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The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



October 2011

NEWS AND BREWS FROM UNYHA

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- UNYHA Oktoberfest, Powder Mills Park, Wadham Lodge – October 1 (\$3 at the event)
UNYHA BJCP session, 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad. Style: European amber lagers and dark lagers (BJCP style categories 3 and 4) – October 5
Custom Brewcrafters' Autumn Festival of Ales, Firemen's Field, Honeoye Falls – October 8
Joe's 7th Annual Old-Fashioned Cider Pressing, Scottsville, NY – October 15 (more info below)
Pub of the Month and Harpoon Happy Hour, Tap and Mallet – October 20 (more info below)
Boos and Brews, Roc Brewing Co. – October 27-29 (more info below)
** An expanded calendar can be found at the end of the newsletter **

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER MEETING

UNYHA's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (October 12 this 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).

Remember to bring your tasting glasses!

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! Topic: brewing with Lake Ontario water.
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. **The membership year began in September, so this is the time to do it if you haven't already!**
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/Events Report:** Steve Hodos
6. **BJCP Class Announcement:** Deron Weet/Thomas Barnes. They will give a report on this month's session on dark & amber lagers (BJCP categories 3 and 4) and will announce next month's session on Mead (BJCP categories 24-26).
7. There will be a **Brewer of the Month** competition. Style: **English Mild** (BJCP sub-category 11A).

8. **Beer Hunter:** Dana Edgell will have Netherworld Cascadian Dark Ale from Flying Monkeys Craft Brewery, Barrie, Ontario, Canada (formerly Robert Simpson Brewing).

PUB OF THE MONTH



Photo credit Peter Kennedy, Simply Beer, <http://www.simplybeer.com/2009/10/29/tap-and-mallet-rochester-ny/>

Pub of the Month (almost) always happens on the third Wednesday of each month. This month will again be an exception – POTM will be on the **third Thursday**, this time since we would like our visit to coincide with a beer event, namely the Harpoon Happy Hour at the Tap and Mallet. 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.



Pub of the Month for October 20 will be The Tap and Mallet, 381 Gregory St., Rochester. There will be a Harpoon Happy Hour there beginning at 4PM, so if you want to show up early, feel free to. Here is their website’s description of the event: “Chirsen Lichtenstein from Harpoon joins us for a special fall happy hour. As one of the few breweries that produces all three major fall seasonal styles (Harvest, Pumpkin, and Oktoberfest), we’re happy to showcase a variety of Seasonal, 100-Barrel and Levianthan beers that evening.

And as an added bonus, Tap & Mallet will be the first in Western New York to feature a cask of Harpoon ale on the beer engine!”

AT LAST MONTH’S MEETING

Scott Ofslager gave a Brew Guru presentation on outdoor lagering in the autumn months.

The meeting was quite well attended. We had just enough seats for those present. There were plenty of renewing members and several new people.

Announcements were made about the **Madison County Hop Festival** in Oneida, NY, on September 17; about the **UNYHA Oktoberfest** on October 1st; about Joe Lenhardt's annual **Old-Fashioned Cider Pressing** on October 15th; about a **Finger Lakes Pub Crawl** on November 5th; and about an **All-Grain Beer School** on November 12th.

There was a **Brewer of the Month** competition in the Belgian Pale Ales category. There were 9 entries. The top 3 places were awarded to (1st place, and Brewer of the Month) Tom Ocque with 18 votes, (2nd place) Dana Edgell with 17 votes, and (3rd place) Adam Odegard, with 7 votes.

There were 2 **Beer Hunter** beers: Doug Alvut brought Runabout Red from Sebago Brewing in Gorham, ME, and Will Gardiner brought Hefeweizen from Throwback Brewing in Northampton, MA.

Raffle results:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Rohrbach Brewing Company	2 VIP tickets and 1 parking pass to Flour City Brew Fest
Craig Zufelt	Morland Hen's Tooth
Roger Bennett	Samuel Adams Chocolate Bock
Southtown Beverage	McNeil's Blond Bombshell (2 x 22 oz.)
Steve Zoller	Boulder Mojo IPA
Turk Thomas	Estrella Daura (gluten-free beer)

FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

There will be a 7 PM **Brew Guru** session. Scott Ofslager will give a presentation on brewing with Lake Ontario water.

Membership renewal time! Our membership year began in September, so please pick up your renewal forms at this meeting if you can. Dues are **still** (since 1994!) only \$25 per person, \$40 per couple (two persons residing at the same address).

There will be a **Brewer of the Month** competition. Style: **English Mild** (BJCP sub-category 11A).

Sign-ups for the **October 15th Annual Old Fashioned Cider Pressing** and the November 5th **Finger Lakes Pub Crawl** are still going on.

BEN MAESO IS 2011 NYSHOTY WINNER!

Congratulations to Ben Maeso for winning 2011 New York State Homebrewer of the Year! From the NYSHOTY website: "The winner of the 2011 New York State Homebrewer of the Year is Ben Maeso of the Upstate New York Homebrewers Association (UNYHA) from Rochester, New York. The winning beer was an American Brown Ale. After much deliberation and tasting it was chosen as the most spot on beer to the BJCP style guidelines with no noticeable flaws and a beer that was just wonderful to drink. This is saying a lot because all of the entries were great and getting past even the top 10 was difficult.

Because there are no longer numeric standings the 2nd and 3rd places are being announced.

2nd - Michael Reda of North Babylon with a Standard American Lager.

3rd - Damon Praefke of Buffalo with an American IPA.

And an Honorable mention for Kyle Costello of Williamsville and member of Junkshow Brewing with a Spanish Cedar aged American Pale Ale."

WEBMASTER FOUND

Nate Weldon, a new UNYHA member and a Real Time Software Engineer at Xerox, has agreed to serve as our club's webmaster. The officers met with him and gave him an idea of what we would like done for the site (we will probably keep the WordPress platform for now, although we'd like to have there be more prominently displayed information about things such as where we meet and how to join), and Jay Murphy met with him about the web hosting situation. Positive changes will be coming to the website over the next few months. Thanks to Nate for agreeing to do this for us!

MORE INFO ON BREWER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

For the Brewer of the Month competition, we have decided to adopt a point structure to keep track of who is ahead. This structure is based on that used by the Forest City Brewers in Rockford, Illinois. Points are awarded as follows:

1st place - 10 points

1st place (tie) - 9 points

2nd place - 8 points

2nd place (tie) - 7 points

3rd place - 6 points

3rd place (tie) - 5 points

Entering without placing - 3 points

So the current standings are as follows:

Tom Ocque - 10 points

Dana Edgell - 8 points

Adam Odegard - 6 points

Scott Ofslager - 3 points

Paul Guarracini - 3 points

Andy Jones - 3 points

Tim Rouse - 3 points

Matt Slattery - 3 points

Andy Walker - 3 points

UNYHA AT THE MADISON COUNTY HOP FEST

Three UNYHA members, President Paul Guarracini, Adam Odegard, and Jeananne Thomas, attended the Madison County Hop Festival on September 17 in Oneida, NY. They helped staff a table on behalf of the American Homebrewers Association. Jeananne writes: "This year there were 3 homebrew clubs represented, UNYHA, the Syracuse club and the Binghamton club. We shared a lot of brewing information, expertise, showed off equipment, shared homebrew. Adam said he felt like there were more brewers seeking advice this year. It was a nice collaboration between homebrew clubs."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

How about if we publish a recipe each month? Please e-mail your favorite to your newsletter editor at kiracalico@gmail.com. Those of you who recently won awards are especially encouraged to do so.

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 Paul Guarracini 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.

*7th Annual
It's an ol' fashioned apple squeezin'
Come out for a custom apple
pressing.*



On Saturday October 15 from 9:00am to about 6:00, we will press lots of gallons of apple cider. Apples are available on site at no cost. You can also bring your own if you would like. U pick, U press. We will pick in the morning, break for lunch, then press in the afternoon

Contact Joe Lenhardt at
lenhardt@rochester.rr.com or
727-0596 if you are going to
attend

*When: Saturday Oct 15 9:00am- 'till about 6:00
Where: 1930 Wheatland Center Road
Scottsville, NY 14546*

*Kids and Spouses welcome. Bring empty jugs to
take home some sweet cider! Bring your homebrew
and snacks to pass*



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

- 📍 **October 1, 2011.** The annual UNYHA Oktoberfest. Powder Mills Park, Wadham Lodge. 11 AM-evening. \$2 in advance, \$3 at the event.
- 📍 **October 5, 2011.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: European Amber Lagers and Dark Lagers (BJCP Categories 3 and 4). Led by Deron Weet.
- 😊 **October 8, 2011.** Custom Brewcrafters' Annual Autumn Festival of Ales. Firemen's Field, Honeoye Falls.
- 🏆 **October 8, 2011.** Deadline to enter *Valhalla: The Meading of Life* competition. West Chester, PA. Contact: Christopher Clair, cmclair@verizon.net
- 📍 **October 12, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session (topic: brewing with Lake Ontario water) starts 7PM. **Brewer of the Month contest: English Mild.**
- 😊 **October 13-15, 2011.** Stone Fest 5. The Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Two mystery casks and several rare drafts, food specials, Rolling Stones cover band Wild Horses playing on Saturday. No cover, pay as you go.
- 😊 **October 14, 2011.** Evening with a (Home)Brewer: Hardcore Gluten-Free Brewing. Kevin Snow and Hirsch Goodman, Snowman Brewing. Rhino Pub, 1249 Queen Street West (Parkdale neighborhood) Toronto, ON. When homebrewers Kevin and Hirsch wanted to brew a really good gluten-free beer, they overcame the obstacles of finding gluten-free malt by making their own in their kitchens. The guys will talk about malting and roasting grains at home, and how they won a gold medal with their great-tasting barley- and wheat-free Maple Stout at the Great Canadian Homebrewing Conference this year. 6:30: Doors open, 7:00: Event starts, 8:00: Q&A / Homebrew discussion (for members), 10:30: Adjourn. Go to <http://www.homebrewers.ca/events-calendar/> to register via PayPal. Because homebrew will be served Ontario law requires only members participate. The PayPal registration has two options, \$10 for current members and \$20 to join and attend.
- 📍 **October 15, 2011.** Joe Lenhardt's 7th annual Old Fashioned Cider Pressing. 9AM-6PM. 1930 Wheatland Center Road, Scottsville, NY. Contact: Joe Lenhardt at lenhardt@rochester.rr.com or 585-727-0596.
- 🏆 **October 15, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers (BJCP Style Subcategory 23)*. West Chester, PA. Contact: David Houseman at david.houseman@verizon.net
- 😊 **October 19, 2011.** Harvest Vegetarian Dinner with Seasonal Beer Pairings. The Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Menu available at <http://www.theoldtoad.com/events.html>. \$25/person (including tax, not tip). Reservations only. Call 585-232-2626.
- 📍 **October 20, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month / Harpoon Happy Hour. Tap and Mallet, 381 Gregory St. Starting at 4PM. Chirsen Lichtenstein from Harpoon will be there. A variety of Seasonal, 100-Barrel and Leviathan beers will be on. *Note that Pub of the Month is on a Thursday this month so it can coincide with the Harpoon event*
- 😊 **October 27, 2011.** Brewtopia. Rohrbach Brewing Company, 3859 Buffalo Road, Ogden. Topic and speaker TBA. There will be beer and food samplings as well as plenty of information. Call 585-594-9800 for more information and to make reservations. \$12. Starts at 6:30.

- ☺ **October 27-29, 2011.** Boos and Brews. Roc Brewing Co., 56 S. Union St. 5PM-9PM each night. October 27: Belgian Pumpkin Beer Debut. October 28: "Drunken Punkin" Pumpkin carving contest – prizes awarded. October 29: Costume extravaganza – prizes awarded.
- ① **November 2, 2011.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Mead (BJCP Categories 24-26). Led by Thomas Barnes. Homemade examples of mead are especially welcome.
- 🍷 **November 4, 2011.** Deadline to enter Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews competition. Entry fee \$7. Albany, NY. Contact: Don Coates, thoroughbrews@gmail.com.
- 🍷 **November 4, 2011.** Deadline to enter Dark Side of the Beer competition. Tonawanda, NY. Contact: Alex Placito, aplacito@gmail.com.
- ① **November 5, 2011.** UNYHA Finger Lakes Pub Crawl. 9AM-9PM. We will be taking 3 vans. \$20 gets you a ride. We will visit Two Goats Brewing, Keuka Brewing, Finger Lakes Brewing, Rooster Fish Brewing, Finger Lakes Distilling, and maybe a cidery.
- ☺ **November 5-6, 2011.** 17th Annual Franklin County Cider Days. Franklin County, MA. Orchard tours, cidermaking and tastings, workshops and much more. Info: <http://www.ciderday.org/>
- ① **November 9, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM.
- ☺ **November 11-12, 2011.** Holiday Valley Beer and Wine Festival, 3:30-7:30 PM, Yodeler Lodge, Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY. Info at <http://www.holidayvalley.com/HolidayValley/info/beer-wine-festival.aspx>
- ① **November 12, 2011.** Beer School. Learn all-grain brewing. Maximum class size 12 persons. Contact Paul Guarracini, Oldeezra@aol.com.
- 🍷 **Nov 25, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Hefeweizen (BJCP Style Subcategory 15A,15B,15C,15D)*. Zionsville, IN. Contact: Brian Steuerwald at BLSteuerwald@aol.com
- ☺ **December 3, 2011.** BJCP exam in Ithaca. Contact Scott Bickham at 607-974-1147 (d) or 607-962-6941 (e)
- ① **December 7, 2011.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beers. BJCP Category 21. This session will be a "Christmas Party" with the focus on Winter Warmers (21B) and pumpkin ales. Led by Deron Weet.
- ① **December 14, 2011.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM. This meeting will feature Local Brewers' Night – representatives from several local breweries will be there to serve beer and answer your questions.
- ① **January 4, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Sour ales (BJCP Category 17). Led by Thomas Barnes.
- ① **January 11, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM.
- 🍷 **Jan/Feb 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Dark Lagers (BJCP Style Subcategory 4A,4B,4C)*. Contact: Silverado Homebrew Club of St. Charles, IL, Robert Keck at keckbobb@netscape.net
- ① **February 1, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Belgian Strong Ales (BJCP Category 18). Led by Deron Weet.
- ① **February 8, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM. **Brewer of the Month contest: Stout.**
- ① **March 7, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Stout (BJCP Category 13). Led by Thomas Barnes.

- ① **March 14, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM. **Brewer of the Month contest: Oktoberfest/Maerzen.**
- 🍷 **March 17, 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Stout (BJCP Style Category 13)*. Parker, CO. Contact: Rock Hoppers Club of Parker, Colorado, Kelly Kruegel at kruegel.kelly@gmail.com
- ① **April 4, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Belgian and French Ales (BJCP Category 16). Led by Deron Weet.
- ① **April 17, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM. **Brewer of the Month contest: Kölsch.**
- ① 🍷 **April 21, 2012.** UNYHA Annual Competition (tentative date). Roc Brewing, 56 S. Union St.
- 😊 **April 28, 2012.** – BJCP exam in Buffalo. Contact Todd Snyder at tmsnyder@buffalo.edu
- ① **May 2, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Smoked and wood-aged beers (BJCP Category 22). Homebrewed examples especially welcome. Led by Thomas Barnes.
- 😊 **May 5, 2012.** BJCP exam in Buffalo. Contact Todd Snyder at tmsnyder@buffalo.edu
- ① **May 9, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM.
- 🍷 **May 10, 2012.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Scottish and Irish Ale (BJCP Style Category 9)*. Contact: Knights of the Brown Bottle, Arlington, Texas, Mike Porter at msrw15@sbcglobal.net
- ① **June 6, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: English Brown Ale & Porter (BJCP Categories 11 & 12). Led by Deron Weet.
- ① **June 13, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM.
- ① **July 4, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: IPA (BJCP Category 14). Led by Thomas Barnes.
- ① **July 11, 2012.** UNYHA monthly meeting. Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Road. Meeting starts at 7:30PM, Brew Guru session starts 7PM. **Brewer of the Month contest: Witbier.**
- ① **August 1, 2012.** BJCP training session. 7PM in the snug at the Old Toad, 277 Alexander St. Topic: Fruit Beers (BJCP Category 22). Led by Deron Weet.

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.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions>

Note: If you are entering an AHA/BJCP sanctioned contest, please note the entry rules (including bottle preparation) here: <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/how-to-enter>

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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