

# The Brewer's Bugle

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(Ain't no mean-spirited people here)

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## October Meeting Oktoberfest Beers

Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

Clone's

55 Bunnell Ave., Stratford, 377-2293

*Directions: From I-95: Exit 27A onto Rt. 8 North. Make sure to stay on Rt. 8 when it splits with Rt. 25. Take Exit 8, Nichols Ave., left onto Penny Ave. at end of ramp, and right at the light onto Nichols Ave. At 2nd light turn left onto Connors Lane; then the 4th left onto Bunnell Ave. It's the 2nd on the left.*

*From Merritt northbound: Exit 51, right at light onto Nichols Ave. At 5th light turn left onto Connors Lane, then 4th left onto Bunnell Ave. It's the 2nd on the left.*

*From Merritt southbound: Exit 52 for Rt. 8, Rt. 108 and Stratford. Very shortly take ramp to Rt. 108, Stratford. At light turn left onto Nichols Ave. At 3rd light, take left onto Connors Lane, then 4th left onto Bunnell Ave. It's the 2nd on the left.*

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*The buff host.*

## Darvon's Rackings

### THE BOD BEAUTIFUL

The Nurse did not attend the picnic, missing the bawdy and drunken proceedings, which means that when it came time to produce the Ramblings, he had no material. What does he do

when he hits a writer's block? He picks on Darvon, knowing that in my good nature, I will not retaliate. So he had fun pick-



*The Postman didn't ring twice, but he did make a rare appearance.*

ing on the configuration of my body. Out of self preservation you would never find the Nurse making fun of Krapper's body. Trouble is, the jibes were misplaced, especially in the issue that featured my bod as the centerfold. Just look at that photo (in full color, if you download the BUGLE) and marvel. The reason that I always wear long sleeves and trousers is that I do not want to be a distraction to the YAHOOTERS (and some of the YAHOOOS). I would compare my body against any in the club, with the possible exception of Pizzaman (did you see him at the meeting with his tight-sleeved T-shirt? -- hot enough to make a young boy quiver).

The Nurse's abuse is particularly puzzling, since it leaves him open to comments about his own questionable physique. I say questionable, because nobody except his heart surgeon knows what his body looks like, hidden as it is beneath that shag rug. People who think that the chest hairpiece worn by Austin Powers is an absurd joke have not seen the one grown by the Nurse. And just to make it all the more ridiculous, Gerry grooms his chest hairpiece with a prominent, vertical part down the middle.

### THE CENTERFOLD

I was honored to be chosen to grace the first of the monthly centerfolds in the BUGLE. Having a centerfold in each issue is a great idea. It means that Hero has to write less, and it means that we have to read less of his writing. I look forward to seeing who will be featured in future issues.

**NO MARRIAGE FOR DARVON**

The Nurse suggests that it is time for me to marry. Never happen! Why should I revert to the bored, de facto celibacy endured by most of the YAHOOOS? Variety is the spice of sexual life and has few consequences if pursued when one is not burdened by marriage. Seeking sexual variety while in a wedded state is stressful, expensive, dangerous and potentially costly to the extent of half of one's worth. No thank you! On the other hand, I might consider a union with an attractive, considerably younger woman, provided that she has a cool cellar and a high BTU stove and body.

**YAHOOOS 2004 CALENDAR**

There is going to be a 2004 nude YAHOOOS and YAHOOTERS calendar. Several exhibitionists have already signed on as models, but we could use a couple more. Any potential YAHOOOS models should contact the Nurse. YAHOOTERS will be personally auditioned by me.



*Rodin's original model for The Thinker.*

**Ramblings of the Naughty Nurse****WHAT DID WE DO TO DESERVE THIS?**

OK, we all enjoy a good old laugh at Darvon but the old dog seems to be biting back. Elsewhere in this esteemed journal he makes mention of his latest project. He wants a YAHOOOS Nude Calendar. Do you think he might have insight into his impending demise and wants a last laugh at the world? His scrawny, white butt in your kitchen? Initially I wasn't too phased because even I could enjoy looking at a few overweight, pallid YAHOOOS skipping naked through the woods. Then the blow struck. Darvon engaged my charming, yet somewhat shy and reclusive wife, Christina, into conversation. The subject of the nude calendar came up and before you know it she'd fallen for his geriatric line and agreed to pose nude. This means that the YAHOOTERS will drop like flies taking her uncalled for lead: Myriam doing her water nymph impression; Brancoq in the garden playing with her vegetables (please, not

two water melons); Chris Conti naked astride one and a half pints (750cc to you) of Harley; Sue Pivo scaling a Yale tower; Tracey doing things with her her legal, and other, briefs; Danika doing things with fireman's equipment; Caroline with Gregg's feather duster. Finally, Nessie's charming wife Henrietta posing with dogs --please say it isn't so. We should only be grateful that Benny Hill is no longer among us. I couldn't take the wooden leg and all that's immediately above it.

*I love you all, y'all -- The Naughty Nurse*

**Homebrew Competitions**

**October 25** - SNERHC, Colorado Brewing, Danbury, CT, [www.yahoos-snerhc.com](http://www.yahoos-snerhc.com) (under construction). We all have assignments.

**Beer Events**

**October 10** - Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, 758 Rubber Ave., Naugatuck, \$25, 6:30-9:30 pm, 60+ imports and micros, Terry Boyd, 729-5445, [www.winect.com/mountview](http://www.winect.com/mountview)

**October 10** - Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, Knights of Columbus, 2630 Whitney Ave., Hamden, \$20, 7-9:30 pm, 19+ breweries, Jim Sibley at Cheshire Wine & Spirits, 439-0868

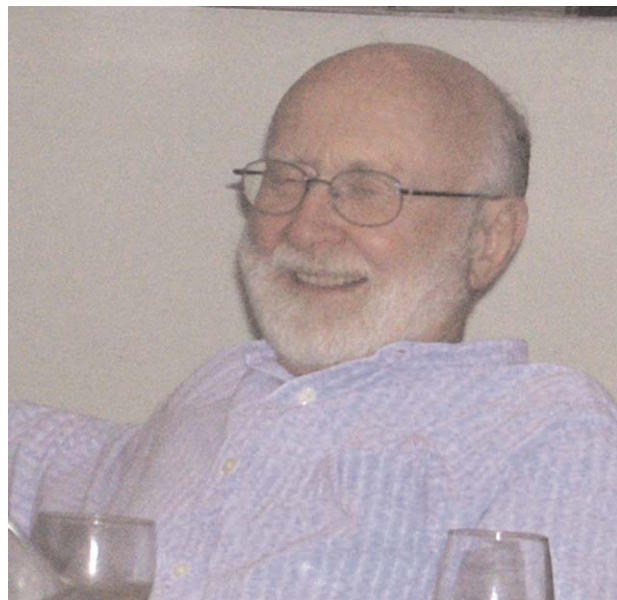
**October 22** - Rogue Beer Dinner, Delaney's Restaurant, 882 Whalley Ave., New Haven, 7 pm, price TBA, 7 beers with 7 courses, Peter, 397-5494

**Oct 25, 2003** - Friends of Literacy Annual Wine & Beer Tasting, Laurelton Hall High School, 200 High St., Milford, cost TBA, 7-10 pm, Lisa at Fairview Liquor Mart, 877-8705

**October 30** - Oktoberfest at Cobbs Mill Inn, Mill Ln., Weston, \$25, 7:30 pm, 8-10 beers + German food, Peter Cocchia at Homemade Libations, 855-7911

**November 9** - Belgian Beer Festival at Colorado Brewing, 6 Delay St, Danbury, sponsored by Colorado Brewing and Terry Boyd, \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door, 1-5 pm, Terry Boyd, 729-5445

**January 25** - Real Ale Festival, Bru Rm @ BAR, 254 Crowne St, New Haven, \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door includes admission and tickets worth \$4 (each \$2 ticket is good for 1/2 pint) and pizza; additional tickets available for \$2 each, 1-5 pm, 60+ ales, Terry Boyd, 729-5445, [www.winect.com/mountview](http://www.winect.com/mountview)



*Just gas?*

## September Meeting Results

September 17, 2003

Host: Pizzaman

	STYLE BREW ER BRAND	NOSE (12)	LOOKS (3)	TASTE (20)	BODY (5)	OVERALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	Weiss Victory	7	2	10	4	5	28	Smells of coriander, like a wit. The beer is fine, but confused, perhaps bi-sexual or trans-sexual.
2	Weiss Franziskaner	10	3	12	4	7	36	That's more like it, although it is a little cardboardy (corrugated). Needs snappy. Too heavy on "thin". Also needs snappy comments.
3	Weiss Weihenstephan	8	2	12	4	7	33	Bubblegum, "old sausage aroma" (Crapper – how would Veggieman know?), anemic. Other end of the table didn't like it, and Darvon got snippy about it.
4	Weiss Ayinger	7	2	14	3	8	34	Smells like a homebrew, "not very Weiss" (Darvon), sour?, not flavorful, bright, or sparkly. Professional judge (Dubblecoq) gave it an "8", or was that "ate", as he scarfed pizza.
5	Wit Hoegaarden	8	3	14	4	8	37	Balanced, no negative comments, and got a good score, but it did not muster excitement. "Great – like a Hoegaarden" (Nurse). Is a hoegaarden a green place where ladies hang out?
6	Weizen Hitachino, as in Japan	6	2	9	3	4	24	Lemonade, tart, lactic. "got a toothbrush?" (Anita). Made in the Japanese Alps.
7	Weizen Gepzinger (?) Germany	7	2	9	3	4	25	Lactic, skanky, no redeeming features. Perhaps old? Made with coriander, sea salt & lactic acid – why would they bother?
8	Blonde Darvon Gentlemen Prefer	6	3	10	4	5	28	Mango-gooseberry, hoppy fruit ale. More Snapple than beer. Deliciously out of style. Nurse ingratiating (read "brown nosing") when he found out it was Darvon's.
9	Pilsener Victory Prima Pils	10	3	10	3	4	34	Good lager character, smells great, but taste too tannic, like in tea bags (Ti-tannic). The hop nose is great, but hold the hop taste. Nessie using dog photos to come on to the ladies.
10	Special Bitter Nurse	8	3	10	6	4	31	Over the top for a special bitter, but the professional judge liked it. No category fits, keep the bitterness, but cut back on the hop aroma & taste. Dry hopped with Armadillo and Centennial.
11	Pumpkin Ale Post Road	6	2	10	3	5	26	Mace?, allspice, nutmeg, cidery, everything but pumpkin, which doesn't have any taste, anyway. Why do they keep trying?
12	Irish Red Ale Belfast Brewery Portland, ME	8	3	10	3	5	29	Smells grainy, tastes grainy, smells red, looks red, tastes red, harsh. Supposedly sitting at a bar with a red beer, looking unlike a pils wimp, makes women hot.
13	Koelsh McNiell's of Brattleboro	7	3	9	4	5	28	"DMS, American Hops" (Krapper), not koelschisch enough, too bitter and astringent.
14	Schwarzbier Dale	6	2	9	3	4	24	Sour, burnt grain nose (OK), black currents and prune juice, not malty or lagery. Nessie loved it. Better than the score.
15	IPA Magic Hat HiPA	10	3	13	4	8	38	Postman loved the nose. Wonderful hops, probably Centennial. Needs malt. Where is the diacetyl we expect from Magic Hat? Kindly brought by the Nurse (so?).
16	Strong Belgian Dark Homer	7	1	8	2	5	23	Incredibly sweet. Should be racked to secondary to ferment. Very young, has been under CO2 three days. This one will be good.
17	Saison Postman	5	2	9	3	4	23	"We have the barn, and animals all in here" (Nessie). "Is burnt rubber considered a spice?" (Crapper). Postman needs to attend more meetings for additional abuse training. Oktoberfest yeast.
18	<b>Saison Darvon</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Pretty, fresh, peppery. Everybody (especially Darvon) loved it. grains of paradise, coriander &amp; sweet orange at aroma, coriander at finish. Sterling for aroma, taste, &amp; dry hopping.</b>
19	Saison Vermont Pub	9	3	14	4	8	38	Fruit rotting gracefully in the cellar. Pleasantly breaks the mold. Greg Noonan's fairly successful attempt to clone Darvon's BOS beer from Vermont '91. One year in a growler.
20	Saison Crapper	9	3	14	4	8	38	Hop, rather than spice based. Soft and tasty. Judges too happily sated at this point to make comments, but they liked it. Forbidden Fruit yeast and Saaz dry hopped.
21	Fish Brewing Leviathon							Everybody just smiled and enjoyed.

**SUMMARY: Four memorable beers at the end -- not your typical meeting.**



## Oktoberfest Beers at Clone's -- October 15

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