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GOTCHA! Beer & Sweat 2009 Lives!

April Fools! Beer & Sweat will remain on the Bloatarian calendar for August 2009. *Bosmo thumbs his nose at you for even believing such heinous untruths!* HOWEVER... We really do need your help! See Page 5 for more details.

Name That Beer!

Norwood Community Center . April 17 . 7pm

Think you can distinguish an ale from a lager? Do you know the difference between American and English Barley-wines? Do you think that you would be able to distinguish an American Lager from a German Lager? You'll get the chance to try at Name That Beer!

Here's how it works: You'll be given samples of a commercially available beer. You must first decide if it is an ale or a lager? (1 point). Then define the general style. (Example: American Ale, another point.) Now, can you name the correct sub-style? (Am. Brown Ale, a third point). Finally, can you name the exact brand of beer? (In this example, Bell's Best Brown, another two points.) He/She who tallies the most points after five beers will be crowned the Big Shot Bloatarian Beer Nerd of the Month (Quite an honor!) To make things a little easier, for each beer we'll recruit a victim... er, expert, who will taste the beer and give impressions and guesses to the group. This gives you a chance to compare your tasting skills with some of our more experienced members, and maybe improve your overall palate. This fun and challenging April meeting promises to be another great one in what's become an annual event.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212

JA-EEP!!

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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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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 the 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:

Mike Carver
998 Mistflower Lane Florence, KY 41042

Upcoming Competitions

05/16/2009

Bloatarian Open

Cincinnati, OH
Terraqua Club

Contact: Michael Carver
Phone: (314) 440-6850

Entry Fee: \$10 for unlimited entries
Entry Deadline: 05/06/2009

07/18/2009

Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

Columbus, OH

Contact: Brett Chance
Phone: (614) 644-4126

Entry Fee: \$5
Entry Deadline: 06/20/2009

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 cenosilicaphobia. 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!

2009 Bloatarian Open

Mike Carver . Competition Director . treasurer@bloatarian.org

This year's Bloatarian Open is less than a month away! For those of you who don't know what it is, the Bloatarian Open is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned club-only homebrew competition that takes place in May. This year's competition will take place on Saturday, May 16th at Terraqua Club in Sharonville. Registration will begin at 10:00am.

As last year – **All homebrew entries and judge/steward sign-ups will be done online at www.bloatarian.org.** The link to the entry form can be found on the main page. You should provide the entry style, BJCP category and subcategory, and any special ingredients (if appropriate). **Entry deadline is May 6th.**

All BJCP categories are open for entry and entries can be either kegs or bottles. If you are submitting bottles, we will need at least two for each entry (enough for two rounds of judging).

Cost - \$10 for unlimited entries.

All first time competitors can enter as many as they want for free!

You can sign up to judge even if you're not a certified BJCP judge. With a competition this large we can never have enough volunteers, so sign up at www.bloatarian.org. Remember, you don't have to be a member to judge or steward, so bring your friends from outside the club to help.

Even if you're not stewarding or judging, come by and socialize afterward and find out who won Best of Show. The awards ceremony will take place as soon as we have the scores tabulated. After the competition is over we will be grilling burgers and brats, and I think there might even be some beer left over to drink!

Big Brew 2009

Donauschwaben Society, 4290 Dry Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

When: Saturday May 2nd

The Bloatarian Brewing League will be joining the Cincinnati Malt Infusers, the Donauschwaben Brew Club, and other local homebrewers to celebrate National Homebrew Day at the Donauschwaben Society. Come on out and be a part of this year's Big Brew event. All grain brewing starts early in the morning, there will be extract brewing demos throughout the day, and the National Homebrew Day Toast will occur at 1pm. Easy access to water, power, and homebrew will be available. It's Tim McPartlin's birthday too!

This year's Big Brew recipes include a Saison and a Dark Mild. Additional details can be found at the AHA website.

Dark Lord Day!

Three Floyds makes an Imperial Stout called Dark Lord. A number of sources have called it the best beer made in America, and #2 worldwide (Westvletern is considered #1). It's released only one day a year, and only at the brewery. In 2009 that day is Saturday, April 25th. The event has grown so large it's been booked in the local Civic Center to handle the crowd.

<http://www.darklordday.com/>



Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping

Rob Westendorf

May 15th: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping, a benefit for the German American Citizens League. This event kicks off the German "Maifest" season, and also celebrates the opening of the German Heritage Museum for the summer. Moerlein's new recipe for "Lager House", their Munich Helles, will be the featured beer, and all other Moerlein beers will also be available. This event will be hosted by the Germania Society, located in Colerain Township, at 3529 West Kemper Rd. Hours are from 5:00 until midnight. Tapping @ 7pm.

August 15th: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping, a benefit for the German American Citizens League. This time we celebrate the beginning of Oktoberfest season! The featured keg will be, surprise!, Moerlein's Oktoberfest. All of the various Moerlein beers will also be available. The event will be hosted by the Germania Society, located in Springfield Township at 10235 Mill Rd. Hours are from 5:00 until midnight. The primary raffle prize will once again be a Rookwood Moerlein stein.

In addition, Roxanne and I are in charge of raffle ticket sales for the May event, and we could use a little help. We only need a couple of 30 minute shifts from people, so, if they're coming anyway, please give us a hand.

Here's a brief description from Moerlein concerning their reason for changing the Lager House recipe:

"Last year when we launched the Moerlein Lager House to replace the Christian Moerlein Select Lager, there was a malt and hop shortage worldwide. If you didn't read about it, it was really bad causing some brewers to not even be able to brew beer. We had a good supply of Malt, but we had to use 2-Row Malt instead of German Pils Malt in the recipe as the German Pils Malt was not available at any price. This caused us to not have as much of a robust lager than we wanted. This keg tapping is to celebrate the launch of the Moerlein Lager House Original Golden Helles using 100% German Pils Malt in the beer, making it one of the greatest Munich-Helles Style beers in the world."



German Day 2009

Rob Westendorf

German Day is June 7th, again at the Hofbrauhaus. I will again be collecting donations of bottles of commercial beer, assembled into gift baskets, as the Bloatarian donation for the German Day raffle. Bottles can be brought to the April or May meetings, both Board and regular meetings, or dropped at Listermann's no later than May 22nd.

German Day Weekend Keg Tapping

Date: Wednesday, May 27 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hofbräuhaus Newport

German Day Kickoff Parade

Date: Saturday, June 6 2009

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Findlay Market

German Day Celebration

Date: Sunday, June 7 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Place: Hofbräuhaus Newport



Beer & Sweat 2009

Jennifer Hermann

So it seems that a few of our friends were hitting the homebrews early on April 1st since they fell for Beer & Sweat being cancelled. (Mahiques forgot that it was April Fool's Day.)

Beer & Sweat will happen as usual! The world's largest (by volume) keg only homebrew competition has happened the third Saturday in August for the past 23 years. This year will be no different in that respect. What needs to be different is the administration that will run it. The current administration will not be making plans to run the competition in the future. NOW is the time for YOU to step up and learn what it takes to help run a fantastic event! NOW is the best time for you to be involved, while you still have the current administration available to shadow!

The major responsibilities are highlighted below. Please contact us for more details! We want to help the next administration be as successful as we have been!

Event Director – currently, Jennifer Hermann

Most of your tasks happen before the event so that you are free to trouble shoot and put out fires during the event. Major tasks include negotiations with the hotel, ordering medals and glassware, sending announcements, organizing “booth sitters” for registration and raffle, looking pretty and smiling a lot.

Competition Organizer – currently, Ray Snyder

Your primary responsibility is running the competition portion of the event. You need not BJCP certified, but should have a strong interest and knowledge of the style guidelines. You will work with the current BBL President to present the awards at the award ceremony. You need not know Bosmo personally; you will be formally introduced at the appropriate time.



Beer & Sweat 09 continued

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Tabulation Specialist – currently Darryl Dieckman

Your primary responsibility is tabulating judge's scores and points for other awards and assisting the Head Steward. You need not be sober the entire day.

Raffle Coordinator – currently John Zeller

Most of the work needs to be done well in advance of the competition. You'll solicit sponsors through letters, emails, phone calls for items that we can raffle at Beer&Sweat. We have a standard list, with a few being added as the years go by, so this is in no way a cold calling session! Most of your work is done well before the day of the event. Heavy procrastinators need not apply. You'll only stress yourself out. Right John?!

This list is not exhaustive of every detail. But these are the 4 main positions that will need to be filled ASAP. Contact Jennifer for further details.

Pro-Am Competitions

Bryan Evenson

Ever wanted to have one of your recipes brewed by a professional brewery? In the last several years The *Great American Beer Festival* has had a Pro-Am category in the in the competition. Any commercial brewery can enter using a recipe from an AHA member. There are two local breweries that are holding competitions to pick their entry and a couple national ones also.

Upland Brewing Company UpCup

This competition will be held on May 16th in Bloomington, IN. Open to all AHA members. Only entry per homebrewer. More details at their website at <http://www.uplandbeer.com>.

Alltech Brewing

Alltech Brewing in Lexington will be holding a Brewout/Pro-Am Competition on May 9th. Limited details were available at press time. Look for more information soon on the club website.

Puget Sound Pro-Am

Not local, but in this one competition 11 breweries will be picking their entries for the GABF Pro-Am! Any BJCP style will be accepted, but some breweries are looking for specific styles. Check out what the different breweries are looking for at <http://www.bewbc.org/pro-am>

Sam Adams Longshot

Not part of the GABF Pro-Am competition, but Sam Adams is again holding their own homebrew competition. Two lucky homebrewers will get to have their beers brewed in a commemorative six-pack by Sam Adams next year. Check the Sam Adams website at <http://www.samueladams.com/promotions/LongShot/Default.aspx> for more details.

April Board Meeting Minutes

4-6-09

In attendance: Jim and Nancy F., Bob S., Dick M., Mike and Joanne F., Rob and Roxanne W., Jennifer H., Phil and Lisa M., Mike C., John Z., Dave H.

Meeting started at 8:10 PM

National Homebrew Day: Club has been invited to join with CMI at Donaschwaben for National Homebrew Day. Put to vote whether to take CMI's offer or to continue with plans to brew at D&J Manor. Board voted for joining CMI at Donaschwaben.

NHC Club Night: Currently have a booth reserved for Club Night. Rob W. volunteered to verify we have enough beer committed to justify booth.

Bockfest: Ran smoother than last year (no snowstorm helped). More entries than last year.

Mike C. checked on freight shipping prices for sending beer to NHC. Found option that was reasonably priced. He had checked for only bottles; does not know if they have a problem with shipping pressurized kegs. Mike C. will follow up.

New member interested in filming "how to brew" video for Northern Kentucky cable access. It was suggested that National Homebrew Day would probably be his best opportunity.

Beer and Sweat: April Fools! Beer and Sweat is NOT cancelled. Still looking for new people to shadow this year and run it next year.

Club insurance: Delay on pricing on AHA's end. Ray will contact Gary Glass after he is done with the Craft Brewer's Fest.

April Club topic: Name that Beer! Dave L. has it under control. Will ask for people to steward and say something about the beers during the meeting.

Misc: Ray S. suggested the club buy a grill. Will come in handy with the new meeting location. Board approved.

It was suggested that March Beer Madness has run its course and should be rotated out with another topic. Swap meet and gadget night?

Rob and Roxanne will be running raffle at Christian Moerlien keg tapping on May 15th. Will need help. If you are attending event, expect to be drafted!

DRAFT will be having a brewout at Belmont Party Supply on National Homebrew Day specifically to bring beer to Beer and Sweat. Ray suggested someone from club should attend their brewout. If interested let Ray know you plan on attending.

Beer and Deer at Westendorfs Memorial Day weekend. More information to follow.

Club has been invited to attend the Big Barn Brew Bash up in Mansfield, OH on the weekend of August 8th, hosted by Mansfield Brew Club. Sounds like their club's version of Beer and Propane. If interested, check out Mansfield Brew Club website for details.

Bryan E.: almost complete with homebrew club mailing list. Will send completed list to board when finished.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings for the year will be held at these dates and locations:

May 4 - D&J Manor

9985 McKelvey Rd., Cinti, 45231 513-522-2436

June 1 - Dan Listerman's Campout

July 6 - Dave Harsh's Dorm

August 3 - John Zeller's Westside Patio

September 7 - BBL Minister's Bungalow

October 5 - TBD

November 2 - TBD

December 7 - TBD

Room for AHA NHC...

I currently have a reservation for the Oakland conference hotel which I will not likely be able to use. Before I cancel it and turn it back into the hotel, is there anyone locally who has plans to go to the conference in June that needs it? Please let me know and I can look into having the reservation transferred. The reservation is for 6/16 - 6/21.

email me, Phil

