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## 2013

### Upcoming Events

#### DECEMBER

**Wed, Dec 18: Doors open at 6 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 pm**  
Elections; Holiday Party, Bring a covered dish, club will provide meat. Big Turkey Winner Announced!

## President's Thank You by Don Heisler

It doesn't seem like it been a year since John Mills passed the gavel to me, but now it's time for me to pass it on.

Our club gets bigger and stronger every year. We finished with 114 members this year. (That's a lot different then when I joined. I think we had 30 members and 20 at a meeting.) With gaining that many members came a few issues. The Board worked hard this year and made some changes to deal with the influx:

- Added two more board members and an equipment committee.
- Published a new member's welcome package.
- Brought in interesting speakers and ideas each month.
- BIG web page update so we can all create, share, and exchange information and ideas.

I want to thank the Board members. They do a lot of work to keep the events and meeting going strong.

I look forward to our new President—Jeff Smith—and to working with him next year.

THANK YOU ALL, IT'S BEEN A LOT OF FUN!

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Don Heisler



President Don Heisler

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## 7th Annual Big Turkey Brewing Contest Winners announced at the December 18 Party

We had 26 entries this year for American Ale. This follows a record 34 last year for Stout. The top prize is to be pro-brewer for a day at Carson's Brewery where you will help brew your recipe on a professional scale and be guest of honor at the tapping party when it's ready for the public.

We also have these other great prizes:

**Best of Show:** Pro-Brewer for a day at Carson's Brewery to help brew your recipe, Carson's Shirt, one year membership to OVHA, one year membership to American Homebrewers Association, \$25 gift certificate to Northern Brewer, Big Turkey take-home stein trophy, name engraved on the traveling trophy.

**2nd Place:** Carson's Growler, one year membership to AHA, \$25 gift certificate to Northern Brewer

**3rd Place:** Carson's Bottle Opener, one year membership to AHA, \$25 gift certificate to Posey County Co-Op.

The Stats: Fifteen brewers turned in 10 American Ales, 7 Amber Ales, and 9 Brown Ales. Good luck to all!

Thanks to our judges: Jack Frey, Turoni's Main Street Brewery; Karson Kolker, Knob Hill; Bob Jarrett, Winetree Liquors; Paul Ankenbrand, Gerst Haus; John Mills, Carson's Brewery; Jason Hoffman, Tin Man Brewing Company; Brian Randolph, Winetree Liquors; Keenan Zarling, Tin Man Brewing Company; Skip Seaman, Liquor Locker; Malesia Imel, Winetree Liquors; Cesar Gonzalez, OVHA; and Shannon Siekman, Varsity Liquors.

Extra thanks to our stewards: Lori Mills, Loyd Enochs, Danny French, and Amillia Gonzalez.

A special thanks to our sponsors, Carson's Brewery, Posey County Co-Op, and Northern Brewer. They all donated generously to the contest this year. Please visit them and let them know you appreciate the support.

And finally, thanks to Skip Seaman for hosting the judging. He went out of his way to accommodate us, including a last minute reschedule due to the weather.

After the initial judging from the three panels of judges, **five** beers were pushed through to the Best of Show round. Those brewers will be recognized and then we will award 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place. You can pick up your score sheets afterwards.







## Honorary Lifetime Member: Skip Seaman

Our first ever **Honorary Lifetime Membership** is bestowed upon Skip Seaman. Skip has hosted several OVHA Learn to Homebrew Days at his business, Liquor Locker, where not only does he provide us advertisement, brewing space, water and power, but also a hot lunch on the big grill! He has opened up his other business, Product Acceptance and Research (PAR) for meetings to tour the amazing Beer Room and also for indoor brewing. He provided us with that wonderful Elijah Craig bourbon barrel for our latest group barrel aged olde ale project. He also hosted the 2013 Big Turkey judging. The club has benefited greatly from his generosity and we want to say thank you with this recognition.





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