



Hudson Valley Home Brewers, inc  
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## MAY 2007 NEWS

### MAY MEETING TOPIC: PROFESSOR STEVE THOMAS PRESENTS... BUBBLES! BUBBLES! BUBBLES!

Trust us folks,  
you won't want to miss this meeting.

Steve will reprise his now famous presentation on BUBBLES, and will update us on any new and relevant discoveries that have been made.

If you have never seen this one, it is probably one of the best and certainly the most memorable of BEER topic discussions we have in the Hudson Valley Homebrewers.

You will learn **more** about beer bubbles than you ever thought was possible!

After attending this presentation, and then putting Steve's recommendations into your brewing process, you will all be able to get far better bubbles in your beer than you are presently achieving.

BE THERE!

Recycled images that work:



The professor as we remember him from his previous performance

## BIG BREW DAY

Saturday May 5

Big Brew day is tomorrow, Saturday May 5. We will get started around 10 AM at Party Creations.

The recipes that the AHA is suggesting can be found at: <http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/recipes.html> but you may want to brew

### Annual PICNIC to be held Saturday June 9 at Wilcox Park

Folks, the picnic is planned for Saturday, June 9, from 11AM to 5PM.

NOTE, that is now around **36 days away**. NOW, don't just go to sleep! Think of what that 36 days will accomplish:

**WE GOTTA HAVE BEER FOR THE PICNIC:** Brew a beer smaller than 1.044 NOW and it will be ready IN TIME! Heck, brew it tomorrow at BIG Brew Day!

**WE GOTTA HAVE FOOD FOR THE PICNIC:** Please, don't make *that* now, it won't taste good then....BUT...be thinking of something REALLY COOL that you make and **PLAN TO BRING IT**. Actually,

The MAY Meeting will be held  
WEDNESDAY 5/9 at 96 Main 8PM

## Picnic is coming Continued...

COMMIT to making it. Great things to bring are;  
VEGETABLE DISHES

SALADS

DIPPING STUFF

UNIQUE ENTREES

DESERTS

It would be really nice if someone could volunteer to organize a few game activities for those of us kids in the group. You know the kind...

EGG TOSS

WATER BALOON TOSS

And other things that "adults" and children like to do at picnics.

**BE LOOKING FOR A MID-MONTH  
NEWSLETTER **SPECIAL PICNIC ISSUE****

## BIG Brew Day cont...

something else. Perfectly OK.

Just be there and brew something, OR come to heckle the rest of us who are brewing. This is a good time for recent converts to watch others who look like they know what they are doing and learn how to do stuff.

Don't forget to bring something to eat to share with the crowd!

**Support the shop that supports our  
Club!**

**PARTY CREATIONS**

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**Tuesday thru Friday 11AM—7PM**

**Saturday 11AM—4PM**

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**845-758-0661**

**[www.partycreations.net](http://www.partycreations.net)**

## MEAD Meeting in NYC Guest Speakers: Art Scott & Steve Schwartz

The New York City Homebrewing Guild is having their annual MEAD meeting on May 15th, 7:30 PM at the Burp Castle, 41 East 7th St., between 2nd and 3rd.

They have some great meadmakers down there, and draw others in from outlying areas, so this is one that mead fans don't like to miss out on.

From their newsgroup email;

On Tuesday, May 15th, the guild will hold in seventh annual mead-themed meeting. Our guest speakers will be Art Scott and Steve Schwartz, of the Hudson Valley Homebrewers. Both are amateur beekeepers and are very interesting speakers (and fun to stare at). And, of course, there will be plenty of mead to pass around.

In past years, we've had visitors from Maine to California come to this meeting to exchange and

## June Meeting Tentative Sked

The June meeting is planned for Wednesday June 13 over at the County Inn in Beautiful Downtown Krumville. We have yet to hear back from Peter with his OK, but they have never turned us away before, have they?

## The Big Cask Project

At the last Steering Committee meeting, a plan was discussed that would involve a volunteer group of club-members who would each brew 5 or 10 gallons of a barleywine or imperial stout that would be blended (following successful primary fermentation) into a 55 gallon bourbon cask and then maintained in Ray Sykes basement for awhile (say 1 year or so) and then released to the participants for kegging and bottling. Anyone who wants to participate may do so, regardless of whether you are an extract or all-grain brewer. Stay tuned to these pages for more on this cool project. Probably brew in summer, cask in fall.

<b>BIG Brew Day Party Creations</b>	<b>Saturday May 5 10 AM</b>
<b>May Meeting</b> 96 Main @ Corner of South Clover <b>Topic: Advances in Bubble Theory and Technology, with Steve Thomas</b>	<b>Wednesday 5/9 @ 8PM</b>
<b>Annual MEAD Meeting at NYCHG, Burp Castle 41 East 7th, between 2nd and 3rd</b>	<b>Tuesday 5/15 @ 7:30PM</b>
<b>May Steering Committee Meeting (possibly) Charlie's House; 44 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie</b>	<b>Wednesday 5/16 @ 8PM</b>
<b>Amber Waves of Grain Competition go here for all details: <a href="http://awoghomebrew.com/">http:// awoghomebrew.com/</a> <b>PARTY CREATIONS IS A DROPOFF</b></b>	<b>Friday and Saturday May 18 &amp; 19</b>
<b>Brewers East End Revival COMPETITION Long GIland... go here for all details: <a href="http://hbd.org/beer/">http://hbd.org/beer/</a></b>	<b>Saturday, May 19</b>
<b>HVHB Picnic Wilcox Park Route 199 near Beautiful Downtown Lafayetteville</b>	<b>Saturday 6/9 10 AM</b>
<b>HVHB Meeting on the ROAD at The Country Inn, Krumville NY To be confirmed....</b>	<b>Wednesday June 13 @ 8:00PM</b>
<b>Mead Day Party Creations</b>	<b>Saturday 8/4 10 AM</b>
<b>Dutchess County Fair BEER COMPETITION Date and time CORRECTED by the Fair</b>	<b>Saturday 8/11 9AM</b>

### TAP NY 2007



**Bill Woodring and ? From Lake Placid, winner  
of BOTH Matthew Vassar and FX Matt awards  
this year at TAP-NY 2007 Awards list can be  
found here: <http://www.tap-ny.com/win2007.htm>**

(for some reason, the TAP NY site did not credit the  
brewers, just the breweries 5/4/07)

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**Steering Committee Meetings** are held the  
Wednesday after the Club Meeting, and are open to  
anyone who would like to attend AND contribute.

### THE SMALL PRINT

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The HVHB was founded to fulfill the following purposes: a.) to promote public awareness of home brewing; b.) to improve and encourage our brewing skills through education and instruction, recipe exchange, cooperative brewing, competitions and tasting; c.) to learn more about better beer by sharing our collective knowledge; d.) to learn to become good beer judges and help others constructively to improve their brewing skills; and e.) to have good fellowship and assume personal responsibility for drinking within reason.

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