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# The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



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## ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P@INT

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- BJCP Session: Strong Ale - December 1
- Belgian Brews & Dinner at The Tap & Mallet - December 4
- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill - December 8
- Mini-Crawl - December 11 (see details below)
- The 12 Days of Christmas at the Tap and Mallet - December 12-23
- Trifecta Dinner at The Old Toad - December 14
- Pub of the Month: Hose 22 Firehouse Grill, 56 Stutson Street - December 15
- Extra-special *second* Pub of the Month - Rohrbach's/ Buffalo Road - December 22 (see below)

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

### AGENDA FOR DECEMBER MEETING & POTM

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). **PLEASE BRING A FEW TASTING GLASSES, and a pitcher or two if you have them to loan for the evening (put your name on the pitchers so they can be returned to you at the end of the meeting).** This will be a very busy, action-packed meeting and you won't want to miss a single minute, so please try to arrive on time.

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! This month's topic: *clarifiers and clarifying techniques*, by Adam Odegard and Paul Guarracini.
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. Paul Guarracini and Adam Odegard will report on their November 13 **Beer School**. Participants brewed a North German altbier.
8. **UNYHA hats and shirts** can be ordered at new, reduced prices from Alan Mack. Baseball hats - \$5.50, t-shirts - \$6.00, sweatshirts - \$16.00, hooded sweatshirts - \$16.50, polo shirts (short sleeve) -

\$15.50, washed denim shirts (long sleeve) - \$15.00 ... For 2X add \$1.50 per t-shirt, \$3.00 for other shirts; for 3X add \$2.00 per t-shirt, \$4.00 for other shirts. Alan expects that the merchandise will arrive in time for the January meeting.

9. **Brewer of the Month:** December's style will be porter (brown, robust, and Baltic). 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)!
10. **SMAShed Brew-Off Tasting:** Tom Ocque once again designed and coordinated our team-brewing competition. The challenge was to brew a Single Malt, Single Hop beer (e.g., Munich malt & Hallertauer hops). Brewing teams should bring at least two growlers or 12 bottles, and be prepared to confirm to Tom what malt and hops you used. This will be a "beauty contest" – no formal evaluations – but we expect, as always, to learn something interesting from our experiment!
11. The return of **Alan Mack's Big Bottle in the Box!** Every year, Alan unveils something extra big and extra special – who knows what 2010 will bring?
12. **Beer Hunter:** There will not be a beer hunter presentation at this month's meeting.
13. Our planned **bulk grain purchase** won't happen, unfortunately. North Country Malting has discontinued selling to homebrewers, and despite Tom Ocque's longstanding relationship with North Country, we won't be able to offer a bulk purchase opportunity.
14. **TWO Pubs of the Month for December:** The "regular" Pub of the Month for **December 15th** will be **Hose 22 Firehouse Grill, 56 Stutson Street** in Charlotte. Hose 22 offers 18 taps plus an excellent selection of bottled beers. UNYHA's own John Zelazny was the winner of UNYHA's annual competition, and John got the chance to brew his *Bad Santa* winter warmer at Rohrbach's! As of now, it looks like *Bad Santa* will be tapped on **December 22nd at Rohrbach's/Buffalo Road**, so please join us then to toast John and our friends at Rohrbach's! If plans change, we'll send an email blast to announce a new date. Look for Gordon Strong's article on winter warmers in the next issue of *Brew Your Own*, featuring comments and recipes from John and four other award-winning homebrewers in this category.

Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew!

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## AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

**Brew Guru** Paul Guarracini gave a presentation on brewing software.

We had a report on the November **BJCP** session on amber hybrids, featuring North German altbier, California common, Düsseldorf altbier, sticke altbier, and Münster altbier.

**Beer Hunters:** Steve Hodos shared *10 Bitter Years*, an 8% ABV ale from Black Oak Brewing in Toronto; Jack Mansur shared a pale ale from Tuckerman's Brewing in Conway, New Hampshire (all of Tuckerman's beers are krauesened!). My notes indicated that we actually had three Beer Hunters last month, but I don't have a record of the third one – my apologies!

Alan Mack and Will Gardiner shared the **FFPA pale ale** that they and Dave Mack brewed at this year's Custom Brewcrafters' Autumn Festival of Ales – yummy! An informal poll showed that six attendees at our November meeting began homebrewing and/or joined UNYHA as a direct result of having attended CB's annual festival!

Dave Schlosser treated us to a porter and an IPA from the new **Naked Dove Brewing Company**. Not surprisingly, they were very well crafted, and well received by the UNYHA beer connoisseurs. Dave

also gave away some really cool Naked Dove shirts. The Naked Dove's hours are Thursday/Friday from 4-8 p.m., Saturday 12-6 p.m., and Sunday 12-5 p.m., and their beers are already widely available at discerning taprooms in our area.

The club held a **Silent Auction** to benefit Sue Urbanczyk and family. Many of you will fondly remember our friend and long-time UNYHA member John Urbanczyk, who passed away unexpectedly in Baltimore several months ago, the day after their daughter's wedding. The auction raised \$154, with the club matching the proceeds. Our hearts go out to Sue and her family.

We did not have a **Brewer of the Month** in November.

**Raffle results:** Your hapless secretary evidently failed to retrieve the list of donations...

**Upcoming mini-pub crawl** – Paul Guarracini talked about our December 11<sup>th</sup> tour to Custom Brewcrafters' new Pint & Goblet Tavern, the NYS Culinary Center in Canandaigua, and the Naked Dove, with a dinner stop (hopefully) at Rheinblick, the fabulous recently opened German restaurant in Canandaigua. We have seven participants slated to take the crawl; we'll give a tour report in January. We have tentatively scheduled a more large-scale pub crawl for sometime in April, and it was suggested that we again do a "walking pub crawl" – details to come at a later date.

## COMING UP NEXT MONTH

**BJCP topic:** Dark lagers.

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

**Turk Thomas's annual trivia contest!** If you've never experienced this excruciating (but curiously enjoyable) form of sadomasochism and think you know s\*\*t about beer, you're in for a serious dressing-down. If you've done it before, you already know *you are not worthy!* The winning table will share a special liquid prize. (But don't even think about studying for this – it would be an exercise in futility.)

**Beer Hunter** Dana Edgell will share some beers purchased on a recent trip to California.

**Brewer of the Month style:** Scottish and Scotch ales.

**Pub of the Month:** To be announced by our new POTM czar, Jeananne Thomas.

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## BJCP SCHEDULE

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.

### 1 December: Strong Ale (Category 19) – DERON

Deron has arranged an excellent lineup of vintage strong ales, as well as some homebrewed examples, donated by some of our members. *If you've got any additional homebrewed examples – particularly well-aged ones – bring them to share and to receive feedback.* What we've got so far:

From Will Gardiner:      2 Bottles 1994 Thomas Hardy's Ale (English Barleywine)  
                                     2008 Alaskan Barleywine ("Specialty")  
                                     2008 Homebrewed Barleywine, 2 Bourbon Old Ales

From Bill Henry: 2 Bottles 2006 Bigfoot (American Barleywine)  
2 Bottles 2010 Bigfoot (American Barleywine)  
2 Bottles Feb 2005 Old Horizontal (American Barleywine)  
2 Bottles 2009 Old Horizontal (American Barleywine)  
Vern's Equinox

From Alan Mack: 2008 Old Guardian (American Barleywine)  
Dr. Bock or #200 or #136

From Jeremy Belair: 2 Bottles North Coast Old Stock Ale 2004 (English Barleywine)  
2 Bottles North Coast Old Stock Ale 2010 (English Barleywine)  
2008 Homebrewed Barleywine  
2009 Barleywine w/Brett

From Tina Weymann: 2 Bottles Gale's Prize Old Ale, vintage TBA (Old Ale)

The club will provide a bottle of J.W. Lees Moonraker and 2 bottles of Harviestoun Old Engine Oil (to round out the Old Ale category).

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

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](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com).

December	Porter (brown, robust, and Baltic)
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

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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.

**Beer Hunters coming up are** (tentatively):

**December** – No beer hunter this month

**January** - Dana Edgell – beers from California

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## BREAKING NEWS – AND PLENTY OF IT!!!

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 18/19 or 25/26. *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. More details to follow...

**The Finger Lakes Brewing Company** opened its 7-bbl. brewery on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8462 State Route 54, just south of the village of Hammondsport. They have six beers available presently – Spiced Ale, Pale Ale, Scotch Ale, IPA, Copper Ale, and a Stout. Congratulations, and good brewing, to Mark Goodwin, Wayne Peworchik, and the rest of the FLBC folks!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

😊 **December 3-5, 2010, noon to midnight.** Third Annual Buffalo Cask Ale Festival sponsored jointly by Mr. Goodbar (1100 Elmwood) and Cole's (1104 Elmwood). Contact: [www.meatmeatcoles.com](http://www.meatmeatcoles.com), (716) 886-1449, [www.mrgoodbarelmwood.com](http://www.mrgoodbarelmwood.com), (716) 882-4000.

😊 **December 4, 2010.** Belgian Beer & Food Festival at the Tap & Mallet featuring Duchesse de Burgogne, Nostradamus, St. Feuillien Grisette Blanche, La Trappe Dubbel & Quadrupel (OK, so they're Dutch, but still



Trappist), Cuvee Des Jacobins Rouge and a horizontal lineup of St Bernardus Pater 6, Prior 8, & Abt 12. Chef Chris Cameron will also showcase some great mussels, steak & frites, and a carbonnade flammandes for specials that night. Contact: [www.tapandmallet.com](http://www.tapandmallet.com), 473-0503.

- ① **December 8, 2010.** UNYHA Monthly Meeting at Merchants Grill. Contact: Jeremy Belair, [santanas95@yahoo.com](mailto:santanas95@yahoo.com).
- ① **December 11, 2010.** Mini-crawl to the Pint & Goblet Tavern at Custom Brewcrafters, the NYS Culinary Center, and the Naked Dove, with a dinner stop. Contact Paul Guarracini, [oldeezra@aol.com](mailto:oldeezra@aol.com).
- ☺ **December 12-23, 2010.** The 12 Days of Christmas at the Tap and Mallet. Contact: [www.tapandmallet.com](http://www.tapandmallet.com), 473-0503.
- ☺ **December 14, 2010.** Trifecta dinner at The Old Toad – perfect union of single malt Scotches and Bourbons paired with the finest microbrewed beers and with the most delectable food. House-cured Scottish salmon, paired with Lindemans Gueze lambic and Caol Ila 12-yr; spice-rubbed pork tenderloin with a bourbon chipotle chili sauce and spiced grit cakes accompanied by walnut oil green beans, paired with Brewdog Isle of Arran Paradox and Cragganmore 12-yr; and baked caramel and pecan tart, paired with Goose Island Bourbon County Stout and George Dickle Special Edition. Tickets are \$55.00 (includes tax). Contact: [www.theoldtoad.com](http://www.theoldtoad.com), 232-2626.
- ① **December 15, 2010.** UNYHA Pub of the Month at Hose 22, 56 Stutson Street (Charlotte). Contact: Tina Weymann at [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com).
- ① **December 22, 2010.** Special, second UNYHA Pub of the Month at Rohrbach's/ Buffalo Road to sample John Zelazny's award-winning *Bad Santa* (date is tentative, depending on whether the beer is tapped on that date). Contact: Tina Weymann at [tweymann@hselaw.com](mailto:tweymann@hselaw.com).
- 🍷 **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).
- 🍷 **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).
- 🍷 **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](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).
- 🍷 **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 [mrsrl5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsrl5@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> -- *An app is coming soon for the Tap & Mallet's draught menu!*

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Zalig Kerstfeest en gelukkig nieuw jaar !