

BOSMOPOLITAN


July 2008

Reflections on the National Homebrewers Conference

Rob Westendorf

Oh my, where to begin? After *years* of work, and so much anticipation, it's all over already. I'm finding it very difficult to understand my own feelings, not to mention explain things to others. In my professional life I've led projects of longer duration and significantly higher budgets, but I've never had such a focused people-oriented event before. In the end, it was the people who made it worthwhile. While working with a staff of volunteers is a lot harder than most people realize, it is also a very rewarding experience. I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped in any capacity to make this such a remarkable event.

It will take some time for all of the numbers to be crunched, but one thing is certain: this conference SMASHED records. We had the largest ever attendance. We had the largest number of kegs (by far!). More clubs participated than ever. We had the most profitable conference ever (very important to the future of the AHA). And, as Jim Koch of Boston Beer pointed out, we had the largest number of homebrewers gathered in one place, "in the history of the world." Many long-time conference attendees sought me out to say that, in their mind, this was clearly the greatest conference ever. Heady stuff!

So much happened at the conference that I really can't relate everything that I experienced. I will ask that those of you who attended will think about your experiences, and come up with one story worth telling. Please write it down, and send it in to this newsletter. I'd like to see one or more of your stories printed up every month until the next conference rolls around, next June. In my case, I'll pick the one where I can crow the most. I brewed two beers, an English pale ale and a Belgian pale ale, that were served in the registration area. I know I had an unfair advantage, but my kegs were the first ones emptied at the conference. Ant Hayes, one of our speakers from England and a 

Election '08

Jennifer Hermann

It's not just a new President of the United States that we will be electing this November, but also a new Bloated Board for the 2009-2010 term. We are now accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. If you are interested or have questions to ask, please talk to any one of the current officers or an elder Bloat. November is only 4 months away and we need YOU to keep this club going!

WE HAVE HAD ZERO OFFERS!

This is YOUR CHANCE to step up and take the reins of this great organization. Elections will take place at the Treehouse during November's meeting.

Beer & Sweat '08

Keep on brewing for Beer & Sweat! Information is now available at www.beerandsweat.org.

And, the time has come to book your room for the largest keg-only homebrew competition (by volume) in the universe! Visit www.drawbridgeinn.com or call 1-800-354-9793 and mention Bloatarian Beer & Sweat for your discounted room rate. Book now!

It's going to be a cenokegaphobic experience!

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Meeting Policy

All members and guests are required to abide by the following rules at all club meetings and events: Learn something new, teach something you know, bring something good to share (bring more than you drink), taste small samples, give other brewers lots of comments (good or bad) on their beers, and don't drive if you feel even slightly affected.

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Remember When?

Andy Grigg

I brewed with Jason (my nephew) recently, 40 gal total. What a day. Two of the beers had Goldings. Since everyone is talking about hops... i took this pic from my cell phone (sorry for the quality). I bought these in Oct 2007... 5 ounces Kent Goldings for \$7.49



BBL Membership Application

Yes, I want to become the best homebrewer I can be, learn more about the art and science of brewing, and especially participate in the secret Bloatarian ceremonies! I certify that I am of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages, with a sincere interest in homebrewing, and am willing to abide by the club bylaws and other reasonable decisions of the club officers. I promise to behave responsibly around alcoholic beverages. By joining and/or attending BBL activities, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions and waive any and all claims against club, club officers, members, or their designates.

I also have \$24 (or \$2/month pro-rated) to spare, so sign me up!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Signature (required)

Return this form along with check (payable to the Bloatarian Brewing League) to:
Kevin Spatz
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Cincinnati, OH 45242

CALENDAR

JULY

- 7Board Meeting
Kevin Spatz's 7:30pm
- 18Monthly Meeting
B&S/Bastard Son of Zeply
Imperial Cream Ale Judging
Treehouse
7:30pm
- 19Ewing Pool Party
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AUGUST

- 2Mead Day
Westendorf Residence
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- 4Board Meeting
John Zellers' 7:30pm
- 15Monthly Meeting
TBD 7:30pm
- 16BEER & SWEAT 08
Drawbridge Inn, KY

SEPTEMBER

- 8Board Meeting
Ray Snyder's 7:30pm
- 137th Annual
Cornhole Blowout
D&J Manor
- 19Feast of Floatis Bloatus
Treehouse 7:30pm
- 26Beer & Propane
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OCTOBER

- 6Board Meeting
Andy Melchers' 7:30pm
- 17Octoberfest
TBD 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 3Board Meeting
Location TBA 7:30pm
- 21Say Cheese!
Discussion with pairings,
presented by Dr. David Fankhauser
held @ Jim and Nancy Foster's
9706 Paul Farm Lane
Finneytown
7:30pm

Upcoming Competitions

JULY

- 12Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup
Entry Fee: Homebrewers \$8,
Professional Brewers \$20
Entry Deadline: 06/28/2008
<http://www.brewerscup.org/>

- 19Ohio State Fair Homebrew
Competition
Columbus, OH
Contact: Brett Chance
Phone: (614) 644-4126
Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry
Entry Deadline: 06/20/2008

- 19Ohio Brew Week Homebrew
Competition Athens, OH
Contact: Jason Klein
Phone: (765) 404-7446
Entry Fee: \$8 first beer,
\$5 each additional beer
Entry Deadline: 06/22/2008

AUGUST

- 16Beer & Sweat Ft. Mitchell, KY
Contact: Ray Snyder
Phone: (513) 759-2573
Entry Fee: \$5 1st beer, \$4 2nd, \$3 3rd thru
10th, over 10 are free
Entry Deadline: 08/01/2008
www.beerandsweat.org



DISCOUNTS!

Hey, you! Fancy a discount? Come to the meetings regularly? Maybe you should be there more often seeing as Listermann's will be offering a 10% discount on all items purchased during club activities held at the shop!

Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at varying locations noted within the calendar and elsewhere in the newsletter. Meetings begin at 7:30 with a toast to cenosilliphobia. All members are welcomed to attend. It's a good forum to discuss club business, new topics, not to mention a good excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a few good beers!

HOPPENINGS

AHA Mead Day

Roxanne Westendorf



AHA's Mead Day is coming up! What is Mead Day? It's a celebration of mead and keeping up the craft of mead making! The goal is to have a "Mead Making Day" - just like the Big Brew, or any group get-together to brew. The difference is - we'll be making mead instead!

The BBL has registered an official Mead Day site (site #17 - http://www.beertown.org/apps/mead/meadday_select.aspx). Here are the details:

Location: Westendorf Residence
10296 Deerhollow Drive, Cincinnati (directions below)
513-245-1224

Start time: Noon

What to bring: Bring your equipment and ingredients to make a mead of your choice - or, you can make the featured mead (www.beertown.org/events/meadday/recipe.html).

We'll grill out after we're done - so bring some snacks or a side dish if you can.

Bring meads to sample if you have them!

I'll be making the featured mead recipe - The Bill Pfeiffer Commemorative Mead. This is a sour cherry/raspberry melomel - and will probably end up at sack strength. I'll also be playing with some Agave Nectar to make an all Agave fermentation.

As background on the featured mead: Dr. Bill Pfeiffer was an expert mead maker, and was the person who taught Ken Schramm the art of Mead Making! He made the commemorative mead for the 2000 conference (Novi, MI), but passed away a few weeks before the conference. Shortly before this year's conference, Chris P Frey was contacted by Bill's sons - who had found a stash of 10 year old mead while cleaning out the house. A lucky few of us were able to sample these meads at this year's conference - and they were fantastic!

There were several conference talks about meads - and we learned some updated techniques to make meads more consistently and make meads that are ready faster (without the hot alcoholic burn or fusel pithiness). More on this at Mead Day!

Directions: I275 Exit 33 (Colerain Ave). Go north. At the second light - turn right on Dry Ridge (looks like you are turning into Lowe's). Dry Ridge makes 2 right turns (make sure to turn RIGHT at the stop sign). Turn right on Deerhollow Drive - about 1 mile down Dry Ridge. (If you get to St. John the Baptist church/school - you've just missed it!). We're in the cul-de-sac on the right side. Our driveway goes halfway up the hill - you just see our garage doors from the street.

Ewing Annual Bash & Pool Party!

Saturday July 19 . Ken Ewing's Farm

Deep Fried Turkey, Homemade Pies (Lemon Meringue, Hint, Hint, NL) and other delicious offerings followed by Bloats washed down by gallons of homebrew. Why wouldn't you attend? After a day of swimming, fishing, hiking, corn-hole, eating and Beer, Beer and more Beer why drive home? Bring a tent or crash in the house. And of course kids are welcome. The Ewing pool WILL BE open!

Directions to the Ewing farm:

I-275 to US52 east (New Richmond, Ohio exit). Continue through New Richmond approximately 1.5 miles past where the double-highway ends, turn left on Clertmontville-Laurel Road. Road sign is on left side of road. Approximately 2.5 miles on Clertmontville-Laurel turn right on Bainum Road. After crossing bridge and climbing hill (Bainum Road takes a ninety degree left turn) go straight back Ewing Lane. The house is .6 mile back on Ewing Lane. Questions? Call 553-4856.



Beer & Propane

Saturday, September 26

Well, it's time again for the campout. This year expects to be another great event. The Bloatarian Secret Ceremony will be held Saturday night. I believe Ray has something special planned so don't forget your funny hat. No theme food this year... just wing it!

The event will take place September 26, 27 and 28th at the Mike Schwartz's' estate in Hillsboro just like last year. Remember to bring your brewing equipment and plenty of Beer. There's plenty of room to camp and you may come up Friday night if you like. Also bring a side dish for the Saturday night dinner.

If you plan on brewing bring your equipment and plenty of propane. Water is provided.

Please bring wood if you can. Our pallet supply is low and I want to make sure we have enough wood. So every little bit will help. Please pay attention to wood transport restrictions!

Directions to the Camp Out

I-71 North or South to I-275 East. Take the Hillsboro exit (#59). At the light turn right toward Hillsboro. You will be on Route 50. It's about 37 miles to Hillsboro. Continue on 50 through Hillsboro to the next town called BOSTON. When you see the Boston sign, the next intersection is the street BEECHWOOD. Turn right on Beechwood. Continue on Beechwood to the stop sign. The street is not marked but it is NORTH SHORE DRIVE. Turn left, travel about 1/2 mile and the drive way will be on your left. We will have the driveway marked. The address is 10915 North Shore Dr. Look for the sign!

This year we again ask a favor from all that attend. With the constant increase in attendance, it becomes more difficult for our host to dispose of trash. Please be aware of this and try to take as much trash (especially bottles and cans) with you as you leave this year. Mike and his family are very gracious to hold this event so let's show them how much we appreciate their hospitality.

Chuck

Beer Quoted:

An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.
Ernest Hemmingway, "For Whom the Bell Tolls"

Beer & Sweat 2008

Saturday August 16 . Drawbridge Inn

So the AHA can throw a pretty nice party that lasts four days. It's tough to beat a night of great beer served by your favorite micro-breweries. It's really hard to think of something better than Club Night. (How awesome that was to try homebrews and tasty treats from all over our nation!) **But, we all know the best party happens every year at Beer & Sweat!** Sure there were 400 kegs at Club Night; there were also 1,000 people there! Beer & Sweat last year boasted 250+ kegs with about 350 showing up. You do the math. This year is going to be fantastic!

If you have not yet checked the website www.beerandsweat.org do so right now. Book your rooms! Register to judge and steward! Enter your beers! And keep brewing! Beer & Sweat happens August 16th!

Please notice that this website was designed with you in mind. We need your pictures, memories, stories, etc. to give the right impression to our visitors. There is a lot of space out there for us. Please forward your pictures and stories to Darryl: darryl@rottiron.com (until further notice).

I need each of you to help with the smooth operation of BBL's big event. I will have a sign up sheet at July's meeting where all of you can pick an hour or two to help out with registration and/or the raffle. Thanks in advance for your help!

Proud To Be a Bloatarian

Jennifer Hermann

When I first joined BBL, I have to admit that I felt a little strange. I didn't know what "Bloatarian" meant, much less where Bloatarianism came from. I had no clue that Beer & Sweat wasn't just a figment of Chuck's imagination. I certainly didn't know what to think of the Secret Ceremony. Bosmo made me feel a bit uneasy. And the "Ja-eeep" callings sounded like nails on a chalk board to me. The scriptures were simultaneously deep and philosophically challenged. But, this has certainly changed because I have never felt prouder to be a Bloatarian than now.

Listen to Club Night on the Brewing Network and this will all make sense to you. (<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/archive/clubnight08.mp3>) The DJs mentioned BBL and Bosmo often (in addition to Bryan E's PB&J beer!). We weren't talked about because we were the biggest Club Sponsor. It was because you; the homebrewers that make up BBL. Yes, we have our own language. Yes, we have a story about our mascot. Yes, we get really excited about our history and our scriptures. But I think it's fantastic that BN recognized that we were a different bunch. It was obvious to them that we are a tight knit club. That is evidenced to me continually when I see our Board meeting more alive than ever and our monthly meeting filled to the gills! It was obvious throughout the week at the conference. What a wonderful thing! Yes, I am proud to be Bloatarian.

Mark Your Calendar!

Cornhole Blowout VII
September 13th
D&J Manor



caution! cornholing in progress!



The Listermann Cup

An annual competition designed to promote participation in homebrew competitions.

Prizes: Third place - \$50 gift certificate
Second place - \$100 gift certificate
First place - \$300 gift certificate and a trophy cup.

Object: to place in as many homebrew competitions as possible as high as possible.

“Competitions” is defined as any AHA sanctioned point distributing competition anywhere.

Participation is limited to local brew clubs within about 100 miles of Cincinnati such as Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus, Huntington, Lexington and Louisville.

Winners will be determined by the accumulation of points during a year’s time beginning on the first of July each year.

Points will be awarded per below:

Normal AHA sanctioned competitions:

- 3 points for a first in category
- 2 points for a second in category
- 1 point for a third in category
- 3 extra points for Best of Show

First round National Homebrew Competition:

- 6 points for a first in category
- 4 points for a second in category
- 2 points for a third

Second round National Homebrew competition:

- 9 points for first in category
- 6 points for second in category
- 4 points for third in category
- 12 points for Ninkasi Award
- 18 points Homebrewer of the Year

**You might be a
homebrewer if...**

your neighbors think you have started a bottle recycling center.

AHA Club-Only Competitions

Those of you in the club that aren't AHA members may not know about the AHA Club-Only Competition program. The AHA holds six Club-Only Competitions each year which provide an opportunity for members of an AHA registered club, like the Bloatarians, to compete nationally with other homebrewers. Each AHA registered club is allowed to submit one entry to each competition, and each club is allowed to pick their one entry in any way they deem fair. Winning entries, in addition to bragging rights, earn points for their club toward the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year award. Each competition either focuses on certain styles (stouts, pilsners, etc.) or certain methods (Extract, Imperial Anything, etc.). We do encourage our club members to submit entries, but with so many other things going on in the last year or so it has taken a back burner. We're also making a few changes to make the Club-Only Competitions more on the forefront of our club member's minds. Here's everything relevant that you need to know, subject to change at any moment:

1. The AHA publishes the list of the future competitions on their website (<http://www.beertown.org>) and in Zy-murgy. To aid our non-AHA members, we will start publishing information for the next six months of competitions in our newsletter. This will give our club members who want to brew a beer for these competitions plenty of time to schedule, and a frequent reminder of what is coming up.
2. Brewers that are interested in entering one of the competitions need to contact Ray Snyder.
3. If there is more than one interested brewer, the club will hold a Best of Show style competition to pick the best entry at the appropriate monthly club meeting.
4. Once the board has made its decision, we will let the winning club member know that we will use their libation for our club entry. It is that club member's duty to register, package and ship their entry.
5. There is a \$7 entry fee for each competition. The club will reimburse the brewer for shipping and the entry fee. Also remember that Listermann's has a policy of paying for shipping for any entry being shipped to a homebrew competition.
6. If your entry places, you agree for us to publish your recipe in the newsletter, so other club members can learn from your success.

The 2008-2009 Club-Only Competition year starts off on August 2nd with a mead competition. Entries need to arrive in Minneapolis by July 25th, which means we have time to send an entry. If you have any meads you think are worthy, let Ray know. If not, check the schedule to see if any of the other future competitions suit your brewing practices.

Sam Adams LongShot 2008

Congrats go out to **Ron Mahan** for taking first place in the Chicago Region Weizen category in this years Sam Adams LongShot Homebrew Competition. Way to go Ron!



See more winners here:

<http://www.samueladams.com/promotions/LongShot/winners.aspx>



July Board Meeting Minutes

July 7 . Spatz Residence

In attendance: Bryan E., Kevin S., Andy M., Ray S., Phil M., Peggy M., Rob W., Darryl D., Jennifer H., John Z., Mike C., Brian B., Dave H., D.A., Scott L.

Toast @ 7:40 PM

Upcoming events: July 18th – Bastard Son of Zeply Imperial Cream Ale competition and club meeting at Treehouse

July 19th – Ewing Campout

August 2nd – Mead Day event at Westendorf's

August 16th – Beer and Sweat

Sept 9th – Board Meeting at Snyder's

Sept 13th – Cornhole Blowout at D&J Manor

Sept 19th – Great Feast of Floatus Bloatus at Treehouse

Sept 26th – Beer and Propane

Nov 21st – Club meeting “Cheesemaking”

-Jennifer and Ray are working on changes to the club by-laws. Major changes will include addition of more cabinet positions.

-Proposal to change the fixed recipe competition to a “non-hop” competition, which will include a group brew at the Garagemajal. Michael Ferguson has expressed interest in coming to the group brew and to the judging. Rob W. is working to coordinate both events.

-Proposal to hold October meeting at Mecklenburg Gardens with root beer as the topic. Brian B. volunteered to call Mecklenburg and make arrangements.

-Jennifer and Ray each requested an apprentice for this year's Beer and Sweat to learn how to run competition. Mike C. and Scott L. each volunteered for the positions.

-Volunteers needed to man registration and raffle for Beer and Sweat. Jennifer will be bringing sign up sheet to monthly meeting.

-Rob W. is setting up beer dinner at Oriental Wok the night before Beer and Sweat.

-Jennifer is looking to organize people to do a “Brewing Down the Haus” number at Beer and Sweat. Contact Jennifer if interested.

-Lengthy discussion ensued about how the revenue from the conference would be distributed amongst organizing clubs and how our club sales would be split out from the revenue. All revenue from pre-conference events and t-shirt sales minus expenses will be split amongst organizing clubs. Unsold conference t-shirts will be split up and sent to organizing clubs.

-John Z. volunteered for everything.

2008 National Homebrew Conference

CLUB KEG LIST

AABG	39	ASS	10	BFD	8
BBL	84	BOCK	16	BOOZE	16
BURP	16	CARBOY	6	CASK	10
CBS	10	CCAR	22	CMI	23
CRABS	9	CRAFT	14	DRAFT	2
FBI	18	FOAM	8	FORD	18
FOSSILS	9	GHHA	6	HTC	4
HB&A	4	KGB	10	LAGERS	27
MECA	7	MHL	8	MCM	18
MALT	13	MCB	23	PRIME	16
RLB	14	RCB	40	SHIT	3
SNOBS	7	SNOBS (Ohio)	11	SODZ	36
THC	11	TRASH	3	UNYHA	5
UKG/BUZZ	9				

Total: 613

This total only includes the registered kegs. Kegs that never left hotel rooms never got counted.

“Bastard Son of Zeply” To Be Judged in July

The conference may be over, but there's still beer left! It's time to judge your version of Bosmo's Imperial Cream Ale. The July meeting will feature judging of all of the different versions of the conference recipe that your fellow homebrewers have made. Competition details are simple: it's all one style! There is no entry fee – all you need to do is register, and bring your beer to the meeting. (On time would also help.) To register send me an email no later than midnight, July 16th, at R_Westendorf@fuse.net. We should also have some of the Barrelhouse-brewed version at the meeting for you to sample, so you can compare yourself to the pros. (I will note that a great many conference attendees were highly skeptical of an “Imperial Cream Ale,” but they all changed their tune and sung it's praises after just one taste.) See you at the meeting!



we still have some Bosmo's Imperial Cream Ale and Fireball Mead shirts for sale in case you didn't get one, or (*gasp!*) didn't attend the conference!

Microbrewery owner Dan Listermann has eye on Evanston's revival

Second phase of tiny operation includes brew pub

Appeared Friday, June 20, 2008 in the Business Courier of Cincinnati - by Jon Newberry, Staff Reporter



It's not exactly the 1800s again, when beer was big business in Cincinnati, but the local industry grew ever-so-slightly this week as a new microbrewery started up near Xavier University.

Listermann Brewing Co. in Evanston might be tiny - it makes just two barrels at a time - but it's the first new commercial brewery in the area since Mt. Carmel Brewing Co. opened in 2005.

Owner and president Dan Listermann cooked up his brewery's first batch of Wild Mild Ale on June 16, after more than a year of fighting through red tape to get licenses. The beer should be ready to sell in a couple weeks, barring further snags in getting labels OK'd by federal regulators.

"It's an incredible pile of paperwork," said Listermann, who tried to do it himself but eventually gave in and hired a lawyer.

Listermann Brewing is starting off as a low-budget operation with modest expectations, but it's one with heady potential given its

fortuitous location across the street from Xavier Square, a 20-acre mixed-use development scheduled to open in 2010. Plans call for a hotel, restaurants, shops and offices; a fitness center; and student housing. Total investment is expected to hit \$100 million.

Listermann, meanwhile, bought his 62-gallon brewing system for \$5,000 from a Port Clinton, Ohio, brew pub and installed it in a corner at his existing 13,000-square-foot building. The low-risk strategy is a testament to his respect for the adage that "to make a small fortune in the microbrewery business, it's best to start out with a large fortune."

"I didn't want to spend a quarter of a million dollars on a gamble like this. I did it on the cheap," he said. "If I do 100 barrels a year, that'll be great. Somebody asked me, 'Do you think you'll have enough capacity?' and I said, 'Boy, I hope not.'"

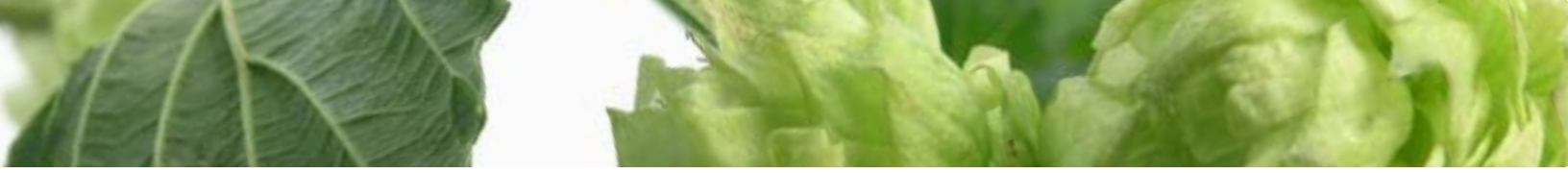
A more-ambitious second phase, for which he's already preparing drawings, is a bar and brew pub in the front of the building along Dana Avenue. Once Xavier Square opens, everything changes.

"This place is going to be real different, real soon," Listermann said of his neighborhood in transition.

A homebrewer and tinkerer who was dissatisfied with the beer-making equipment he found, he started Listermann Manufacturing Co. Inc. in 1991 to produce bottle fillers and other homebrewing devices, initially setting up shop at the Hamilton County Business Center nearby in Norwood. The incubator helped him find and arrange financing for his building, which he moved into in 1995. He owns almost an acre of adjacent parking that he rents for Cintas Center events.

Listermann Manufacturing has since developed into a thriving outlet for homebrewing and wine-making supplies, and Listermann figures its customers will be happy to buy his beer when they stop to pick up malt and hops. Current plans call for making three beer styles to sell for \$2.75 per 22-ounce bottle. They are:

Wild Mild Ale, a dark English-style mild ale with low alcohol content, a "session beer" well-suited for consumption in larger quantities;



Cream Ale, a nod to Cincinnati's long patronage of Little Kings Cream Ale, created in the 1950s by the Schoenling Brewing Co.;

Malt Liquor, a dry, high-alcohol style that's been neglected by craft brewers, in Listermann's opinion.

All three styles are relatively low in hops, a dried floral cone that gives beer bitter and aromatic qualities. That's an advantage given a recent hops shortage that has quadrupled prices over the past year and rendered some varieties virtually impossible to get.

Despite the hops shortage and rising barley malt prices, Listermann's chances of success would seem to be favorable based on national trends and, locally, on the experience of Mike and Kathleen Dewey's Mt. Carmel Brewing Co.

The Deweys started their brewery - initially even smaller than Listermann's - in the basement of their Mount Carmel home in 2005. They've since expanded to a seven-barrel system and moved into a new addition. They expect to expand their 1,000-barrel-a-year brewing capacity again soon, as they are at capacity, Kathleen Dewey said.

Retail distribution now includes sales of half-gallon jugs at area Bigg's and Kroger stores, plus a couple dozen bars and restaurants where it's served on draft. They're planning to add a bottling line for 12-ounce bottles in response to customer requests.

Nationally, craft beer sales grew 12 percent by volume in both 2007 and 2006 while sales of mainstream domestic and imported beers have stagnated, according to the Brewers Association, a beer industry trade group based in Boulder, Colo. At the same time, the numbers of microbreweries and brew pubs have also turned positive again, after falling every year from 2000 through 2005.

Spokesman Paul Gatza said Listermann's background as an inventor also gives him an advantage: "He's made quite a few gadgets for brewers over the years. If anything goes wrong, he'll figure it out.

Welcome the Newest Bloat

Kohen Everett Mason

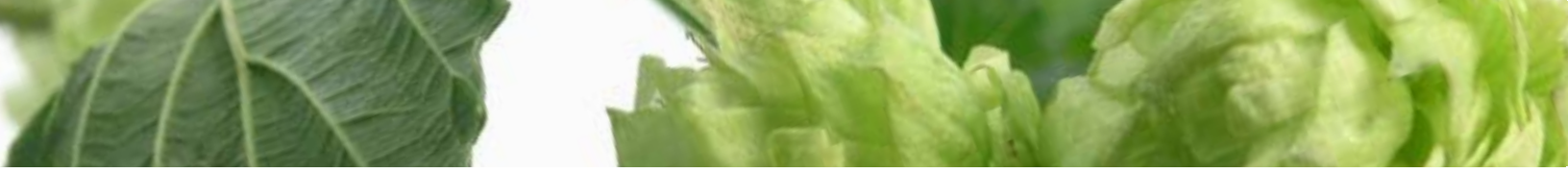
Born 6/10/2008

8 lb. 9.5 oz.

21.25 in



"Kohen jonesing for a beer"



Reflections on NHC...

continued

British beer expert, told me my English pale was “excellent, and on a par with anything being brewed in England today.” The Wyeast folks had an exhibit next to these kegs, and they wanted my Belgian pale recipe, as they loved the way it tasted, and showcased their Belgian Ardennes yeast.

Finally, the people involved on the planning committee did a remarkable job. Many put in tremendous hours, and their skill and experience made this conference shine. Many of your fellow Bloats were heavily involved, but there were also many people from other clubs who contributed tremendously. Over the years, Beer and Sweat has enabled us to make a lot of friends from clubs in the region. Our friends came through big, and were a large factor in our success. At the next monthly meeting I intend to recognize all of the Bloats involved. At Beer and Sweat I will do the same for those from other clubs. Homebrew certainly does bring out the best in people, and has helped us make some of the greatest friends in the world!

JA-EEEEEP!

My fellow Bloatarians,

Thank you for your shoulders and ears and tissues and helping hands during AHA. I could not have pulled off my part in it without the help of so many of you. You have all been so kind with your emails of hope and encouragement and I thank you again and again.

Peace,

Jennifer

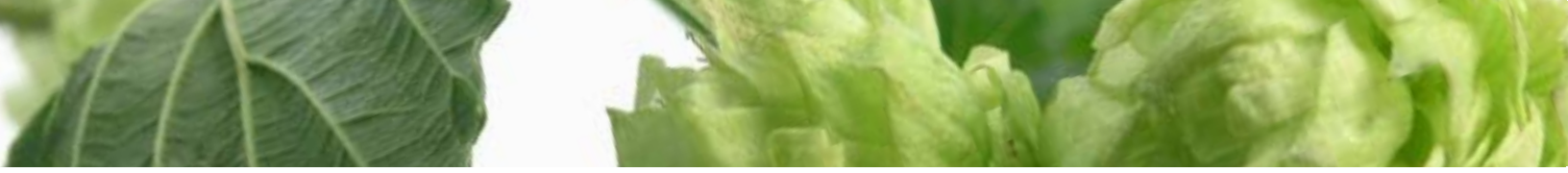
Propane Tank Safety Alert

This is especially important because so many places don't allow Propane tank refilling, but rather tank swaps.

Please check out the link at the end of the article, as it has pictures which allow you to identify bad tanks immediately. Methamphetamine cooks are buying propane tanks from the exchanges at Wal-Mart, Circle-K, Kroger, etc., and emptying them of the propane gas. Then they fill the propane tanks with anhydrous ammonia, with which they now have a recipe to cook Methamphetamine. After they are finished with the propane tanks, they return them to the store. The stores refill the tanks with propane gas, unknowing to them the improper substance that was inserted in the tanks and sell them to their consumers. Anhydrous ammonia is very corrosive and weakens the structure of the tank. It can be very dangerous when mixed with propane gas and hooked up to a grill, recreation vehicle, etc.

You should inspect the propane tank for any blue or greenish residue around the valve areas. If there are evidences of these substances, do not purchase the propane tank and advise the vendor of your findings. The information was researched, and you should check out the following website for more details. They also have pictures for you to view.

<http://www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=529>



Reasons to like beer... by 7 year olds

A handful of 7 year old children were asked 'what they thought of beer.' Some interesting responses, but the last one is especially touching.

7 year old Tim- 'I think beer must be good. My dad says the more beer he drinks the prettier my mom gets.'

7 year old Mellanie - 'Beer makes my dad sleepy and we get to watch what we want on television when he is asleep, so beer is nice.'

7 year old Grady - 'My Mom and Dad both like beer. My Mom gets funny when she drinks it and takes her top off at parties, but Dad doesn't think this is very funny.'

7 year old Toby - 'My Mom and Dad talk funny when they drink beer and the more they drink the more they give kisses to each other, which is a good thing.'

7 year old Sarah - 'My Dad gets funny on beer. He is funny. He also wets his pants sometimes, so he shouldn't have too much.'

7 year old Lilly - 'My Dad loves beer. The more he drinks, the better he dances. One time he danced right into the pool.'

7 year old Ethan - 'I don't like beer very much. Every time Dad drinks it, he burns the sausages on the barbeque and they taste disgusting.'

7 year old Shirley - 'I give Dad's beer to the Dog and he goes to sleep.'

7 year old Jack - 'My Mom drinks beer and she says silly things and picks on my father. Whenever she drinks beer she yells at Dad and tells him to go bury his bone down the street again, but that doesn't make any sense.'

Fast Fact: By age 60 you will have lost about 50% of your tastebuds and 40% of your sense of smell.

Bosmo Sez: *Too bad for you golden oldies! Young'ins... pop a homebrew and enjoy it while you can still taste it!*



Overheard at July Boards

“I’m the only guy I know who’s been given a \$35 ticket for ‘Drinking in public without permission of the Wharf Master.’”

Sir Ray of Snyder

“Scalenojedrus!”

“Mike, to the cooler!”

What?! All this info and no photos from NHC?!

OK, then... check out some links:

<http://www.bloatarian.org/gallery>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/harkjohnny/> (Minister, Andy Melchers, BBL)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/rmahan/page2/> (Ron Mahan, BBL)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/28158852@N06/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/26653233@N05/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tchrimer42/sets/72157605740479265/>

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