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The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



JanBREWary 2011

ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P®INT

TWENTY YEARS OF TRIVIAL TURKISH TORTURE

Hard to believe, but Turk Thomas has belittled us, called into question our vast collective knowledge of beer, and pushed us to the brink of despair for nearly two decades now. Please join us at the JanBREWary meeting for Turk's 20th Trivia Contest. This anniversary edition will reprise some questions from quizzes past and, of course, there will be plenty of fiendish new ones to make your head explode and spawn fisticuffs amongst the once amicable players. The winning table will get a liquid prize.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- BJCP Session: Dark Lagers – JanBREWary 5
- Dogfish Head beer dinner at the Tap & Mallet – JanBREWary 11 at 7:30
- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill – JanBREWary 12
- Naked Dove Happy Hour at the Tap & Mallet – JanBREWary 13 at 4:00
- Pub of the Month: Magnolia's Deli & Cafe, 366 Park Ave. (at Oxford) – JanBREWary 19
- Loco for Local! Celebration at The Old Toad featuring cask and draught offerings from Naked Dove, Rohrbach's, and Three Heads – JanBREWary 19 through the weekend
- Competition season is coming up!! See the blurb below.

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

AGENDA FOR JANUARY BJCP MEETING, MONTHLY MEETING, AND POTM

UNYHA's *BJCP sessions* are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the snug at the Old Toad on Alexander Street near East Avenue. Because our dues underwrite the cost of this program, BJCP sessions are for UNYHA members only. This month's program:

Dark Lagers (BJCP category 4), presented by Thomas Barnes. This month's program will be a structured BREWS session as defined by the BJCP, which means that Thomas will earn some well deserved BJCP points provided that we have at least six BJCP-ranked judges in attendance. As added incentive, Thomas will share some special beers that he and Kira brought back from their holiday trip to the midwest. See below for our BJCP training schedule for the remainder of the year.

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). This month's program:

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! This month's topic will be either *FlavorActiv off-flavors demo* (Thomas Barnes, if the FlavorActiv kit arrives in time) or *bottling* (Alan Mack).
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 (the schedule for the year is printed below).
7. **UNYHA hats and shirts** ordered last month may arrive in time for the January meeting. Many thanks to Alan Mack for coordinating this effort.
8. **Brewer of the Month:** JanBREWary's style will be Scottish and Scotch ales. Coordinator Adam Odegard suggests that BOTM participants bring their recipes to share informally after the judging has been done, and that the winning recipe be published in the following month's newsletter (with the winner's permission, of course). *Do any previous months' winners have recipes to publish?* Send them in to tweymann@hselaw.com!
9. **Beer Hunter:** Dana Edgell will share some *Coastal Fog* that he picked up on a recent trip to California.
10. **Pub of the Month (and Officers Meeting) for JanBREWary:** Magnolia's Deli & Cafe on Park Ave. near Oxford, JanBREWary 19th, "after work till whenever."

Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew!

AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Brew Gurus Paul Guarracini and Adam Odegard gave a fast-paced and very useful presentation on beer/mead clarity and clarifying agents.

Deron Weet reported on the December **BJCP** session on strong ales.

SMaSHed Brew-Off Tasting: We sampled our team-brewed Single Malt, Single Hop beers, all using California Common yeast, and found that not all pairings were ... um ... harmonious and that a certain hops variety (Citra) that has found its way into a lot of beers lately is strongly reminiscent of kitty piddle. The pairings were:

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| 1) Pilsner Malt Ahtanum Hops | 2) Pilsner Malt Saaz Hops |
| 3) Wheat Malt Citra Hops | 4) Rye Malt Goldings Hops |
| 5) Munich Malt Hallertau Hops | 6) Maris Otter Malt Nugget Hops |
| 7) Vienna Malt Perle Hops | 8) Vienna Malt Northern Brewer Hops |
| 9) Maris Otter Centennial Hops | |

Many thanks to Tom Ocque for overseeing the brew-off!

Our **Brewer of the Month** featured all porter substyles. If the rather vague notes that were handed to me at the end of the meeting correspond to the results of the porter BOTM, the first place winner was Tom Ocque, second place was Craig Zufelt, and third place went to Dana Edgell, with an honorable mention to Adam Odegard.

Alan Mack's **Big Bottle in the Box** this year was the *Return of the Son of Dr. Bockenstein's Monster*, a big (13%), monstrously tasty brew with maple sap!

Congratulations to **Steve Hodos**, who has been elected president of CABA (the Canadian Amateur Brewers Association).

Dana Edgell took orders to purchase crystal malt.

We did not have a **Beer Hunter** in December.

Raffle results:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Turk Thomas	Blue Moon Winter Abbey
Steve Zoller	3 Brooklyn 16-oz. glasses
Paul Guarracini	2 Sam Adams
Craig Zufelt	2 Saranac
Jeremy Belair	Sam Adams White Ale and dark candi sugar
Jack Mansur	Hazelnut liqueur

COMING UP IN FEB-BREW-ARY

BJCP topic: Scottish & Irish Ales.

Brew Guru: Topic to be announced.

Brewer of the Month style: Dark lagers (note that we are doing dark lagers in the January BJCP session – perhaps what we learn there will be helpful in submitting our dark lagers in the February BOTM challenge!).

Our friends Jon and Chris from the new ROC Brewing nanobrewery on Union Street will tell us a bit about their operation ... and we bet they'll bring beer, too!

Our planned **bulk grain purchase from North Country Malting** is back on! We expect delivery in February. Paul Guarracini will have an update for us.

Pub of the Month: Our new POTM czar, Jeananne Thomas, has decreed that we will convene at L&M Lanes, the bowling alley right next to Merchants Grill – and they have some good beers, too.

BJCP SCHEDULE

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)

Brewer of the Month Schedule

Below is Brewer of the Month coordinator Adam Odegard's beer style schedule for the coming year. Winners are encouraged to submit their recipes for publication in the newsletter; send them to tweymann@hselaw.com.

January	Scottish and Scotch
February	Dark lager
March	Mead (all mead styles are eligible) --- <i>for this BOTM only</i> , Adam decrees that "winner takes all" on the proceeds of the voting, because mead is so expensive to produce
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 (tentatively):

January - Dana Edgell – beers from California

Competition Season is Almost Here

The Niagara Association of Homebrewers' annual **Amber Waves of Grain** competition is scheduled for February 26, 2011 (entry deadline February 12). This is one of the biggest and best competitions in our region, and we anticipate that UNYHA will provide plenty of entries and judges/stewards. Details to be provided as they become available, or contact organizer Todd Snyder (716.688.9105).

We have tentatively scheduled **UNYHA's annual** competition for March 25/26, with an entry deadline two weeks earlier. *We are looking for qualified, enthusiastic club members to take on the roles of competition organizer, judge director, and registrar.* Please talk to the Board if you are interested, or if you have any input to share as to venue or other issues.

The Saratoga Thoroughbrews, our sister club in the Saratoga area, has received the nod to host the **first round of judging for the Northeast Region** for the 2011 National Homebrewing Competition. Judging is slated for Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Brown's Brewing Company's Revolution Hall in Troy. Organizers Reed Antis and Greg Mobley are, at this writing, hoping to do all of the judging on a single day. Those of you who remember when UNYHA hosted the First Round from 2001 to 2004

or so, or who have served as judges at other very large competitions, certainly know all of the hard work required to pull off an event of this size. Judges, stewards, cellarmen, and other volunteers will be desperately needed. We've promised the Thoroughbrews to give them all the help UNYHA can provide. A post-judging party is in the works, and the Thoroughbrews are arranging for a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town helpers.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

- 📍 **January 5, 2011.** UNYHA BJCP Session at the Old Toad.
- 📍 **January 12, 2011.** UNYHA Monthly Meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact: Jeremy Belair, santanas95@yahoo.com.
- 📍 **January 19, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month at Magnolia's.
- 🏆 **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.
- 🏆 **February 12, 2011.** Deadline to enter Amber Waves of Grain competition in Buffalo. Contact: Todd Snyder (716.688.9105).
- 🏆 **February 26, 2011.** Judging of Amber Waves of Grain competition in Buffalo. Contact: Todd Snyder (716.688.9105).
- 🏆 **March 12, 2011 (tentative).** Entry cutoff for UNYHA's annual competition.
- 🏆 **March 25/26, 2011 (tentative).** UNYHA's annual competition; venue and details TBA.
- 🏆 **April 2, 2011.** Judging of Northeast Region's entries for National Homebrew Competition (we will provide information about entry deadline in a later newsletter) at Revolution Hall/Brown's Brewing Company in Troy, NY. Contact: Reed Antis, Saratoga Zymurgist, oosb@verizon.net.
- 😊 **April 9, 2011.** Third annual Beerology at the Buffalo Science Museum; tickets go on sale December 1, 2010 (don't delay - this event sells out fast!). Website: www.sciencebuff.org.
- 🏆 **April 16, 2011.** Deadline to enter *AHA Club-Only Competition: Bock (BJCP Styles 5)*. Tulsa, OK. Contact: Desiree Knott at 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.
- 🏆 **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.
- 🏆 **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, 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.

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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