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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Wed, Feb 27, 7 pm:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor, Topic: Trappist
beers by John Mills; PLUS
Group photo **WEAR
YOUR CLUB SHIRT!**

MARCH

Mar 27: AHA's National
Homebrew Competition
Entry Deadline; Entries
accepted March 18-27

Wed, Mar 27, 7 pm:
Meeting; Germania
Mannerchor, Topic: SMaSH
Beer Club Project by Jeff
Smith; THERE WILL BE
A HOP SWAP AT THIS
MEETING

APRIL

Wed, Apr 24, 7 pm:
Meeting, PAR Research,
9845 Hedden Rd.,
Evansville, IN 47725;
at the intersection of
Kansas Rd and HWY 57
Topic: International Beer
Packaging Tour (Over
15,000 bottles!) by Skip
Seaman

President's Message by Don Heisler

The OVHA Barrel Project II was another successful club brew day. We have 60+ gallons of Old Ale fermenting at PAR Research. At one time I counted 29 people (brewers, club members, guests and drinkers) in the building.

Big thanks to Skip Seaman for opening up his party room to the club.

Did you know, homebrewing is still not legal in two states, though each state has its own laws regarding homebrewing. The AHA is still working with local homebrewers in Alabama and Mississippi to help legalize homebrewing there.

Support the The American Homebrewers Association, they're the ones who help keep this a legal hobby for most of us from those neo-prohibitionists.

February's meeting is shaping up to be a busy meeting. Take a minute and review the By-Law changes, we're going vote on it. We have several bottles of Westvleteren 12 Belgian Trappist Ale to pour, and Jeff Smith is donating some St. Bernardus Abt 12 to compare. The two Westie glasses and all the bottles will be raffled off in a separate raffle besides the half pot and door prize. **Wear your club shirt** to the meeting this month, we will be taking the official 2013 Club Picture.

Hop Swap is being moved to the March meeting to coincide with the SMaSH presentation by Jeff Smith.



President Don Heisler

2013 Dues Due

The treasurer is now accepting dues for the 2013 calendar year via PayPal. Dues are \$25 for individuals or \$30 for a family membership (those living under the same roof, including all forms of co-habitation), and the special 5 years for \$100 option is still available. Please renew your membership today! Go to <http://www.ovha.net/dues.html>





OVHA Barrel Project II (part duex) update!

We came, we saw, we brewed 60 gallons of old ale!

The traditional “Woodford Twinkie” yielded to the “Bernheim Doughnut” this year in honor of the whiskey barrel our Old Ale will be taking a few month rest in. The chosen barrel will be a freshly-emptied Bernheim Original Straight Wheat Whiskey cask direct from Bardstown, Kentucky. The whiskey was outstanding and dunking locally sourced Doughnut Bank doughnuts took it over the top.

The Bernheim is a lightly flavored and unusually smooth wheat whiskey that contains a grain bill of 51% soft winter wheat from Kentucky, 39% corn, and 10% barley malt. It is a small batch whiskey that is relatively new having only been around since 2000. It is produced by Heaven Hill at the old Bernheim Distillery in Louisville and aged in Bardstown, Kentucky at Heaven Hill’s aging and bottling operation. This location also contains the Heaven Hill Bourbon Heritage Center. If you take that tour (highly recommended) it actually goes though the famous “rickhouse Y” where the Bernheim Wheat is exclusively aged. Rickhouse Y is one of master distiller Craig Beam’s favorite aging warehouses and where Heaven Hill ages a lot of their single barrel products. With that info you can see the Bernheim is getting some extra special treatment! We are honored to have one of its barrels for this project through the generosity of Skip Seaman.

Skip also provided us with an outstanding indoor brewing space at PAR Research. The space is known as the PARty Room and is complete with neon lights and recliners overlooking a special wall display you had to see to believe.

The brew day was a success thanks to the hard work of president Don Heisler. He really pulled it all together from getting the fermentor delivered and modified, helping crush all the grain, getting the water up and running, and then cooking lunch for everyone! Please give him a thank you at the next meeting for a job well done.

Special thanks also go to John Mills for providing us with a portable chiller/pump/oxygenator rig that proved very helpful in getting all that beer into the fermentor. Pat on the back to John Dipple too for doing two batches when it looked like we were going to be a little short at the end. Thank Jack Frey for getting us brewing ingredients during all the construction mess at Turonis.

Finally, thanks to all the brewers that showed up on a beautiful Saturday morning and brewed an amazing 60 gallons of beer! Everyone pulled together to help overcome a few hiccups during the day and that really shows the spirit of this club.

We will need a few volunteers in the coming weeks to help transfer the brew into the barrel. And some more again when we keg it up in a few months. Look for announcements in the Message Forum.

See Pages 4 & 5 for pics!





National Homebrew Competition

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition>

Now that you have a few Big Turkey competitions and maybe a State Fair Brewer's Cup or two under your belt, maybe it's time to try your hand at a national competition.

The American Homebrewer's Association (AHA) holds the largest international beer competition in the world. It takes place in two rounds. The first is a regional event much like the State Fair Brewer's Cup. The top three winners in each of the 28 categories from the regionals move on to the second round, which is judged at the national convention. You can actually re-brew the beer, if needed, for the second round. The convention is in Philadelphia, PA, on June 27-29, 2013. The winners are announced during the conference.

Give it a shot!

If you are considering entering, here are some important dates.

Online Registration *1 p.m. MST, Tuesday, February 26, 2013*
Entries Due *March 18-March 27, 2013*
First Round Competitions *March 29-April 21, 2013*



Westvleteren IIX Tasting

For those paying attention during the holiday party, you couldn't miss the boxes of Westvleteren IIX sitting at the head table. Those boxes contain the "Best beer in the world" according to most online reviews.

A little background. Normally the famous Westvleteren 12 quadruple produced by the Trappist monks at St. Sixtus Abbey in Belgium is only available direct from the Abbey. You have to call a special number and they tell you when you can pick it up. It's limited to one case and you can't come back for three months. This limits supply and may add to the mystique of this beer. Well, on 12-12-2012, a few retailers in the US were given the chance to sell a special gift pack of the beer to help raise funds for some construction at the abbey. The club lucked and and procured some bottles.

At *some* future meeting (cough, Feb, cough) we will open them up for all current members of the OVHA to sample it yourself and pass judgement. We may have to run a lottery depending on the number present. We also have a few bottles of St. Bernardus Abt 12 Quadrupel thanks to a very generous donation my Jeff Smith. Legend has it that it uses the original Westvleteren yeast. This be a very rare opportunity to taste both side by side and judge for yourself.





OVHA Barrel Project II (part duex) photos







Proposed by-law changes are highlighted in RED and Strikethroughs

The Ohio Valley Homebrewer's Association General By-Laws

Mission Statement

To promote the art, heritage and enjoyment of homebrewing through education and preservation of the many varieties of brewing techniques.

Article I

The Association

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be known as the The Ohio Valley Homebrewer's Association.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION 1. Any person applying for membership may become a member of this association provided that the applicant has reached legal drinking age, has expressed an interest in home brewing and agrees to abide by these Bylaws and the decisions of the officers and members of the association.

SECTION 2. There shall be ~~only two~~ **three** classifications of membership in the association: ~~Regular Individual Membership, and Family Couple Membership, and Corporate Membership.~~

SECTION 3. ~~Regular Individual~~ Membership dues will be \$25 per year. ~~Family Couple~~ Membership dues will be \$30 per year. **Additional family members living under the same roof can be added at \$10 each per year. Corporate Membership (up to five employees) dues will be \$100 per year.** Dues paid for New Membership after November 15 each year will be treated as dues paid for the following year. Dues paid for new membership after July 1 will be prorated to \$15 for regular membership and \$20 for family membership.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors may establish special memberships and dues for special memberships in the association.

SECTION 5. When a member is delinquent in payment of dues for a period of 2 years, the Board of Directors will remove that member from the membership roles. Delinquent members may reinstate their regular membership by paying the current years dues.

SECTION 6. A member in good standing is a member who is current in payment of dues.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings of the association will be held on the last Wednesday of each month. When the last Wednesday falls on a national holiday, the Regular Meeting will be rescheduled by the Board of Directors at least one month before the regular meeting date.

SECTION 2. The Annual Meeting will be designated as the regular meeting during the month of December each year.

SECTION 3. Only members in good standing may take part in meeting discussions, vote on proposed motions or enjoy any other privilege of membership.

ARTICLE IV

Board Of Directors

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the association and ~~three~~ **five** at large members who shall hold office for a period of 1 year or until their successors are elected.

SECTION 2. The ~~7~~ **nine** Board of Directors members shall be chosen from among the members of the association, by the members of the association present at each Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3. Nominations for the board shall be made one month prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. The vice president shall assume the role of president the year following his term.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors shall meet ~~prior to the regular membership meeting~~ no less often than quarterly. Special meetings of the Board may be called by any member of the Board of Directors ~~or the Secretary~~ upon 7 days notice in person, ~~or by mail,~~ **or electronic delivery.**

SECTION 7. A QUORUM shall consist of not less than a majority of the elected and serving Board of Directors Members.

SECTION 8. ~~Ex-presidents~~ **The immediate past president** shall be a non-voting ex officio member of the board of directors.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and report to the membership all actions taken by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting of the membership.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in his duties and to conduct all official business of the association in the absence of the President.



SECTION 3. It shall be the duties of the Secretary to keep a record of attendance of Board members at all meetings, to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings to complete needed correspondence of the association and production of the monthly newsletter.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duties of the Treasurer to receive all monies paid to the association, make all disbursements allowed by motions of the membership, per the Board of Directors, keep a record of membership of the association, and make report of all of these at the monthly meeting.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to supervise the activities of the association.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

SECTION 1. Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the association, or the Board of Directors, shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the association.

SECTION 2. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by laws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended by the following process:

(a) An amendment may be presented and read at a regular membership meeting by any member.

(b) This amendment must be considered, during old business, at the next regular membership meeting. It may then be withdrawn by the maker or discussed, amended and voted on by the members present at said regular meeting.

SECTION 2. Any amendment will require a 2/3 (two thirds) majority of the members present and voting to pass. After being passed and being recorded by the Secretary, the amendment will immediately become a part of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution

SECTION 1. Upon dissolution of this association all liabilities and obligations of the association shall be paid, satisfied, discharged or adequate provisions be therefore made.

SECTION 2. Disposition of all assets of this association shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. If in the event this association is incorporated, dissolution shall be in compliance with the laws of the State of Indiana particularly as set forth in Chapter 157 of The Acts of The Indiana General Assembly of 1935 and the amendments thereto.

ARTICLE X

Miscellaneous

SECTION 1 Order of business:

- (1) Roll call of Directors
- (2) Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
- (3) Treasurer's Report
- (4) Introduction of guests
- (5) Reports and Communications
- (6) Old Business
- (7) New Business
- (8) Other appropriate activities
- (9) Adjournment

These By-Laws are Affirmed 25th day of June, 1997.

Amended January 2009.

Amended January 2013.