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The Monthly Mash

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Upstate New York Homebrewers Association



November 2010

ALL THE BREWS THAT'S FIT TO P@INT

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

- UNYHA Meeting @ Merchants Grill - November 10
- All-Grain Beer School at Paul Guarracini's house - Saturday, November 13
- Pub of the Month: The Tap & Mallet - November 17
- Adam Odegard's annual after-Thanksgiving Stress Reduction Party - Friday, November 26th, starting at 6 PM, 2023 Barnes Road, Walworth
- BJCP Session: Strong Ale - December 1 (we did Amber Hybrids on November 3)
- Mini-Crawl - Saturday, December 11 (see details below)

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

AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

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).

1. **Brew Guru** session will begin at 7:00 sharp upstairs! Topic: *brewing software*, by Paul Guarracini.
2. **Silent Auction** to benefit a worthy cause. Donate brewing gadgets, ingredients, books, paraphernalia, and stuff and put in your best bid on the stuff you want. This is a great opportunity to clean your brew room to make room for more brewing gear!
3. **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.
4. **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?
5. **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.
6. **Mailman Report:** Steve Hodos
7. **BJCP Class Report:** Deron Weet/Thomas Barnes (schedule for the coming year is printed below)
8. **Pub of the Month:** Pub of the Month for November 17 will be the Tap & Mallet on Gregory Street.
9. **Beer School** - Paul Guarracini and Adam Odegard will take final enrollment for the next Beer School, to be held on November 13th at Paul's house (directions will be provided). The class will make a North German Altbier.
10. **Upcoming mini-pub crawl** - Paul Guarracini will talk about our December 11th tour to Custom Brewcrafters' new Pint & Goblet Tavern, the NYS Culinary Center in Canandaigua, and the

Naked Dove (Dave Schlosser's newly opened brewery in Canandaigua), with a food stop TBA. Paul will also talk about a more extensive crawl, tentatively planned for April 2011.

11. Brewer of the Month: No Brewer of the Month for November. December's style will be porter. 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).

12. Beer Hunter: Steve Hodos will share 10 Bitter Years from Black Oak Brewing in Toronto.

Share, sample, and enjoy plenty of homebrew!

AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Brew Guru Paul Guarracini gave an excellent presentation on yeast wrangling, with a useful handout.

Our **Brewer of the Month** face-off featured eight very different IPAs. The first-place winner was Scott Denhart, with 10 votes; Walt Strassburg took second place, with 9 votes; Adam Odegard came in third, with 6 votes.

We had a report on the October **BJCP** session on German Wheat and Rye Beers (BJCP category 15). Adam Odegard talked about the history of this group of styles, and Walt Strassburg brought a homebrewed roggenbier.

Joe Lenhardt gave a report on his **cider pressing** (about 100 gallons of juice were pressed). Bill Henry brought some yummy force-carbonated cider from the pressing.

Alan Mack reported on his **Beer School** session – he and his students made a porter.

Raffle results:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Kira Barnes	Sam Adams Pumpkin
" "	Sam Adams Irish Red
Will Gardiner	Newport Storm Peach Ale
" "	Tied House Crystal Fog IPA
Steve Landgren	Harpoon UFO
" "	Saranac Oktoberfest
Jeremy Belair	Home-grown Willamette and Nugget hops
Turk Thomas	Woodchuck Raspberry Cider
" "	Saranac Oktoberfest
Randy Ford	Harpoon UFO
" "	Cool Beer Millenium Buzz Hemp Ale
Alan Mack	Wine cooling jar
" "	Wine server

FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

December will be a very busy meeting...

Brew Guru presentation will be on clarifying agents.

Orders taken for bulk grains from North Country Malting – Tom Ocque and Paul Guarracini are organizing a grain-purchasing co-op, and they'll let us know what grains will be available to order in

bulk. Put in your order at the December meeting, and the goods will be delivered in February. We expect the per-pound price to be about 70 or 80 cents. Feel free to find a buddy to split a sack with!

Brewer of the Month – Featured style is porter (brown and robust). Bring at least enough beer to fill a pitcher! Recipes would be appreciated for discussion purposes and (with your permission) posting in the next newsletter.

SMaSH Brew-Off – Team captains, bring your Single Malt/Single Hop beer for sampling. This will be a “beauty contest” to see which team made the most drinkable brew.

If you have an extra pitcher, please bring it for the evening – thanks!

BJCP SCHEDULE

BJCP sessions are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month 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
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

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

November	No BOTM this month
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 (tentatively):

November – Steve Hodos will share 10 Bitter years from Black Oak Brewing in Toronto

December – No beer hunter this month

January – Dana Edgell – beers from California

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

🏆 — COMPETITION INFO

📍 — UNYHA-SPECIFIC STUFF

😊 — NON-UNYHA EVENT

- 📍 **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
- 📍 **November 13, 2010. Paul Guarracini's Beer School.** Contact Paul Guarracini, oldeezra@aol.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
- 📍 **November 17, 2010. Pub of the Month/UNYHA Officers Meeting – Tap & Mallet on Gregory Street.** After work 'til whenever. Contact: Tina Weymann, tweymann@hselaw.com
- 📍 **November 26, 2010, 6 PM. Adam Odegard's Post-Thanksgiving Stress Reduction Party,** 2023 Barnes Road, Walworth. Contact: Adam Odegard, (315) 597-5698
- 🏆 **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.
- 😊 **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, (716) 886-1449, www.mrgoodbarelmwood.com, (716) 882-4000.
- 😊 **December 4, 2010.** Belgian Beer & Food Festival at the Tap & Mallet. Contact: www.tapandmallet.com, 473-0503.
- 📍 **December 11, 2010.** Mini-crawl to the Pint & Goblet Tavern at Custom Brewcrafters, the NYS Culinary Center, and the Naked Dove. Contact Paul Guarracini, oldeezra@aol.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
- 🏆 **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 at 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 msrw15@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> -- ***An app is coming soon for the Tap & Mallet's draught menu!***

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