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# The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



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September 2010

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## ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P®INT

### BREAKING NEWS – FRESH HOPS AVAILABLE FOR PICKING

Jim Ochterski of the Cornell Cooperative Extension has shared an invitation for us to harvest some local hops:

- Fresh, local hops from second-year vines - varieties are Cascade and Nugget (both ripe now!)
- Quality is very good, and the vines have not been treated or sprayed
- Alpha acid content in process of testing but Cascade will run 5.5-7% and Nugget approx 12-14%
- Farm is located in Canandaigua, just south of the FLCC campus on Middle Road

Where / how to get the hops:

- 1) Canandaigua Farm Market, Saturdays 8:30 AM – 12 Noon (\$2.00 / oz.)  
<http://canandaiguafarmersmarket.com>
- 2) You-harvest (for wet hopping or other use), by appointment (\$1.50 / oz.)
- 3) Pre-order and pick up at the farm or meet at Canandaigua Farm Market (\$2.00 / oz.)

Contact: Gail or Steve Burr, Everlastings and Time Country Gardens, 585-394-8715,  
[steveandgail@frontier.com](mailto:steveandgail@frontier.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- Ithaca Brew Fest – September 4
- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill – September 8
- Beer School: Beginner & advanced extract/partial mash at Alan Mack's – September 11
- Pub of the Month: The Keg at the German House – September 15
- Joe Lenhardt's Cider Pressing – September 18
- Madison County Hop Festival – September 18
- Mikkeller brews featured at The Old Toad – September 22
- Beer Social at the Tap & Mallet: Staff Picks – September 29
- Custom Brewcrafters Autumn Festival of Ales – Oktober 2
- BJCP Session: German Wheat & Rye – Oktober 6
- UNYHA Meeting – Oktober 13
- Stone Fest III at The Old Toad – Oktober 14
- Pub of the Month: Rohrbach Brewing Company on Buffalo Road – Oktober 20
- UNYHA Rocktoberfest @ Wadham Lodge, Powder Mill Park – Rocktober 16
- Cider Days in Franklin County, Massachusetts – November 6 & 7

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

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## AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING – TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! Topic: brewery set-up and efficiency, by Paul Guarracini and Adam Odegard.
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. If you plan to come to Rocktoberfest, you may add that cost (\$8) to your check.
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 coming year is printed below)
7. **Pub of the Month:** Pub of the Month for September 15 will be The Keg at the German House on Gregory Street near South Avenue. The Wedge is a great area for exploring – maybe we'll end up doing a mini-crawl on foot after enjoying a pint or two at The Keg!
8. **Fall Brewoff – Time to Get SMaSHed!:** Tom Ocque will distribute ingredients for the next club brew-off. The theme for this challenge is to create a Single Hop, Single Malt brew. Plan to brew in October/November – results to be sampled at the December meeting.
9. **Bulk grain & hops order** – If you ordered through Tom Ocque, make your pick-up tonight. Tom would like your help weighing, paying, etc. at 7:00, so please go upstairs then.
10. **UNYHA Rocktoberfest:** Deron Weet will give us the lowdown on Rocktoberfest, to be held rain or shine on Oktober 16, 11 AM-8 PM, at Wadham Lodge in Powder Mill Park. We'll have a **chili cookoff** (best vegetarian chili, best meat chili), a **brew competition** (best German-style beer, best non-German-style beer, best mead/cider – bring at least 60 ozs. for sampling, please), and a ton of food (bring a dish to pass and beverages, please), ladderball, bocce, horseshoes, croquet, etc. Clams will be available for \$6/dozen.
11. **Alan Mack's Beer School** for beginning and advanced extract/partial-mash brewers will be held on September 11.
12. **Joe Lenhardt's annual cider pressing** will be held on September 18. Note from Joe: "The apple crop is a bit light this year as I trimmed back several trees last year and they are in 'recovery'. It would be helpful for everyone that has friends, neighbors, etc. with apple trees to bring what they have to make up the normal amount. If not, that's OK. I still have a lot of apples but it will not be the abundance I have had in the past and folks will be limited to a 5 gal carboy. For reference, we normally press 150 gallons. I probably have enough to press 100 gallons this year. We are looking forward to having a big crowd as we have added a 900 sq ft patio off the garage with a bar area to accommodate all our friends in better comfort."
13. **Custom Brewcrafters Autumn Festival of Ales:** Oktober 2 at Fireman's Field in Honeoye Falls – always a great time to enjoy CB's fine brews (the saison *Pierre* rocks!). Jason Fox took volunteer sign-ups last month. *Folks, CB depends on each of us to honor his/her commitment!!*
14. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** Please fill out your personalized membership form and have your check/cash ready and bring them to us when we call for that and for Rocktoberfest sign-ups.
15. **Beer Hunter:** Tim Rouse has bagged some *Fat Tire* from New Belgium to share with us!

**Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew! (And please pay your dues!)**

## BJCP SCHEDULE

6 October:	German Wheat & Rye (Category 16) - DERON
3 November:	Amber Hybrids (Category 7) - TOM
1 December:	Strong Ale (Category 19) - DERON
5 January:	Dark Lager (Category 4) - TOM
2 February:	Scottish & Irish Ales (Category 9) - DERON
2 March:	English Pale Ale (Category 8) - TOM
6 April:	Bock (Category 5) - DERON
4 May:	Light Lagers & Pilsners (Categories 1 & 2) - TOM
1 June:	American Ale (Category 10) - DERON
6 July:	Special Bonus Session - TBA (Deron and/or Thomas)

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## BREWER OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE

Brewer of the Month coordinator Adam Odegard has finalized the beer style schedule for the coming year, so *get brewing*:

October	IPA
November	No BOTM this month --- fall brewoff instead
December	Porter (brown and robust)
January	Scottish
February	Dark lager
March	Mead
April	No BOTM this month
May	Cider
June	Barleywine

## 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.

### Beer Hunters coming up are:

**October** - Steve Hodos will share beers from Berkshire Brewing (their fine lineup includes a raspberry (!) barleywine, a Russian imperial stout, and a porter).

**November** - Dana Edgell will share some interesting beers he purchased recently in California.



## PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Frank Boon climbs a ladder to pour a three-year-old gueuze straight from the cask for his new beer buddy, Doug Brainard



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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

① — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

- 😊 **September 4, 2010. Ithaca Brew Fest**, 3-7 PM, Stewart Park, Ithaca, [www.ithacabrewfest.com](http://www.ithacabrewfest.com)
- ① **September 8, 2010. UNYHA Meeting.** @ 7:30 PM (*Brew Guru session at 7:00*). Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Rd, Rochester Contact: Jeremy Belair, [santanas95@yahoo.com](mailto:santanas95@yahoo.com)
- 🏆 **September 9, 2010.** Deadline to enter **AHA Club-Only Competition: Sour & Wild Ales (BJCP Styles 17)**. Woodland Hills, CA. Contact: Drew Beechum at [dbeechum@gmail.com](mailto:dbeechum@gmail.com)
- ① **September 11, 2010. UNYHA Beer School – Beginning & advanced extract/partial mash techniques** at Alan Mack's house. Contact: Alan Mack, [amack@rochester.rr.com](mailto:amack@rochester.rr.com)
- ① **September 15, 2010. Pub of the Month/UNYHA Officers Meeting – The Keg at The German House**, 315 Gregory St., Rochester. After work 'til whenever. Contact: Tina Weymann, [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com)
- ① **September 18, 2010. Cider Pressing** at Joe Lenhardt's. Contact: Joe Lenhardt, [lenhardt@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lenhardt@rochester.rr.com)
- 😊 **September 18, 2010. Madison County Hop Fest**, Oneida, NY, [www.mchs1900.org](http://www.mchs1900.org)
- 😊 **September 22, 2010. Mikkeller brews featured** at The Old Toad, [www.theoldtoad.com](http://www.theoldtoad.com)
- 😊 **September 29, Beer Social: Staff Picks** at the Tap & Mallet, [www.tapandmallet.com](http://www.tapandmallet.com)
- 😊 **October 2, 2010. Custom Brewcrafters Autumn Festival of Ale**, Fireman's Field, Honeoye Falls, 1-5PM, [www.custombrewcrafters.com](http://www.custombrewcrafters.com)
- ① **October 6, 2010. BJCP Training Session: German Wheat & Rye**, 7:00 at The Old Toad.
- ① **October 13, 2010. UNYHA Meeting.** @ 7:30 PM (*Brew Guru session at 7:00*). Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Rd, Rochester Contact: Jeremy Belair, [santanas95@yahoo.com](mailto:santanas95@yahoo.com)
- 😊 **October 14, 2010. Stone Fest III** at The Old Toad, [www.theoldtoad.com](http://www.theoldtoad.com)
- ① **October 16, 2010. UNYHA Rocktoberfest**, 11AM-8PM at Wadham Lodge, Powder Mill Park. Contact: Deron Weet, [staretoolong@hotmail.com](mailto:staretoolong@hotmail.com)
- ① **October 20, 2010. Pub of the Month/UNYHA Officers Meeting – Rohrbach Brewing Company**, 3859 Buffalo Rd, Ogden. After work 'til whenever. Contact: Tina Weymann, [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com)
- ① **November 3, 2010. BJCP Training Session: Amber Hybrids**, 7:00 at The Old Toad.
- 🏆 **Nov 5, 2010.** Deadline to enter the Saratoga Thoroughbrews' **Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews** (a NYSHOTY-eligible event). Albany, NY. Contact: Greg Mobley, [gregskegs@yahoo.com](mailto:gregskegs@yahoo.com); website [www.thoroughbrews.org](http://www.thoroughbrews.org)
- 😊 **November 6 & 7. 16th Annual Franklin Cider Days**, Greenfield, MA, [www.ciderday.org](http://www.ciderday.org)
- ① **November 10, 2010. UNYHA Meeting.** @ 7:30 PM (*Brew Guru session at 7:00*). Merchants Grill, 881 Merchants Rd, Rochester Contact: Tina Weymann, [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com)
- 🏆 **Nov 13, 2010.** Judging of **Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews**. Albany Pump Station/C.H. Evans Brewing Company, Albany, NY. Contact: Greg Mobley, [gregskegs@yahoo.com](mailto:gregskegs@yahoo.com)
- ① **November 17, 2010. Pub of the Month/UNYHA Officers Meeting – location TBA.** After work 'til whenever. Contact: Tina Weymann, [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com)
- 🏆 **November 30, 2010.** Deadline to enter **AHA Club-Only Competition: Strong Ale (BJCP Styles 19)**. Everett, WA. Contact: Jim Brischke at [j.brischke@comcast.net](mailto:j.brischke@comcast.net).



- 🍷 **Jan 28 2011** Deadline to enter **AHA Club-Only Competition: English Pale Ales (BJCP Styles 8)**. Pleasanton, CA. Contact: Brian Cooper at [brewerbrian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brewerbrian@sbcglobal.net)
- 🍷 **April 16, 2011.** Deadline to enter **AHA Club-Only Competition: Bock (BJCP Styles 5)**. Tulsa, OK. Contact: Desiree Knott at [desiree@highgravitybrew.com](mailto:desiree@highgravitybrew.com)
- 🍷 **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](mailto:youcanreachsven@yahoo.com)
- 🍷 **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](mailto:Susan.Ruud@ndsu.edu)
- 🍷 **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:msrwl5@sbcglobal.net)

#### 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](http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php)

**Future AHA Club Only Competitions:** [http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club\\_only/schedule.html](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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