

The Brewer's Bugle

Newsletter of the Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut

Y.A.H.O.O.S. (Yankee Association of Homebrewers Objecting to Organized Societies)

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(Ain't no mean-spirited people here)

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December Holiday Party

Silly Beers!

Friday, December 16, 7:30 pm

Dr. Pivo's

166 East Rock Road, New Haven, 789-8223

Significant others are not just welcome, they're expected.

SOP: Bring beer & food for the table.

Directions: From Merritt/Wilbur Cross, get off at Exit 61. Head south on Whitney Avenue toward New Haven. Go about four miles, leaving Hamden and entering New Haven. The first stop light in New Haven is East Rock Road; there is also a direction sign for Albertus Magnus College. Turn right; Steve's house is the seventh on the left, tan with cream trim. Park on the street.

From I-95, go to New Haven, exit onto I-91, take Exit 6 (Willow-Blatchley). Turn right at end of ramp to head west on Willow Avenue. Go to the end of Willow Street and turn right onto Whitney Avenue. Go about a half-mile north on Whitney to the second stop light after Willow; that light is East Rock Road; turn left onto East Rock Road. Steve's house is the seventh house on the left, tan with cream trim. Park on the street.

Darvon's Rackings

CAN'T FOOL A PRO

You all know that "ringers" were secretly included in the SNERHC2005 entries. An *Ayinger Celebrator* was included anonymously with the Bocks. Didn't fool Krapper for a second. His comment to the "homebrewer" who had entered the Celebrator "clone" was "You should be brewing for Ayinger."

MORE ABOUT SNERHC2005

As it turns out, SNERHC2005 broke exactly even financially, but no thanks to the genius of the organizers nor the help of most of the YAHOOOS. We broke even only because of the raffle of the neon sign that Hero conned from Ancona Liquors, and because Phil's print shop gave us the printing and copying for free. Had it not been for these two instances of generosity, the competition would have ended up \$297 in the hole.

To have broken even on our own, we would have needed 200 entries, instead of the 154 we received. Almost half of the shortfall can be attributed to a lack of entries from the YAHOOOS. In 2003, the last year that the event made money, there were 72 club entries; this year there were only 53, and 11 of these came from brewers who were not members in 2003. We old timers are not doing our job - we either have to brew more ourselves or recruit new members who actually brew once in a while.

YACMOBB THANKS TO HOMER

The YACMOBBs (Yankee Association of Cider Makers Opposed to Brewing Beer) showed up in force at Beardsley's Cider Mill on November 13 to pick up their squeezins for this year's cider. Of course, nobody thought about yeast or other things required to make cider. Thanks to Homer for polling everybody about their needs, dropping by Maltose to pick up the stuff and delivering it to the rest of the YACMOBBs.

IT'S GENETIC

The Nurse likes to allude to my sexual prowess. I will neither confirm nor deny the truth of his statements, but to the extent that they may be true the following indicates the possible influence of genetics:

On October 25, Cousin Vernal, 70, died after being struck by a

pickup truck while crossing Main Street in Logan, Utah. His obituary mentioned four marriages and eleven children. These were not polygamous marriages, and the paper was careful to specify the sequentiality of the unions by stating between the account of each marriage: "later, he married ..." Modern Mormons are sensitive about polygamy, so such specificity is required in speaking of someone who has had more than one mate. The fourth and final (presumably because of his death) marriage produced five children, so Cousin Vernal was capable of attracting women capable of childbearing even as he aged. I like to imagine that the pickup driver and Cousin Vernal were distracted while he was casing out a 20-year-old potential wife number five.

The paper also repeated an earlier "man about town" article that credited Cousin Vernal with twenty-two children.

I don't know if the discrepancy between that article and the obituary reflects small town journalistic license or reveals the truth. In any case, Cousin Vernal is now my hero and model.

OKAY! Nothing about beer, but I found the account inspiring and besides, there is never any news about brewing that relates to the YAHOOOS.

Ramblings of the Naughty Nurse

EVEN I'M GETTING SCARED

As you are too well aware, homosexual jokes and humor abound in the club. It's just harmless fun and as I always say, "If you don't try it, how can you have an educated opinion on it and really KNOW that it's not for you?" Aren't you glad it's not compulsory?

Of course that line of reasoning goes against every fiber of Pizzaman's body, being the second-generation wop that he is. Oh no, I think I have the wrong person because the Italians are really into that sort of thing aren't they? Anyway, where is all this leading to, I hear you ask.

The last meeting at Nessie's wasn't too hectic, which gave two of the members ample time to try on each other's clothes. What am I saying? Yes, in full view our host Nessie and Doctor Pivo both had their trousers off. Right in front of us. Shamelessly. I

grant you that there were no lascivious acts, but the fact is how can they explain away this behavior? I guess if it had been Pizzaman involved you could have understood it and put it down to the boys wanting to see firsthand how he has no arse. No steatopygia for him. I guess we'll never know what was going through their minds. Admiration? Jealousy? Pride? Misplaced excitement? What makes it all the more scary is that Henrietta didn't turn a hair ... just another day at the dog show in her mind.

PIZZAMAN'S ARSE FOUND

Have you looked at him lately? Or should I say, have you admired him lately? The gym (not Jim) is seeing him well. He has changed his body shape. We've all known for years that he has no arse. It almost completely disappeared, but now it has been found. It has reappeared on his chest. Those aren't bulging pectoral muscles - that's his bum! As one ogles his upper torso, one is inclined to be completely distracted from his arselessness. He's buff and pumped-up and ours. As he stands behind the bar at MY PLACE, a special kind of woman goes all hot for him only to find out later that there's 'nothing to hold onto' - if you get my drift. I am thrilled to report that he didn't remove his trousers at Nessie's.

PIVO DOES IT AGAIN

Santa's Silly Ale Competition is again at Pivo's, for which we should be thankful. Sorry about those of you who have to drive so far, but that's the price you pay for living in southern Canada Crapper and DubbelCoq and others.

If Nessie buys Pivo underwear for Christmas I won't even mention it

Jingle Bells ... The Naughty Nurse, y'all

Heroic Undertakings

COFFEE BEER

It's not what you think. This isn't the tried and true formula of adding coffee beans or flavor to beer. This time around someone has added malted barley to ground coffee. Linda Welsh of Santa Cruz, CA, owns Corks & Kegs, an online homebrew and wine supply business. She expanded her product line with WelshSpirit, (note: it's spelled with no space) available in two flavors: Hot Berry Cobbler and Malted Hazelnut Cream, sold for \$10 per pound, plus shipping. Oregon Coffee Roaster handles the roasting and shipping of the coffees. www.corkskegs.com

HEALTHY HOPS

The newest report on the health benefits of beer focuses on hops. Scientists at Oregon State University's Linus Pauling Institute discovered the cancer-related properties of xanthohumol - a flavonoid compound - about 10 years ago. Xanthohumol is one of several compounds for cancer chemoprevention studied at OSU. The more highly hopped a beer, the greater the level of xanthohumol. Studies of the compound have been conducted for its benefits related to breast enlargement in women and prevention or treatment of postmenopausal "hot flashes" and osteoporosis, as well as prevention of cancer.

HISTORICAL SITE PLANNED TO RECREATE BREWERY

The largest historic site in Wisconsin, Old World Wisconsin in the town of Eagle, has drawn up plans to recreate an 1880s brewery as a way to increase dwindling attendance and revenue. Modeled after the former John Beck Brewery in Waterford, WI, the new brewery would brew a lager. The John Beck Brewery building is currently a private home in which some of the original brewhouse still exists, including the cellar and wooden pipes.

A NEW GLUTEN-FREE BEER

The Laitilan Brewery in Finland claims it has brewed the world's first all-malt beer that doesn't contain gluten. Kukko Pils has received the international gluten-free product trademark. For the estimated one percent of Europeans and Americans who currently don't drink beer (but might like to do so) because they suffer from gluten intolerance, Kukko Pils may be the answer. Celiac disease, aka gluten intolerance, is a chronic nutritional disturbance caused by the inability to metabolize gluten, which is found in all wheat, rye, barley and oat products.

JIM KOCH NAMED TO THE ORDER OF THE HOPS

Jim Koch, founder of the Boston Beer Co. (brewers of Samuel Adams beers) has been awarded the prestigious "Order of the Hops" award from the International Hop Growers Association. Koch is now a Knight to the Order of the Hop Society, an organization dating back to 1371. Koch and the Samuel Adams brewers have worked with hop dealers and farmers in Germany over the past decade to save the Hallertau Mittelfruh hop variety from extinction due to disease.



BOBBY VALENTINE BEER

Sapporo Breweries (Japan) has named a beer after Bobby Valentine, the former New York Mets and Texas Rangers manager. Valentine managed the Chiba Lotte Marines to their first Japan Series title in 31 years. The beer, BoBeer, which features a cartoon likeness of Valentine giving a thumbs up and saying "We're No. 1," is a special version of Sapporo's Black Label lager.

BULGARIAN BEER AD CAUSES CHAOS IN ITALY

A billboard ad of Bulgarian Boliarka beer in the Italian city of Savona has caused injuries and traffic accidents. It seems that the image of a remarkably well-endowed young lady in a bra, the centerpiece of the ad, diverts the attention of drivers and pedestrians. There have been reports of multiple car crashes and of an elderly man who slipped and broke his elbow.

BEAUTIFUL, NOBLE BREWSTERS

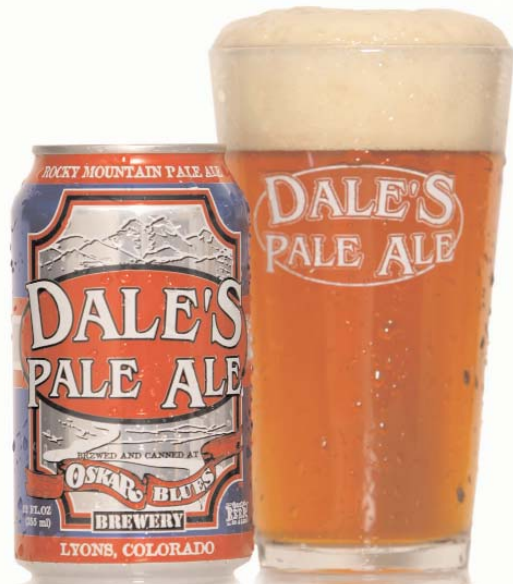
Archeologists have discovered the remains of a mountaintop brewery city in the Peruvian Andes. The 1,000-year-old facility was part of the Wari empire, which preceded the Incas. It's believed that the brewery city was evacuated for unknown reasons after a final batch of chicha, as the beer was called, was brewed by elite Wari women. Corn and Peruvian pepper-tree berries were used to make the chicha and it was consumed in elaborate beakers up to half a gallon in volume. Water to brew chicha was carried up from a thousand feet below the city's 8,000-foot mountaintop perch.

GUINNESS BREW 39

Guinness Brew 39 is the first beer in a new collection of limited edition stouts called the Guinness Brewhouse Series. Brew 39 is the same as regular Guinness except for a late addition of hops. Each beer in the Guinness Brewhouse Series will be available for six months in Ireland.

TOP BEERS IN COLORADO

The Rocky Mountain News chose Dale's Pale Ale from Oscar Blues Brewery as its pick for Top Colorado-brewed Beer in the annual "Top of the Rocky's," best-of-Colorado issue. Fat Tire, brewed by New Belgium Brewing won the "People's Choice" award.

U.S.A. WINS WORLD'S BEST BARTENDER COMPETITION IN BELGIUM

At the 9th Annual Stella Artois World Draught Master Competition in Brussels, the 2005 winner was Jessica Waltz, 28, a bartender at Ten Stone in Philadelphia, PA. Michel Denayer of Belgium was the first runner-up and Irwin Pang of Singapore was the second runner-up. Competitors represented 27 countries in the competition that rated the best bartenders on their tapping and bottle-pouring skills and table-serving manners. Waltz received a free trip to the destination of her choice anywhere in the world. The runners-up each received a free trip to any location in Europe.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH SPIRITS

Anheuser-Busch has entered the spirits business in establishing Long Tail Libations. The first products of the new company, under the Jekyll & Hyde labels, are a Hyde, a 60-proof wild-berry-flavored spirit liquid, and Jekyll, an 80-proof spirit with a hint of licorice. The two products are intended to be mixed into a single drink, with Hyde's blackness floating on top of the red Jekyll.

THE INTELLIGENT BEER MAT

Two German students at Saarland University in Saarbruecken have invented a beer mat that knows when your beer glass is almost empty. Matthias Hahnen and Robert Doerr implanted sensor chips in a plastic coaster that can sense when the weight of a glass of beer drops to a certain level and then send this information to a computer behind the bar.

BEER BELLIES

A Canadian study published in the medical journal The Lancet states that fat around the belly is the most damaging to a person's health, especially heart attacks. The study included 27,000 people in 52 countries. A further conclusion found that large hips reduce the risk of heart disease because big hips suggest more muscle mass. The study further states that the traditional measure for obesity, the body mass index, should be replaced with a waist-to-hip ratio.

CELEBRATE AND BREW MASTERS' PRIVATE RESERVE FROM ANHEUSER-BUSCH

Two new special beers from Anheuser-Busch are *Celebrate* by Michelob and *Brew Masters' Private Reserve* by Budweiser. Celebrate (10% ABV) is brewed with dark caramel and carapils malts, imported hops and gently-milled imported whole vanilla beans and aged in heavily toasted bourbon oak barrels. Available in 24-oz. bottles and also sold with imported 13.5-oz. Ritzenhoff Crystal snifters. Brew Masters' Private Reserve (8.5% ABV) is a rich lager in a 46.5-oz. magnum swing-top bottle.

LONG TRAIL BREWMASTER'S LIMITED EDITION SERIES

The new "Brewmaster's Limited Edition Series" from Long Trail Brewing (VT) starts off with *Unfiltered IPA* (5.6% ABV), an unfiltered and dry-hopped version of the brewery's IPA. Future styles in the series will be determined by Long Trail consumers voting on the brewery website (www.longtrail.com). New beers will be added every four to six months. Available in 12-oz. bottles and on draft.

OTTER CREEK WORLD TOUR

The newest beer in Otter Creek Brewing's (VT) "World Tour" series is *Cerveza Xocolatl*, brewed with chocolate and spices and inspired by an ancient Aztec drink. Montezuma is said to have consumed 50 cups of this beer each day. *Cerveza Xocolatl* follows *Olde English Style* and *Double Decker Olde English Holiday Ale*. Available in 22-oz. bottles and on draft.

TERRAPIN WAKE-N-BAKE COFFEE OATMEAL IMPERIAL STOUT

Terrapin Beer Co. and Jittery Joe's Coffee, both located in Athens, GA, have collaborated to produce *Wake-n-Bake Coffee Oatmeal Imperial Stout*, the winter beer in Terrapin's "Monster Beer Tour," a limited release series of high gravity beers. *Wake-n-Bake Coffee Oatmeal Imperial Stout* (8.1% ABV) is brewed with Jittery Joe's blended premium coffees from Costa

Rica, Guatemala, and Zimbabwe. Available in 12-oz. bottles and on draft.

REDBACH

Redbach isn't a redheaded composer. It's a beer in which the Belgian ale *Rodenbach*, a Flemish sour red ale, is blended with unfermented cherry juice. Now available for the first time in the U.S. in 33-ml bottles, *Redbach* (3.5% ABV) is a descendant of the famed *Rodenbach Alexander*, which offered *Rodenbach* blended with fermented cherry juice.



NEW BEERS FROM IMPORTER B. UNITED INTERNATIONAL

Aecht Schlenkerla Rauchbier Helles, Bamberg, Germany. Available in 16.9-oz. bottles and on draft.

Le Baladin Wayan, Italy, saison-style brewed with barley, wheat and coriander, 5.8% ABV. Available in 25.4-oz. bottles.

Lurgashall Metheglin Mead, UK, spiced with bay leaves, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, rosemary and thyme, 12% ABV. Available in 25.4-oz. bottles.

Klosterbrauerei Ettal Doppelbock, Germany, a recreation of the original 14th century recipe, 9% ABV. Available in 16.9-oz. bottles and draft.

Iquilika Herbal Mead, Makana Meadery, South Africa, spiced with rooibos tea and heuningbos tea leaves and Iquilika Chilli Mead, spiced with African birds eye chili. Both available in 500-ml bottles.

JW DUNDEE'S PALE BOCK

The newest seasonal beer from High Falls Brewing (NY) is *JW Dundee's Pale Bock*. This malty pale bock (6.2% ABV) is brewed with Magnum and Czech Saaz hops and is aged for three months. Available in 12-oz. bottles.

MAGIC HAT ST GOÖTZ & BATCH 372

Magic Hat Brewing's (VT) newest "Seasonale" is *St Goötz* (5.8% ABV), a dark wheat ale. *Batch 372* (5.4% ABV) is a Scotch ale. Both are available in 12-oz. bottles in the "Feast of Fools" variety pack and on draft.

GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER COMPETITION

Providence, RI - November 11, 2005

ENGLISH-IRISH-SCOTTISH PALE ALE

- 1) Thomas Hooker Irish Red Ale, Thomas Hooker Ales & Lagers, Hartford, CT
- 2) Phin & Matt's Extraordinary Ale, Southern Tier Brewing, Lakewood, NY
- 3) Younger's Special Bitter, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR

AMERICAN PALE ALE

- 1) Harpoon IPA, Harpoon Brewery, Boston, MA
- 2) Sasquatch Pale Ale, Buckeye Brewing, Bedford Heights, OH
- 3) Thomas Hooker American Pale Ale, Thomas Hooker Ales & Lagers, Hartford, CT

AMERICAN AMBER ALE

- 1) Red Rock, Opa Opa Steakhouse & Brewery, Southampton, MA
- 2) Old Yankee Ale, Cottrell Brewing, Pawcatuck, CT
- 3) Anniversary Ale, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA

INDIA PALE ALE

- 1) Abijah Rowe IPA, The Cambridge House, Granby, CT
- 2) Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Chico, CA
- 3) Hops Explosion, IPA, Watch City Brewing, Waltham, MA

WHEAT BEER

- 1) Weihenstephan Hefe-Weissbier, Weihenstephan Brauerei, Freising, Germany
- 2) Harpoon UFO Hefeweizen, Harpoon Brewery, Boston, MA
- 3) Weihenstephan Hefe-Weissbier Dunkel, Weihenstephan Brauerei, Freising, Germany

LIGHT ALE

- 1) Copper Hill Kolsch, The Cambridge House, Granby, CT
- 2) Boddingtons Pub Ale, InBev UK, Manchester, England
- 3) Genesee Cream Ale, High Falls Brewing, Rochester, NY

FRUIT & SPICE BEER

- 1) Munjoie Saison, Martha's Exchange, Nashua, NH
- 2) Samuel Adams Chocolate Bock, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 3) Chipotle Ale, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR

BROWN ALE

- 1) Hazelnut Brown Porter, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR
- 2) Massachusetts Brown, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA
- 3) Cyclone Series Alyssa, Coastal Extreme Brewing, Newport, RI

PORTER

- 1) Samuel Adams Holiday Porter, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 2) Smoked Porter, Martha's Exchange, Nashua, NH
- 3) Blizzard Porter, Coastal Extreme Brewing, Newport, RI

STOUT

- 1) Chocolate Stout, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR
- 2) Ipswich Oatmeal Stout, Mercury Brewing, Ipswich, MA
- 3) Shakespeare Stout, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR

BOHEMIAN PILSNER

- 1) Heavy Seas Small Craft Warning Über Pils, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD
- 2) Czech Pilsner, Buckeye Brewing, Bedford Heights, OH

3) Lagunitas Pils, Lagunitas Brewing, Petaluma, CA

LAGER

- 1) Warsteiner Premium Verum, Warsteiner Brauerei, Warstein, Germany
- 2) Olde Buzzard Lager, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Westport, MA
- 3) Kells Irish Lager, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR

STRONG BEER

- 1) Leffe Blonde, InBev Belgium, Leuven, Belgium
- 2) Weihenstephan Korbinian, Weihenstephan Brauerei, Freising, Germany
- 3) Yeti Imperial Stout, Great Divide Brewing, Denver, CO

STRONG BEER "Other"

- 1) World Wide Stout, Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, Milton, DE
- 2) Samuel Adams Utopias, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 3) Brown Shugga, Lagunitas Brewing, Petaluma, CA

AMBER & DARK LAGER

- 1) Cyclone Series Brent, Coastal Extreme Brewing, Newport, RI
- 2) JW Dundee's Amber Lager, High Falls Brewing, Rochester, NY
- 3) Samuel Adams Light, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA

OKTOBERFEST

- 1) Samuel Adams Oktoberfest, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 2) Saratoga Lager, Olde Saratoga Brewing, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 3) Oktoberfest Lager, Slesar Brothers Brewing (d/b/a/Beer Works), Boston, MA

CIDER

- 1) HardCore Dabinett, HardCore Cider Co., Boston, MA
- 2) HardCore Crisp Hard Cider, HardCore Cider Co., Boston, MA
- 3) Woodchuck Amber Draft Cider, Green Mountain Beverage, Middlebury, VT

FESTIVAL OF WOOD AND BARREL-AGED BEER

Chicago, IL - November 12, 2005

Champion Beer: Imperial Brown Goose, Goose Island Brewing, Chicago, IL

Classic Porter/Stout

Gold: Argus Brown, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Warrenville, IL
 Silver: Hi Beam Stout, Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery, IL
 Bronze: Fourth Quarter Porter, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Chicago, IL

Strong Porter/Stout

Gold: Redline Imperial Bourbon Stout, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Chicago, IL
 Silver: Ice Breaker Imperial Stout, Ram Restaurant & Bighorn Brewing, Wheeling, IL
 Bronze: Bourbon Barrel Imperial Stout, America's Brewing Company, IL

Barleywine

Gold: Bourbon Big Game Barleywine, Onion Pub & Brewery, IL
 Silver: Bourbon Barleywine, Big Sky Brewing, MT

Bronze: Gukel's Little Helper, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Cleveland, OH

Classic Styles

Gold: Barrelaged Mad Hatter, New Holland Brewing, MI
 Silver: Bourbon Brown Beer, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Chicago, IL
 Bronze: Harpoon Munich Dark, Harpoon Brewery, MA

Strong/Double/Imperial Pale Beer

Gold: Barrelaged Dole, New Holland Brewing, MI
 Silver: La Roja, Jolly Pumpkin Ales, MI
 Bronze: Ol' Woody, Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery

Strong/Double/Imperial Dark Beer

Gold: Imperial Brown Goose, Goose Island Beer Company, IL
 Silver: Beam Bock, Glacier Brewhouse, AK
 Bronze: Goose Island Christmas, Goose Island Beer Company, IL

Experimental Beer

Gold: Angry Mike's Stoudt Kriek, Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery, IL
 Silver: Samuel Adams Utopias, Boston Beer Company, MA
 Bronze: Imperial Coffee Surprise, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, Chicago, IL

Wild Beer

Gold: Cuvee De Tomme, Pizza Port, CA
 Silver: La Terroir, New Belgium Brewing, CO
 Bronze: Skull & Bones Cuvee Speciale, Bristol Brewing, CO

ALFA KING CHALLENGE AT THE GABF

- 1) Torrey Pines IPA, Oggi's Pizza & Brewing, Vista, CA
 - 2) Pliny the Elder, Russian River Brewing, Santa Rosa, CA
 - 3) Green Flash IPA, Green Flash Brewing, Vista, CA
- Honorable Mention - Hercules Double IPA, Great Divide Brewing, Denver, CO

ORLANDO BEER FEST

Orlando, FL - November 12-13, 2005

Best of the Fest 2005

- 1) Okocim Porter, Okocim Brewery, Brzesko, Poland
- 2) Woodchuck Granny Smith Draft Cider, Green Mountain Beverage, Springfield, VT
- 3) Samuel Adams Boston Lager, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA

CALIFORNIA BREWERS FESTIVAL

Sacramento, CA - September 10, 2005

Best Of Show: Black Oak Porter, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA
 Honorable Mention: Pale Nectar, Humboldt Brewing, Arcata, CA
 Amber Ales
 Jamaican Red, Mad River Brewing, Blue Lake, CA
 Loggers Red, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA
 Red Horse, Sacramento Brewing, Sacramento, CA

Light Ales

Brewhouse Blonde, BJ's, several locations, CA
 Summer Ale, Alaskan Brewing, Juneau, AK
 Del Oro, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA

Specialty Beers

"1554", New Belgium Brewing, Fort Collins, CO
 Bourbon Stout, Beermann's, Lincoln, CA
 Belgian Golden Ale, Bison Brewing, Berkeley, CA

American Pale Ales

Pale Nectar, Humboldt Brewing, Arcata, CA
 Powerhouse Ale, Lockdown Brewing, Folsom, CA
 Firestone Pale Ale, Firestone Walker Brewing, Paso Robles, CA

English Pale Ales

Engine #2 Pale, Brew It Up!, Sacramento, CA
 Bison ESB, Bison Brewing, Berkeley, CA
 Scape Goat, Big Sky Brewing, Missoula, MT

India Pale Ales

IPA, Sacramento Brewing, Sacramento, CA
 IPA Nectar, Humboldt Brewing, Arcata, CA
 Hoppy Face Amber, Hoppy Brewing, Sacramento, CA

Stouts

Organic Chocolate, Bison Brewing, Berkeley, CA
 Irish Stout, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA
 Vanilla Stout, Brew It Up!, Sacramento, CA

Porters

Black Oak, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA
 Walker's Reserve, Firestone Walker Brewing, Paso Robles, CA
 Old Grind, Etna Brewing, Etna, CA

Lagers

Doppelbock, Lodi Beer Co., Lodi, CA
 Dortmund Export, Etna Brewing, Etna, CA
 Japanese Black Beer, Sacramento Brewing, Sacramento, CA

Wheat Beers

Belgian White, Blue Moon, Denver, CA
 Sand Harbor Hefewiezen, Lake Tahoe Brewing, Crystal Bay, NV
 Diamondback Wheat, Elk Grove Brewing, Elk Grove, CA

Brown Ales

Southern English Brown, Lodi Beer Co., Lodi, CA
 Sequoia Brown, Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA
 Nutty Brown Ale, Brew It Up!, Sacramento, CA

Fruit Beers

Pear Cider, Fox Barrel, Auburn, CA
 Raspberry Stout, Sacramento Brewing, Sacramento, CA
 Hard Pomegranate Cider, Two Rivers Cider, Sacramento, CA

GEORGIA CRAFT BREW CHALLENGE

Atlanta, GA - November 5, 2005

American Ale

1st Place: Swamp Fox IPA, Moon River Brewing Company, Savannah.
 2nd Place: Red Brick Winter Brew, Atlanta Brewing Company, Atlanta
 3rd Place: Steamroller Ale, Cannon Brewpub, Columbus

UK Ale

1st Place: Oatmeal Stout, Copper Creek Brewing Company, Athens
 2nd Place: Exodus Porter, Sweetwater Brewing Company, Atlanta

3rd Place: The Bomb, Moon River Brewing Company, Savannah

Belgian Ale

1st Place: Wild Wacky Wit - Moon River Brewing Company, Savannah
 2nd Place: Belgian Abbey - Copper Creek Brewing Company, Athens
 3rd Place: Dahlonega Golden, Dahlonega Brewing Company/Caruso's, Dahlonega

European Lager

1st Place: Morena, Cancun Brewery/Zuma Brewing, Atlanta
 2nd Place: FestBier, Gordon Biersch, Atlanta
 3rd Place: Seven Sisters Munchener, 5 Seasons Brewing Company, Atlanta

Golden/Wheat/Specialty

1st Place: Cream Ale, Terrapin Beer Company, Athens
 2nd Place: All American Imperial Pilsner, Terrapin Beer Company, Athens
 3rd Place: Premium Light Lager, Gordon Biersch, Atlanta

High Gravity

1st Place: Imperial IPA, Copper Creek Brewing Company, Athens
 2nd Place: UberWeisse Weizenbock, 5 Seasons Brewing Company, Atlanta
 3rd Place: Festive Ale, Sweetwater Brewing Company, Atlanta

Best of Show

1st Place: Cream Ale, Terrapin Beer Company, Athens
 2nd Place: Swamp Fox IPA, Moon River Brewing Company, Savannah
 3rd Place: Morena, Cancun Brewery/Zuma Brewing, Atlanta

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S CUP BREWING COMPETITION

Baltimore, MD - September 21, 2005

Overall Best of Show: Loose Cannon Hop Cubed, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD

Gold/Blonde Ale: Clipper City Gold Ale, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD

Gold Lager: McHenry Lager, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD

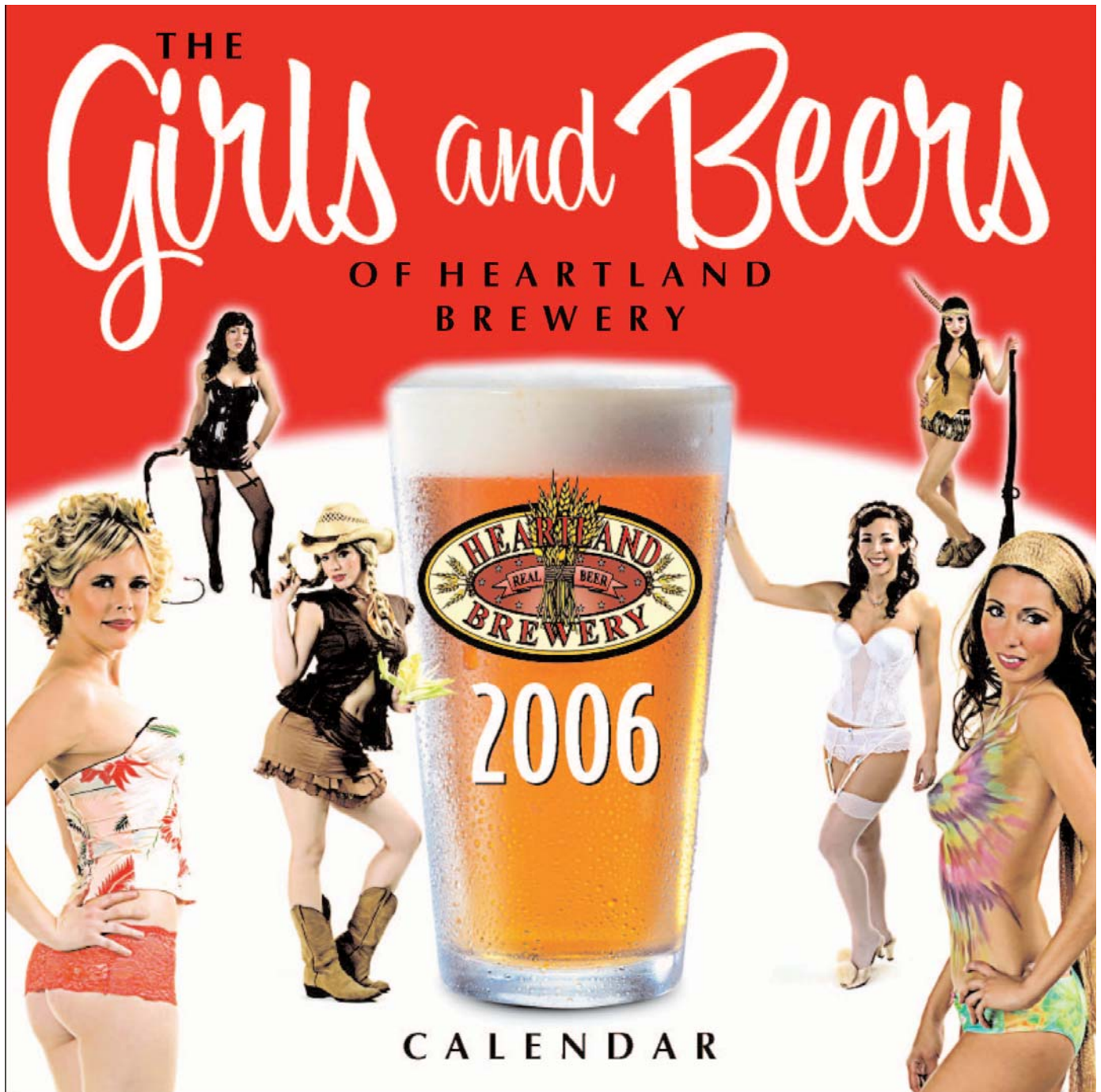
Belgian: Resurrection, The Brewer's Art, Baltimore, MD
 Porter/Stout: Black Jack Stout, DuClaw Brewing, several locations in MD

Pale Ale: Clipper City Pale Ale, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD

Marzen Mild Amber/Red: Misfit Red, DuClaw Brewing, several locations in MD

Wheat Beer: Hefe-Weizen, Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD
 Flavored Beer: Oxford Raspberry, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD

Barley Wine Strong Ale: Loose Cannon Heavy Seas, Clipper City Brewing, Baltimore, MD



THE GIRLS AND BEERS OF HEARTLAND BREWERY 2006 CALENDAR

Heartland Brewery has five brewery restaurants in New York City and it appears that they all have lovely female servers. Heartland may also have lovely male servers, but the lads aren't featured in The Girls and Beers of Heartland Brewery 2006 Calendar. The calendar was produced by Taryn DeVito (Ms. April), one of Heartland's servers, a native New Yorker and an actress. The ladies are photographed and costumed in the style of the 1940s pin-up era.

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Santa's Silly Beer Score Sheet

Originality 12 _____

Typical comments "What orifice was this idea pulled out of?", "What has the brewer been smoking?", "This brewer obviously has an excess of free time."

Drinkability 3 _____

Typical comments might be "Has a nice crunch to it.", "That will never touch my lips!", "I'll be damned - it's good!", "At least, it's liquid." "This brewer obviously has an excess of free time."

Silliness 20 _____

Typical comments might be "Childish", "Lame", "Sophomoric", "Absolutely disgusting", "Sick", "Obscene", "This brewer obviously has an excess of free time."

Packaging and Appearance 5 _____

Typical comments might be "How do you get it out to drink it?", "How did THAT get in there?", "Impossible to drink anything that color!", "This brewer obviously has an excess of free time."

With-itness (links to events, people, commercial beers, etc.) 10 _____

Typical comments might be " I get it - red strips of plastic = Red Stripe Beer", "Does a real job on George W. - too easy.", "This brewer obviously has an excess of free time."

Mitigating and Extenuating Qualities **Total Checked Below** _____

In addition to points awarded by the above criteria, adjustments may be made for the following, as well as other qualities noted by the selection committee:

Entry made using a home brew	+1	_____
Entry brewed as a sillibeer	+5	_____
Entry purchased as sillibeer (eg. Zima)	-4	_____
Entry has a Christmas theme	+1	_____
Entry has a religious Christmas theme	-3	_____
Entry displays poor taste	-2	_____
Entry displays disgustingly poor taste	+2	_____
Entry hits on Saddam, Taliban or Bin Laden	-5	_____ (come on, be original!)
Entry hits on Dick, Bush, or Colin -	-5	_____ (let's keep it clean!)
Entry involves pig valve joke	-4	_____
Entry hits on Darvon	-3	_____
Entry hits on the Nurse	+5	_____
Entry hits on too easy a political target	-3	_____
Entry hits on the NRA	+3	_____
Entry hits on Steinbrenner	+2	_____
Entry hits on vegetarians	+2	_____
Other significant qualities:		_____



November Meeting Results

November 16, 2005

Host: Nessie or Holly or Rosie or whatever

	STYLE BREWER BRAND	NOSE (12)	LOOKS (3)	TASTE (20)	BODY (5)	OVERALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	IPA East Bay IPA Charleston Brewing (SC)	5	1	9	3	5	23	Citric sweet – old orange and grapefruit; bad head; tastes like it smells. Made by Frederick Brewing (MD)
2	Pale Ale New River Brewing (VA) Pale Ale	8	3	14	3	7	35	Soft balance between malt and hops; light amber; sweet malt/soft hops, slight bitter finish, not an IPA (who said it was?). Made by Old Dominion (VA). Nobody makes their own beer anymore.
3	IPA Conti Ale The Count	5	3	8	2	4	22	Faint citric hops, wet wool, chlorophenols: amber; citric hops plus malt equals paint thinner. Conti really hurt by the comments. Nurse says “oxidized” is really not oxidized, “old” is better.
4	IPA Hazel	8	3	14	4	7	36	2.5 IGU's (International Grapefruit Units); amber: needs more malt; watery, thin finish. All Armadillo. “The hops dominate, because I over attenuated it.” (Haystack). “I’ll take it all.” (Conti) BHBofE.
5	Pale Ale Big Sky Brewing (MT) Scapegoat Pale Ale	7	3	10	2	5	27	High altitude diacetyl (from Montana), sawdust, woody; old, we don’t say oxidized anymore; bitter finish. Brought back in August by Darvon.
6	Pale Ale Deschutes (OR) Hop Trip	10	3	15	5	8	41	British diacetyl ale, piney; malty, delicious, some hop flavor. All Crystal hops. Deschutes beers make a move to Oregon worth while.
7	Bitter Crapper							Sour green apple ale nose; cloudy grey; sour – a dumper. The last bottle in the keg. Why does he keep doing this to us?
8	IPA Grand Teton Brewing (MT) Jackson Hole Orig.						35	Old, earthy hops; full hop flavor; good bitter finish. This was a good beer a few months ago.
9	American Pale Ale Conti	6	2	11	3	6	28	Key lime lemon clove, Colgate Shaving Cream, camphor; band aids, hop flavor, some bitterness. Same beer (#3 above) got a 22 as an IPA earlier.
10	Ordinary Bitter Uniballe Brewery Extraordinary Bitter	8	3	12	3	6	32	Fruity and malty; soft and cream; too much body and carbonation for the style. Barely on the exciting side of boring.
11	Pacific Rim Lager Phuket Thailand							Your run-of-the-mill too light German lager made by escaped Nazis and sent to the U.S. so people can have a “genuine” Asian beer to with their “genuine” Asian food made for Americans.
12	Saison Thiriez (France)	10	3	16	5	8	42	Spicy, fruity, zesty, orangey, real deal hops; lovely, dry, full hop flavor, dandeliony. Nice! Dry hopped. Just 4.5% ABV.
13	English Dark Ale Hobgoblin (UK)	7	2	12	3	7	31	Caramel sweet, Nottingham Forest wood; bland, boring, fruity, old English hops. Tastes like made right on the Scottish border.
14	IPA New Glarus Brewing (WI) Hearty Hop	6	2	11	4	5	28	Caramelly hops, which Pizzaman says is a sign of an old beer – a new concept for the rest of us, but he is a pro!
15	Bière deMars Phil Markowski Southampton Publick House (NY)						40	Fruitcake tangerine tart, funky fruit, holiday cake. Defies specificity in numbers. Just good.
16	Belgian Strong Dark Rochefort 10	9	3	14	3	8	39	Plain, but nice, plum pudding cake, treacle; strong and warming, yet soft and comforting, like the women describe Darvon.
17	Barleywine Rogue Ales (OR) Old Crustacean	10	3	16	5	8	42	Biscuity, malty, treaclely, rasiny, toffeeey, bittery. Dry finish. 120 IBU, 1.040 OG. Another reason to move to Oregon.
18	Amber Ale Firestone-Walker Brewing (CA) Double Barrel Ale	8	3	13	5	7	36	Cinnamon, vanilla, smoky oak, yeasty; clean Munich malt, popcorn without butter. Aged in oak barrels.
19	Pilsner Mahrs Bamberg, Germany							“German Coors Light” (Krappert). Lots of flavor for a 2.8% ABV beer. Bamberg, hold the smoke. Nice, but too late to score it.

SUMMARY: Wet night, small group, really nice evening.



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Pivo's**

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**Arrive with lots of food,
lots of beer
and many
SILLY BEERS!**