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# The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



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FebBREWary 2011 ---- Corrected version

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## ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P®INT

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### CORRECTION

To accommodate Alan Mack's popular post-competition "Guess That Beer Style" contest to be held at our May meeting, the Brewer of the Month program for April and May has been changed - the BOTM style for April will be CIDER, and there will be no BOTM in May.

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### ENTRANTS, JUDGES, AND STEWARDS, PLEASE NOTE: IT'S COMPETITION SEASON!

UNYHA's Annual Competition is scheduled for April 30th (the local entry deadline is April 16th). The main day of judging for **UNYHA's 33rd Annual Competition** is scheduled for April 30th (the local entry deadline is April 16th). The competition is open to all BJCP beer, mead, and cider/perry categories. As always, there will be great prizes for winning and placing in category and for Best of Show. We'll have full details and forms posted on our website shortly. *[Speaking of our website, we are looking for a club member to serve as our local webmaster for at least the next four months or so, primarily to post competition-related files. If you're interested, please talk to the Board ASAP.]* Judging will be held at Roc Brewing (UNYHA members and one of our area's newest nanobreweries), located at 56 South Union Street. We will have a post-competition banquet (location and details TBA). There is lots of work to be done - enough for each and every UNYHA member to participate - so expect periodic requests for assistance.

The Niagara Association of Homebrewers' annual **Amber Waves of Grain** competition is scheduled for February 25-26, 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](mailto:Todd.Snyder@niagaraassociation.org) (716.688.9105). Judges and stewards get priority treatment in registering for the Brewers Night Out banquet to be held on Saturday the 26th.

The Saratoga Thoroughbrews will 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 VFW Post, 420 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs (*new location*). Organizer Reed Antis plans to do all of the judging on a single day. Judge and stewards are needed (we ought to consider car-pooling). A post-judging party is planned, and the Thoroughbrews are arranging for a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town helpers. Entries due March 21-30; see <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition> for full details.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- BJCP Session: Scottish & Irish Ales (BJCP Category 9) – FebBREWary 2
- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill – FebBREWary 9
- Pub of the Month and Officers/Competition Committee Meeting: L & M Bowling Lanes (right next door to Merchants Grill, home of UNYHA’s monthly meetings) – FebBREWary 16

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

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## AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 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: *Scottish & Irish Ales* (BJCP Category 9), presented by Deron Weet.

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, presented by Thomas Barnes, will be a *FlavrActiv off-flavors demo*. Thomas intends to do a limited line-up of off-flavors, probably just 5-10 of the total possible. We’ll hit the most common faults introduced during the brewing and fermentation process, particularly the sort of notes that low-level bacterial/wild yeast infections can cause.

Tentative list of off-flavors for discussion at the FebBREWary guru session (let Thomas know if you have a special interest in a particular off-flavor and he can try to be sure that’s on his hit parade):

Acetaldehyde - incomplete/weak fermentation, wild yeast

Astringent - bad mashing/sparging technique, excessive hop use, mishandled fruit/SHV additions, barrel aging.

Diacetyl - incomplete/weak fermentation, bacteria.

DMS - excessive adjuncts, weak/short/closed wort boil, bacteria

Grassy - old hops, excessive hops, fresh hop additions.

Phenolic - chlorophenol (medicinal) or monophenol (smoky) - wild yeast

Solvent - high temperature fermentation, oxidation

Sour/Acidic - lactic or acetic - bacteria

Sulfur - bacteria

Vegetal - bacteria

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 in December month may arrive in time for the February meeting. Many thanks to Alan Mack for coordinating this effort.
8. **Brewer of the Month:** FebBREWary's style will be Dark Lagers. 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](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com)! *For inspiration, see Tom Ocque's Porter recipe below.*
9. **Pub of the Month (and Officers/Competition Committee Meeting) for FebBREWary:** L&M Bowling Lanes, right next to Merchants Grill (home of UNYHA's monthly meetings), FebBREWary 16th, from approximately 5:15 p.m. till approximately 8:00 p.m.

**Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew!**

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## **AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

**Brew Guru** Alan Mack presented a very useful bottling demo ... just in time for packaging those competition entries!

Thomas Barnes was unavailable to report on the January **BJCP** session on dark lagers. Unfortunately, we were one judge short of the number required by BJCP for the attendees to receive "BREWS session" credits. This is really a shame, because the session was packed with information carefully compiled by Thomas. And, oh yes, there was beer ... free beer for members who did attend this session.

Our **Brewer of the Month** featured Scottish and Scotch ales.

**Beer Hunter** Dana Edgell shared with us some good beers from a recent trip to California.

**Turk Thomas's Twentieth Trivia Contest** didn't disappoint. We had a head-scratchingly good time, and none of the teams came to blows. Beginners' luck ruled: two brand-new members led the winning table to victory. [*Folks, although I chatted with you at some length, I didn't write down your names! Welcome aboard, and good brewing!*] The winning table shared a 6-pack of fine brews from Thirsty Dog Brewing out of Akron, Ohio.

**Raffle results:** Dang it all, I didn't get the donations list at the end of the meeting!

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## COMING UP IN MAERZEN

### (THAT WOULD BE “MARCH” FOR YOU NON-GERMAN SPEAKERS)

**BJCP topic:** Scottish & Irish Ales.

**Brew Guru:** Topic to be announced.

**Brewer of the Month style:** Mead (all mead styles are eligible) --- *for this BOTM only*, Adam decrees that “winner takes all” on the proceeds of the voting, because mead is so expensive to produce.

**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.

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## BJCP SCHEDULE

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| 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

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@hseilaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hseilaw.com).

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| 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    | Cider   |
| May      | No BOTM this month  |
| June     | Barleywine  |

**NOTE: We have rearranged the BOTM schedule for April and May!**

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## 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.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is Tom Ocque's Robust Porter recipe that won first place in our Brewer of the Month challenge in December. (It actually won May of 2009 Brewer of the Month, too, and was brewed by Flying Bison last year as well. So, it has some fans!

Tom doesn't use any brewing software so this is his "fragmented" recipe:

Grains:

10 # Maris Otter Malt

1 # Crystal 40L

1# Franco-Belg Coffee Kiln malt

8 oz Munich Malt

8 oz Pale Chocolate

4 oz Carafo III

4 oz of Melanoidin Malt

1/2 Tsp of CaCl in mash to dechlorinated water.

Mash temp 154 for approx 60 mins

Hops:

3.5 oz Styrian Goldings 5.2 % @ 60 mins

1.0 oz " " " " @ 20 mins

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OG: 1062 FG: 1012

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

📍 **February 2, 2011.** UNYHA BJCP Session at the Old Toad.

📍 **February 9, 2011.** UNYHA Monthly Meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact: Jeremy Belair, [santanas95@yahoo.com](mailto:santanas95@yahoo.com).

🏆 **February 12, 2011.** Deadline to enter Amber Waves of Grain competition in Buffalo. Contact: [Todd Snyder](#) (716.688.9105).

📍 **February 16, 2011.** UNYHA Pub of the Month and Officers/Competition Committee Meeting at L&M Bowling Lanes.

🏆 **February 26, 2011.** Judging of Amber Waves of Grain competition in Buffalo. Contact: [Todd Snyder](#) (716.688.9105).

- 🍷 **April 2, 2011.** Judging of Northeast Region's entries for National Homebrew Competition (we will provide information about entry deadline in a later newsletter) in Saratoga Springs, NY. Contact: Reed Antis, Saratoga Zymurgist, [oosb@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:desiree@highgravitybrew.com).
- 🍷 **April 16, 2011.** Entry cutoff for UNYHA's annual competition.
- 🍷 **April 30, 2011.** Main judging date for UNYHA's annual competition and banquet.
- 🍷 **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, [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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