

The Brewer's Bugle

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YAHOOOS (Yankee Association of Homebrewers Objecting to Organized Societies)

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(Ain't no mean-spirited people here)

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June Meeting

Chief Winnapauk Pale Face & Ale Competition

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 pm

Crapper's

101 West Purchase Road, Southbury, 264-2066

Directions: From Danbury - Take I-84E to Exit 10 (Newtown). At the light at the end of the ramp, turn right (Church Hill Road). At the second light, turn left (Glen Road). *Follow to steel bridge. Turn left immediately after steel bridge (River Road). Take second right (Purchase Brook Road). At stop sign, bear left and proceed up hill (Purchase Brook Road). Take first left (West Purchase Road). Driveway is third on the left as you go down the hill.

From Monroe - Follow Rt 25 to Newtown flagpole. Turn right onto Church Hill Road. At approximately fifth light (bottom of hill in Sandy Hook), turn left onto Glen Hill Road. * See above.

Darvon's Rackings

POETRY CORNER

What Rhymes with Coq2?

There is that great brewer Miklinevich,

To brew every week he will get an itch,

But Tom is a gimp,

So he finds him a wimp.

Who will do all the work, and will never bitch.

THE OVERHOSTING COMPETITION CONTINUES

Yes, I have said that I am through making fruitless comments about competitive overhosting at YAHOOOS meetings. However, the spread put out at the May meeting at the Chicken Ranch by Turkey Balls was simply too much. It was made worse by Bean Dip, who came to the poultry farm to check out the competition and had the nerve to bring a tray of bean dip with her.

WANNA BUY OR SELL A HOUSE?

Actually, the bean dip was a bribe to get YAHOOOS to consider going into the real estate market. Bean Dip is now a fully qualified, state certified real estate agent. Everyone who attended the meeting now has her card, but I am sure that she has more for anyone who was not there or wants another. Sick folks in the Northwest Territories will have to do without her.

SPEAKING OF REAL ESTATE

Everyone who has visited The Blue House over the years has envied the fortune of the Nurse and Christina in having such a place to live. But when they decided to move, none of the envious came forward with the bucks, and the expected quick sale turned into an anxious wait, with countless unappreciative tire kickers passing through. Perhaps the Blue House would have sold quickly had the first line in the ad not said, "Get a close-up, picture window view of the Great Tsunami." Seriously, we all hope that everything is resolved satisfactorily and quickly.

REPORT FROM THE BURLINGTON COMPETITION

Apparently I was the only member of the YAHOOOS to enter beers in the Green Mountain Mashers Homebrew Competition

and I came away with just one ribbon. How many I entered is strictly confidential. Pretty poor showing for the club. Of course, my one ribbon was of the Best of Show variety for my Dry Pale Rye Ale, which was entered as an American Pale Ale. My thanks to all the YAHOOOS who did not enter the competition, leaving the way clear for my beer.

DARVON STICKS IT TO DUBBEL COQUE

Everyone knows the story about the monumental stuck mash suffered by David Wollner when he tried to brew my Belgian Tart at Main Street Café in Willimantic. Another name has been added to the list of people I have stuck it to - Tom Miklinevich. Mik decided he wanted to try making an Old Kentucky Ale - with improvements to the recipe, of course. The attempt was made at the Back Shed Brewery on May 27. All I will say is that the new name of the beer reflects the methods and tools used in the sparge and the appearance of the wort. The brew will be known as *B.J. Machete Immigrant*



Host Chickenman pours

Strained Cumberland River Flood Ale. The mash water was already heating up when I arrived at 9 am. I left after 6 pm. Anyone wanting to be added to my "Stuck it to 'em" list can try the following recipe:

B.J. Machete Immigrant Strained Cumberland River Flood Ale
12.5 lbs. two-row (DME in great quantities may be used in partial substitution)

2.5 lbs. flaked rye

2.5 lbs. flaked Maize

0.75 lbs. 60L crystal

0.25 lbs. Belgian aromatic

3 oz chocolate

Half bushel rice hulls

0.5 bourbon-soaked chips later, maybe

12 HBU bittering hops for 60 minutes

1 oz Goldings for 45 minutes

0.5 oz Goldings - each addition at 30, 20, 10 & 5 minutes

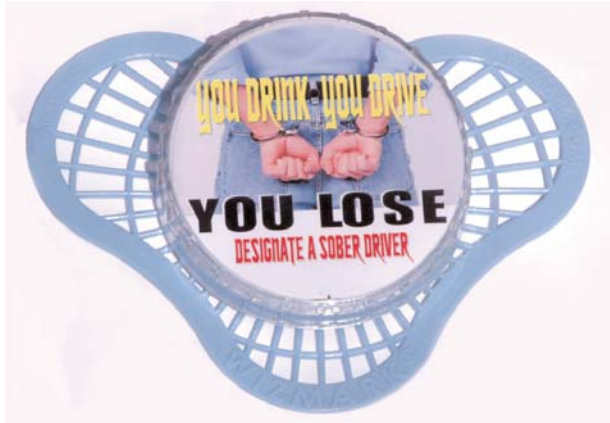
Wyeast 1056

Should give an OG of 1.098 and an IBU in the 60s

Heroic Undertakings

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? - THE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE TALKING URINAL

Wizmark Urinal Communicators will be distributed free to bars located within Nassau County, NY, in an innovative "You Drive Drunk You Go to Jail" campaign. The device is positioned within the urinal, directly above the drain. It automatically recognizes the presence of a "visitor" and after a brief delay - allowing the viewer to get properly positioned - proceeds to emit an audible, pre-recorded 15-second message on a 3.5-inch display screen: "Hey you. Yea, you. Having a few drinks? Then listen up! Think you had one too many, then it's time to call a cab or call a sober friend for a ride home. It sure is safer and a hell of a lot cheaper than a DWI. Make the smart choice tonight, don't drink and drive." The talking electronic message boards were paid for with DWI fines collected from convicted offenders.



70,000 BEER CANS IN TOWNHOUSE

A real estate agent discovered approximately 70,000 empty beer cans in an Ogden, Utah, townhouse. The tenant, who apparently only drank Coors Light, tossed the un-rinsed cans all over the place, to the extent that the front door was blocked and almost all the furniture was covered by cans. Redeemed, the cans fetched the realtor \$800.00.

LONGSHOT RETURNS

The 2006 Samuel Adams American Homebrew Contest is the re-incarnation of the popular Longshot homebrew contest of the 1990s. Beer enthusiasts and homebrewers across the country can enter recipes for the chance to have their beer brewed for national distribution in the LongShot mix six-pack available in February 2007. A panel of experts, including Samuel Adams founder Jim Koch, will judge all submissions and select five top recipes to advance to the semifinals, which will be held at the 25th Annual Great American Beer Festival in Denver in September. The five finalists will win a trip to attend the festival where the two winning recipes will be announced. All contest details are available at www.samueladams.com. Entries must be received between August 1-18.

TERRORIST PLOT: POISON BEER

Junaid Babar, 31, a U.S. citizen of Pakistani descent, testified in British court that he had tested a scheme to sell poison beer in the U.K. Babar, linked to al-Qaida, said he told potential terrorists to get jobs at soccer stadiums as beer vendors and to inject poison into beers with a syringe and to put a sticker over the whole to prevent leakage.

BEER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN?

The Louvian Beer Therapists in Belgium believe that low alcohol beer is healthier for children than sugary, fizzy sodas. The group thinks light ales should be given to school children, as was the custom in years gone by. Belgian dieticians haven't endorsed the idea.

A BEER FOR WOMEN

Heartland Brewery, with four brewpubs in NYC, has released Berry Champagne Ale especially for women. The pink beer is brewed with red raspberry purée, ginger and pomegranate oil and fermented with Belgian yeast. Heartland claims the beer has "a sweet, crisp taste specially crafted for women," that will "win over the girls." Berry Champagne Ale is served in an oversized, custom-designed champagne flute with a colorful wrap-around illustration of a woman's legs in high heel shoes and fish net stockings.

DEMON'S HOP YARD IPA & BURNIN' HELLES WIN A-B'S "YOU CHOOSE IT, WE'LL BREW IT" CONTEST

New England beer drinkers chose Demon's Hop Yard IPA (7.0% ABV) as their favorite beer in Anheuser-Busch's "You Choose It, We'll Brew It" contest, which took place online from March 26 to April 30. In Ohio, the winning beer was Burnin' Helles (6.3% ABV). No beers were tasted; votes were cast based on beer descriptions.

The New England beer choices also included Stone Face Ale and Leaf Peeper Pils. The names and beer styles were created and brewed by a small team of local employees at A-B's Merrimack, N.H., brewery. A-B described Demon's Hop Yard IPA as an "incredibly 'hopped-up' and citrusy ale using domestically grown hops varieties to get the rich and robust flavor."

In Ohio, the other beer choices were Racer Snake Red and Old Eyepopper. These two beers and the winner were developed at A-B's Columbus, Ohio, brewery. Burnin' Helles is described as a "rich and malty bock-style lager (that) will tempt you as it showcases the finest domestic malts and the best hand-picked Bavarian Hallertau hops."

A PINT IN EVERY BREWPUB IN EVERY STATE

Lew Cady of Colorado has visited at least one brewpub in each of the 50 states. He knew he was on a quest when 2005 dawned and he realized he was shy only seven states. He first knocked off three in the West and then headed east to polish off his list on December 5 in New Jersey.

Cady said his favorite moments were "knocking off Alaska, where I visited three brewpubs, and Hawaii, where I visited five. I also loved visiting both of the brewpubs in North Dakota, Granite City in Fargo and Rattlesnake Creek in Dickinson." In all, Cady visited 28 brewpubs in California and 101 in his home state.

One question lingers in Cady's mind: "Am I the first to have a brew in a brewpub in each of the 50 states (and D.C.)?" Hurricane Katrina knocked out Coast Brewing at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Miss., and Hal and Mal's Restaurant & Brewery in Jackson, Miss., remains closed since Katrina, which leaves that state without any operating brewpubs. "Until that changes, it will be hard for anyone to match my feat soon," Cady said.

BEER BELLY DISPENSER

The "Beer Belly" is the way to carry concealed beer. It straps to a person's body with a sling, giving the appearance of a massive gut. In reality, the fat man or woman seen at the ballpark



(or wherever carrying beer isn't allowed) is wearing a polyurethane bladder filled with beer. Developed by Reno, Nev.-based Under Development, Inc., The Beer Belly holds 80 ounces of liquid which can be drunk through a hose similar to the one found on a hydration backpack. The inventor claims that The Beer Belly "feels like a legitimate front porch, even if you get frisked at the gate."



A BEER AIRLINE

India has tough laws about advertising alcohol - it's basically illegal - so United Breweries, brewers of Kingfisher beer, started an airline called Kingfisher. The beer's name is highly visible on all the jets. Last year the Center for Asia Pacific Aviation named Kingfisher Airline the Best New Airline of the Year.

BEER RELIEVES MENOPAUSE?

For women suffering from hot flashes, sleeplessness and other symptoms of menopause, Czech researchers believe they have developed a low-calorie, low-alcohol beer that will bring relief. Scientists at the Research Institute of Brewing and Malting in Prague, Czech Republic, said their beer contains heightened levels of phytoestrogen, a plant form of estrogen found in hops and barley malt. A study of 20 women who drank about 10 ounces of beer each night for two months found reduced menopausal symptoms.

THE MEANING OF BEER - IN MISSOURI

A new bill approved by the Missouri House would finally allow the state to adopt the Federal definition for beer. As it stands now, Missouri state law defines beer as an "intoxicating malt liquor" made of "pure hops, or pure extract of hops, or pure barley malt, or other wholesome grains or cereals, or wholesome yeast and pure water." That sounds wholesome. The proposed new law would define beer as being brewed from "malt or malt substitute, which only includes rice, grain of any kind, bean, glucose, sugar and molasses." Honey, fruit, fruit juices, fruit concentrate, herbs, spices, and other food materials would be allowed in beer.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH BUYS ROLLING ROCK BRANDS FROM INBEV

Rolling Rock, the long-time western Pennsylvania-brewed beer, has been purchased by Anheuser-Busch for \$82 million. The Rolling Rock brands were sold by InBev USA, the U.S. subsidiary of Belgian-based InBev. The sale gives A-B the global brand rights and recipes for all Rolling Rock beers. Rolling Rock was introduced in 1939 by Latrobe Brewing Co. and acquired by InBev's Labatt U.S.A. in 1987. Rolling Rock's brewery in Latrobe, PA, is also for sale by InBev. A-B will brew Rolling Rock and Rock Green Light at one of the giant brewer's breweries.

NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE IS #1

Newcastle Brown Ale, brewed by Scottish & Newcastle in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, has jumped ahead of Bass Ale to become the number one imported ale in the U.S., according to Beverage Marketing Corporation. Information Resources, Inc. (IRI) ranked Newcastle Brown Ale number three on its Top 30 Power Brands for 2005.

THE TOP GERMAN BEERS FOR 2005

The top German beer brands last year were: 1. Krombacher; 2. Bitburger; 3. Warsteiner; 4. Becks; 5. Hasseroeder; 6. Veltins; 7. Radeberger; 8. Koenig; 9. Erdinger; and 10. Holsten. The rankings were listed by the German Government Taxation Board. Erdinger is the only wheat beer on the list.

Europe Remains Top Brewing Region

"The Brewers of Europe," a trade group, claims that Europe is tops in the world for brewing beer. A press release from the group claims that Europe is the world's biggest producer of beer, brewing a total of 416 million hectoliters per year, followed by China (250 million hectoliters) and the United States (230 million hectoliters). In addition, four of the largest seven brewers in the world are European. Europe also produces 50 percent of the world's hops and 55 percent of all malting barley. The Brewers of Europe represents the brewers' associations from 19 European Union states, plus Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

JIBJAB TO PROMOTE BUD LIGHT

JibJab Media, the highly popular web promotional company that became internationally known with its animated political spoofs, will now turn its attention on Bud Light. Anheuser-Busch has chosen JibJab to feature Bud Light on JibJab's Jokebox, where users can click on a Bud Light header to view humorous Bud Light video clips.

BIRD WATCHING IN THE JUNGLE

Don't go bird watching with The Nurse, especially in the Amazonian jungle. You might not make it home alive.



Energetically enthusiastic

2006 TAP NEW YORK WINNERS

Hunter, NY - April 29-30, 2006

F.X. Matt Memorial Cup - Best Craft Beer Brewery in New York State: Black Forest Brew Haus, Farmingdale, Joe Hayes, Brewer
The Matthew Vassar Brewers' Cup - Best Craft Beer Brewery in the Hudson Valley: Captain Lawrence Brewing, Pleasantville, Scott Vaccaro, Brewer

Best Individual Craft Beers in New York State:

Gold Medal: Reserve Imperial India Pale Ale, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Pleasantville

Silver Medal: Ithaca Pale Ale, Ithaca Beer Co., Ithaca

Bronze Medal: Hoptical Illusion IPA, Blue Point Brewing, Patchogue

Best Individual Craft Beers in the Hudson Valley

Gold Medal: Reserve Imperial India Pale Ale, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Pleasantville

Silver Medal: Frostbite IPA, Lake Placid Pub & Brewery, Lake Placid

Bronze Medal: Liquid Gold Belgian Ale, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Pleasantville



May Meeting Results

May 17, 2006

Host: Chickenman

	STYLE BREWER BRAND	NOSE (12)	LOOKS (3)	TASTE (20)	BODY (5)	OVERALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	Mild Shoreline Brewers	9	3	12	4	7	35	"Mild nose." (Nessie), rich, malty, "Do we have to drink this stuff?" (Count); licorice, vanilla, "Cream soda." (Mik); dry finish, appropriately thin and watery for a mild. ABV 3.9%
2	Kölsch Haystack	8	2	12	4	7	33	"Smells Kölschy." (Darvon), "Not as sweet and hoppy as Darvon's." (Gregg), "Köln (Cologne)." (Conti); little dark; sweet up front and middle, dry finish, "with some tartness." (Coq)
3	Düsseldorf Alt Uniballe Brewery <i>Das Alt des Alten</i>	7	3	14	4	8	36	"Wet felt." (Nessie), "No hop nose." (Pivo), appropriate, "Faint earthy hops." (Hero); "Malt taste like an English PA." (Hero); clean, "I like the balance." (Jim)
4	North German Alt Mik & Clavette	6	3	11	3	6	29	"Oxidized." (Conti), sweet for style, "Candi balls." (Hero) "Transsexual." (Coq2); malty with lagery sweetness, "Amber Lager." (Hero); underattenuated.
5	Schwarzbier Bethany Brewery <i>Midnight in Munich</i>	6	3	14	4	8	35	Sweet, malty, licorice, something a little off, "Chlorophenol." (Jim); lagery, sweet, clean, licorice "Candi like." (Mik); "Grainy dryness." (Hero)
6	Maibock Coq2 & Chickenman	9	3	13	4	7	36	Bocky nose, sweet, malty; bit dark; "Metallic." (Nessie) – Tetnang?, malty, sweet, light alcohol. Nice example.
7	Maibock Mik & Poultryman						37	Twin of the one just before, but out of the cask and colder. Brighter, more carbonated, sprightly.
8	Dry Pale Rye Ale Uniballe Brewery <i>Conti Style Pale Ale</i>	9	3	15	5	9	41	HOPSI!, "Fruity." (Jim), "Very nice!" (Conti – knew it was named after him); "Brewed bathing with rye soap on a string." (Hero). BOS as American PA at Burlington. BHBofE.
9	Imperial IPA Count <i>Batch 1</i>	6	3	11	4	6	30	Hops light for style, "Should slap you around." (Hazel), "Phenolic." (Pivo & Mik); "Sweet and sour with licorice." (Haystack). Why so much "licorice" tonight? There must be anise in the sausage.
10	Imperial IPA Count <i>Batch 2</i>	8	3	16	5	9	41	Malty, hoppy, "Phenolic." (Mik, but nobody agrees); grapefruit, nice balance, nice finish; "All this imperial stuff makes me wish for the fall of the Empire." (Pivo). BHBofE.
11	Dark Beer <i>Topvar</i> Slovakia	9	3	12	4	6	34	Czech chick dark lager, hint of cocoa; cocoa & vanilla, "Chocolate Yodels." (Count); "It is what it is." (Nessie). Nobody liked it, but as Nessie said ...
12	<i>Bock</i> Einbecker UrBock	10	3	16	5	8	42	"Very Bocky." (Jim), very sweet & lagery; sweet, alcoholic, "Surprising dry after sweet nose." (Count), "German chocolate cake with caramel & nuts." (Jim). All loved it. ABV 6.5%.
13	Doppel Bock Thomas Hooker	7	3	9	4	5	28	"Caramel malt." (Jim), burnt treacle; too roasty and dry, where's the malt? Just not bocky enough.
14	Dark Beer <i>Klaster</i> Czech Republic	7	3	10	4	6	30	"Negro Modelo." (Conti), "In other words, a black Corona." (Hero); lagery, roasty, "Cheap sweet." (Jim). Another sweet Czech chick dark lager.

SUMMARY: Home brews to taste, for a change - ten of them. Keep it up!

Beer Events

June 24: Litchfield Hills Brew Fest - 4-8 pm, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, admission includes beer from local and regional breweries, food by GrapeVine Catering and music from the Hot Cat Jazz Band. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, 860-567-8302

June 29: Connecticut Brew Fest at the Old State House - 4:30-8:30 pm, \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance. Downtown Hartford, 860-522-6766, x11



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Dues Notice

YAHOOOS dues - \$5.00 - are long overdue. Dues sent to Nessie within 30 days will be accepted. After that, dues are \$500.

This has been the YAHOOOS NEWSLETTER