagara Falls are working on putting together a series of judge-training sessions; UNYHA members are invited to participate (for a fee); we'll pass along the details when we get them.

Thomas Barnes has suggested to some of our regional sister clubs that we collaborate to develop a good judge training program, with organized BICEP classes offered in Buffalo, Rochester or Syracuse, or even some sort of homebrewers symposium, like a mini-NHC, where homebrewers and judges teach classes, possibly for BREWS credit. More details to come as this plan comes to fruition.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

🏆 **April 2, 2011.** Judging of the First Round/Northeast Region of the National Homebrew Competition in Saratoga Springs, NY. Contact Judge Director Jim Kehrer (formerly of UNYHA!), jim_kehrer@nycap.rr.com

📍 **April 6, 2011.** UNYHA BJCP session at The Old Toad. Contact Thomas Barnes or Deron Weet of UNYHA.

😊 **April 12, 2011.** *Beer vs. Wine Dinner* at the Tap and Mallet. Tickets are on sale at the bar or from your server. Price is \$50 per person, including tax and gratuity. Here's the solid-food menu (the beers and wines won't be disclosed till the date of the dinner):

FIRST COURSE - Goat Cheese Sushi: Goat Cheese rolled in Almonds, Honey, and Rosemary; rolled in Raspberry Gelait, Cucumber, and Wasabi Pea Dust

SECOND COURSE - Frisee and Smoked Salmon: with Bagel Chip, Red Onion, and a Lemon-Caper Prosecco Sauce

THIRD COURSE - Curry Sausage: Lamb Sausage with a Saffron Cauliflower Sauce, Spiced White Basmati Rice, and Rainbow Swiss Chard

FOURTH COURSE - Pistachio Scallop: Baked Scallops crusted in Pistachio with a Tomato Yogurt Mint Sauce

FINAL COURSE - Truffle Duo: Truffles rolled in Stout-soaked Peanut / Dried Raspberries

📍 **April 13, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact Jeremy Belair of UNYHA. *Competition entries accepted at the meeting.*

📍 **April 16, 2011.** Deadline to enter UNYHA's 33rd Annual Competition. Contact Tina Weymann of UNYHA.

🏆 **April 16, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Bock (BJCP Styles 5)*. Tulsa, OK. Contact: Desiree Knott at desiree@highgravitybrew.com

📍 **April 20, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month at Murphy's Law. Contact Jeananne Thomas of UNYHA.

😊 **April 27, 2011.** Beer Social at the Tap and Mallet, featuring beers from Harpoon.

📍 **April 30, 2011.** Main judging date for UNYHA's 33rd Annual Competition. Contact Scott Ofslager of UNYHA.

📍 **May 4, 2011.** UNYHA BJCP session at The Old Toad. Contact Thomas Barnes or Deron Weet of UNYHA.

🏆 **May 5, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Angel's Share (BJCP Style Sub-category 22C)*. Pasadena, CA. Contact: Steve Kinsey at youcanreachsven@yahoo.com

📍 **May 11, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact Jeremy Belair of UNYHA. Featured program Alan Mack's "Guess That Beer Style" with competition leftovers! And we'll take nominations for next year's officers.

📍 **May 18, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month at Murphy's Law. Contact Jeananne Thomas of UNYHA.

😊 **May 25, 2011.** Beer Social at the Tap and Mallet, featuring beers from Great Divide.

📍 **June 1, 2011.** UNYHA BJCP session at The Old Toad. Contact Thomas Barnes or Deron Weet of UNYHA.

📍 **June 8, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact Jeremy Belair of UNYHA. Featured program: Silent Auction/Gadget Night; election of next year's officers.

📍 **June 15, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month, location TBA. Contact Jeananne Thomas of UNYHA.

😊 **June 25, 2011.** *Rochester Real Beer Festival on Gregory Street!* Presented by the Business Association of the South Wedge; info and tickets available at www.baswa.org. We expect that UNYHA members will have an opportunity to serve as volunteers at the festival.

- 🍷 **August 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Mead (BJCP Style Sub-category 24,24&26)*. Fargo, ND. Contact: Susan Ruud at Susan.Ruud@ndsu.edu
- 😊 **September 23, 2011.** The return of Rohrbach Brewing Company's *Brewers' Fest* at Frontier Field! More details as the date gets closer.
- 🍷 **Sept/Oct, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Specialty/Experimental/ Historical Beers (BJCP Style Sub-category 23)*. West Chester, PA. Contact: David Houseman at david.houseman@verizon.net
- 🍷 **Nov 25, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Hefeweizen (BJCP Style Sub-category 15A,15B,15C,15D)*. Zionsville, IN. Contact: Brian Steuerwald at BLSteuerwald@aol.com
- 🍷 **Jan/Feb 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: TBD (BJCP Style Sub-category TBD)*. Contact: Silverado Homebrew Club of St. Charles, IL
- 🍷 **Mar/Apr 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Stout (BJCP Style Sub-category 13)*. Parker, CO. Contact: Kelly Kruegel at kruegel.kelly@gmail.com
- 🍷 **May, 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Scottish and Irish Ale (BJCP Style Category 9)*. Arlington, TX. Contact: Steve Kinsey at msrwl5@sbcglobal.net
- 😊 **April 28, 2012.** – BJCP exam in Buffalo. Contact Todd Snyder at tmsnyder@buffalo.edu

Future AHA Events and Homebrew Competitions:

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/aha-bjcp-sanctioned-competition/calendar>
http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

Future AHA Club Only Competitions: http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club_only/schedule.html.

Note: If you are entering an AHA/BJCP sanctioned contest, please note the entry rules (including bottle preparation) here: <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club.html>

Links to Other Local Beer Calendars

Great Lakes Brewing News (& others): <http://www.brewingnews.com>

Ale Street News: <http://www.alestreetonline.com>

Links to Local Beer Bars with Events

The Old Toad: <http://www.theoldtoad.com>

Tap & Mallet: <http://www.tapandmallet.com>

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