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(Ain't no mean-spirited people here)

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Pale Ales & Bitters at The Nurse's
Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 7:30 pm
22 Cheryl Drive, Monroe, 220-8233

Directions: From the north, Route 25 south from Newtown about 6 miles. Just over the Monroe town line just past Town Line Body Shop on your right. Opposite Mason's farm stand on your left is Bradford Drive. Turn left at the end. Up the hill, take first left onto Cheryl Drive — #22 at the end. Park on the street and walk up the track. Don't be scared.

From the south, Exit 49 off Merritt onto the connector for about 5 miles. At the light it's about another 5 miles. When you see the restaurant '707 ON MAIN' go to the next light and take a left onto Bradford Drive. Left at the 'T.' Up the hill and take first left onto Cheryl Drive. See above.

Darvon's Rackings

POETRY CORNER

Congratulations to John Wosczyzna

In the viewplace from where all were sittin'
Lots of ribbons for YAHOOOS were fittin'
But with great success
And a big BOS
Was a guy who came down from New Britain

SNERHC 2008

Best SNERHC yet. Brilliantly managed by the Organizer. And Haystak and Homer and Pizzaman and Tracy. Thanks also to Gregg, even though we were doing him a big favor by helping him clear out his attic for his forthcoming move. And thanks for all those entries; the competition only lost \$35 and change, for a change. Too many YAHOOOS winners to specify in detail, but: DubbleCoq – 8 ribbons, Darvon – 8 ribbons, Mickey – 4 ribbons, Krapper – 3 ribbons, Chickenman – 3 ribbons, Anita – 2 ribbons, Clone – 2 ribbons, Dan Jocis – 2 ribbons, Maltoseman – 1 ribbon, Mark Thome – 1 ribbon, Dan Smith – 1 ribbon, Drew Bocco – 1 ribbon, Russ Hanoman – 1 ribbon

KNOW YOUR CPR

Somebody was heard to say that Crapper, with three ribbons, didn't do as well as usual at SNERHC 2008. NOT SO! He did very well with a CPR of 1.4 for 5 entries. Among the YAHOOOS, only Chickenman beat him out with CPR of 1.75 for 4 entries. So someone asks, "So what is a CPR?" The Competition Performance Rating (CPR) is just the ultimate measure of how well a brewer did at a competition, with a CPR of 1.0 or higher being excellent. The CPR is the total number of points a person gets at a competition divided by the number of brews he or she entered. So somebody who enters three beers and gets one blue ribbon (3 points) or a red ribbon (2 points) and a yellow ribbon (one point) earns an excellent CPR of 1.0. Getting blue ribbons for all entries gives a CPR of 3.0. This can be exceeded only by getting BOS, which John Wosczyzna did at SNERHC 2008. Computing of a CPR for less than three entries is just not relevant. By the way, Mik and I each took home eight ribbons, but both of us fell one point short of a CPR of 1.0. Not bad, but...

CRAPPER'S SPECIAL YEAST

At the last meeting several people declared that Krapper's Belgian Single was the best beer they had ever tasted. So naturally everyone was curious about how he did it. He was forthcoming with all aspects of his recipe — with the exception of his yeast. This is unusual for John, who is always generous with information and advice — I credit a BOS I once received to his advice. So why so secretive about his yeast this one time? Only something embarrassing about the yeast or its source could explain his silence. Putting this together with the aggressive nature of the yeast has led me to conclude that he cultured it from a sample donated by someone with a yeast infection.

THE BOOBS ARE NOT HAPPY

October 15th was the annual convening of the Equal Opportunity Abusers of All Oktoberfests (EOAAO) at Clone's house. The Brewers of Oktoberfests and Other Bavarian Swills (BOOBS) are not happy. They wait anxiously for the EOAAO evaluations, which are broadcast worldwide, and which are worth millions in market share for the brews upon which the EOAAO looks favorably (to the extent to which they can look favorably on any Oktoberfest). The group did taste five American O'Fests, but only two of the Bavarian originals — Spaten and Paulaner — no Ayinger, Hacker-Pschorr, Lowenbräu or Hofbräu. In the interest of fairness and comprehensivity, all significant Oktoberfests, especially the ones from Bavaria, should be sampled by the EOAAO. To insure that this happens, some Higher Authority should assign brands for each member attending to bring.

Ramblings

I've got to pull out all the stops. The last meeting was prevented by a tornado. 'Toadhall' is celebrating the newly-renovated 'Moroccan Tasting Room' with its 12 new picture windows facing on to the pitch-dark woods outside. The stage that I built is perfect for you to sit on and line up with no back support to keep you alert. I shall be baking my now-famous loaves, and we are threatening to have Connecticut cheeses from the now-famous Artisan Cheese store in Southbury. Please don't get sloppy because the carpets are new.

Should any of yerz be interested, I shall be offering a coffee-roasting demonstration before 7.30. Dancing is frowned upon but shorts are encouraged because it'll be lekker hot with me wood stove, y'know.

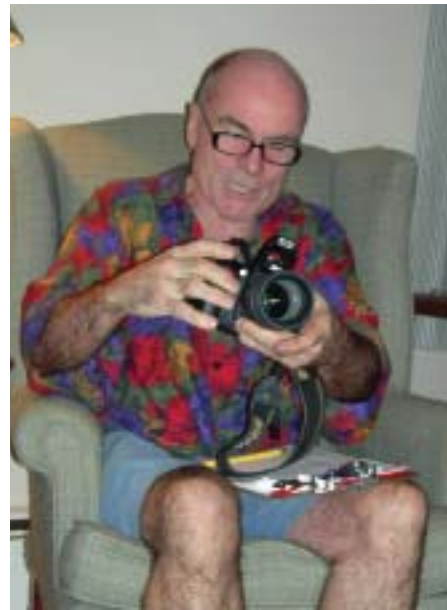
CIDER ISSUES

November 2 was the Beardsley's Cider Mill YAHOOOS cider pressing event. The mill was awash with 5-gallon buckets except for Nemo, who brought a 20-gallon bucket that couldn't be lifted. Chief Yellow Dog, King of Floonina, came down from Very Olde Saybrook and giggled and smiled and regretted ever leaving Norwalk. A new brewer from England graced us and apologies for offending him with totally inappropriate comments. Award-winning brewers generously brought their ciders because they are tired of drinking them themselves. Amazing isn't it, the different tastes from the same raw ingredient? Beardsley senior had the time of his life drinking and talking and perving and finally celebrated by apparently producing the first erection he'd had since World War II.

On the 19th I want no whining about how dark the driveway is.

I love all y'all non-carnally, NNN







October Meeting Results

October 15, 2008

Host: Clone

	STYLE BREWER BRAND	NOSE (12)		TASTE (20)	BODY (5)	OVERALL (10)	TOTAL (50)	COMMENTS
1	Maibock Anita and Coq2	10	2	16	4	7	39	Complex and interesting nose, low DMS; subtle, refined; repeat of the recipe that bouilloned at NHC. We tried the Anita version, Dcock's shit the bed
2	Oktoberfest Paulaner	6	2	10	3	5	26	Low diacetyl, fruity currents, lemony, too dry, needs malt. Old? Skunked? Taken from a window display?
3	Oktoberfest Paulaner	9	3	15	4	8	39	This one has the right nose; looks the same; really good. Even the good commercial beers can be a crap shoot.
4	Oktoberfest Brooklyn	8	3	12	3	6	32	Toasty; chocolate in the taste, crisp, lagery, grainy; too dry. Chocolate – Garrett must have stirred it by hand.
5	Nut Brown Ale New Paul AKA Litwinovich	9	3	16	4	7	39	Cherries, apricots, no diacetyl; good color; burnt – bottom of kettle? roasty, dry finish; good brew, easy drinking. Extract kit from Northern Brewer.
6	Oktoberfest Hooker	7	3	14	4	7	35	Toasty, minor solvent, neutral for most part; clean, small head; malty, dry, clean finish, good balance. NY Times says best O'fest in the universe
7	Oktoberfest Stoudt	5	3	7	2	4	21	Moldy, mildew, toe-jam, rubber gloves; light color; toast, but lacks the jam; thin and watery. Basically, a dumper; must have been left over from 2006. Enough elephant penis jokes, Nurse!
8	Oktoberfest Victory							Cooked corn, red cabbage, oxidized, smells like ass; thin, watery, smelly. Dumper. Must have been left over from 2005.
9	Oktoberfest Pennichuck The Big O	7	3	11	3	5	29	Diacetyl, ale-like; clear, nice head; too much caramel, dusty, yeasty. Anita got a cell phone call from his wife and had to leave. Cell phones are computers and thus prohibited.
10	Oktoberfest Spaten	8	3	14	4	8	37	Major toe jam, "Skanky rag" (Mik), burnt rubber; Fruity and malty, "Wonderful toastiness" (Pivo) Sue tasted mildew, "Chocolate covered cherries" (Coq2)
11	Honey Brown Quidi Vidi Nova Scotia	7	3	10	3	6	29	DMS, cooked veggies, but not unpleasant, "Peas" (Pivo), "Generic" (Crapper); "Definitely a lager" (Pizzaman), Overripe garden peas. "Mom brought me some; I dumped" (Krapper)
12	Harvest Ale Sierra Nevada	10	3	15	4	8	40	Fresh wet hops, alcohol, "Good to have some hops" (Pivo); "I like it the way it is" (Hazel). Sierra Nevada 6.7% with wet hops from their own back forty.
13	European 1892 Traditional Ale Quidi Vidi	6	3	12	4	6	31	Sulphur, "Toasty Munich" (Pizzaman), "Smells like a lager" (Mik); grainy, "Like a craft-brewed O'Fest" (Pizzaman), "Thin worker beers – drink & back to the mines" (Jonathan).
14	Scotch Ale McEwans	8	4	15	4	8	37	Malty, syrupy, very pleasant; brick red; sweet, soft, malty, some veggie, Pizzaman would like a little peat.
15	Smoked Porter Captain Lawrence	9	3	13	4	7	36	Pleasant nose, "Solvent" (Haystack); "Better than most peaty ales" (Darvon); taste is smokier than the nose, bitter grainy finish. Off the tap.
16	Belgian Strong Gold Krapper	8	3	13	3	6	33	Perfumey, cleaner than most, sherbet; sweet, clean, "Ferry going over (?)" (Nurse), "oxidized" (Crapper), thin. Year old.
17	Belgian Single Crapper	10	2	16	5	8	41	Very nice Belgian nose, great Belgian yeast (Crapper's secret), "American Hops" (Pizzaman); nice layer on the tongue, spritzzy "Make it the house beer!" (Hazel) BHB0E.
18	Biere de Table Saison du Pont	7	2	12	4	6	31	"Smells like herring" (Pivo), dill, cloves; "tastes like herring cured with dill" (Pivo), clovey finish dominates
19	Dunkel Weisse Michelob	8	3	13	3	7	34	Malty, wheaty, bananas, low cloves; dark for style; a little sweet "Nice banana thing" (NNN); carbonation low "Underatteneducated" (Nurse)

SUMMARY: Nurse should know that degree of preoccupation with sex is inversely proportional to the amount you are getting.

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