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December Meeting

The December meeting on Wed Dec 10th will be at The Dubliner in Poughkeepsie at 796 Main St and will feature guest speaker Elizabeth Lyons from Dogfish Head Brewery. This is also our holiday meeting, so if you have a holiday beer, then bring it. The Dubliner is an excellent venue with 23 taps that serve an exceptional line up of craft beer; from our region as well as from around the world. The current line up includes Captain Lawrence Smoked Porter as well as Fullers London Porter on the beer engine and many others. For a full list of what is currently on tap check out the website at <http://www.dublinerpubny.com/drinks.html>.

HVHB November 12, 2008 Meeting

Anniversary Party

The anniversary party was hosted by Charlie and Patti Haight at their home. A ton of people showed up, ate a ton of great food, drank a little bit of homebrew, and had so much fun reminiscing.

Teach a Friend Day

The group brewed 35 gallons of beer and soda on November 1. Approximately 50 people were in and out of the site throughout the day. There were three extract batches (one was soda), one extract and grains batch, and two all-grain batches. Jim and his son, Randy, Dann, Craig, Dan, Mark, and Bruce spent the day making beer and soda while teaching others who dropped by to find out more about our hobby of homebrewing. Check out some of the photos from the event

<http://hvhomebrewers.com/gallery2/thumbnails.php?album=6>

Apple Picking/Pressing Cider

"To show our appreciation to Mead Orchard and Migliorelli's Farm, Frankie offered to mention them on the club's website and add their link to the orchard's website and send each a thank you letter. In addition, Marty has suggested that everyone involved in either the picking or pressing contribute a couple dollars in order to purchase a couple gift certificates for local restaurants. Bill Dickett suggested buying the gift certificates online at discounted prices. Please bring your contribution to the next meeting or mail it to Marty Rowe, 193 Rhynders Rd., Staatsburg, NY 12580 - in order to get the gift certificates to the orchards before the holidays. Please save 2 small labeled samples of what you made for the orchards, if possible. I'll collect the samples and delivery them to the orchards at a later time." Marty

55 Gallon Drum Offer

(contact cehaight@optonline.net if interested)

I was wondering if the brew club would be interested in purchasing any 55 gal food grade plastic drums. We are a small manufacturing co. that specializes in making pasta sauces and Indian simmer sauces. We receive our tomato sauce in the 55 gal drums. Once they are empty, we don't have any need for them. We are interested in selling them. The cost would be \$12.00 each, however, if you buy 10 or more, we can sell them to you for \$10.00. They would have to be picked up, they are too big (and expensive) to deliver. Right now, we have about 30 here, and we get probably 5-6 a week. Please contact us if you are interested. Thanks, Lauren (Wolfgang B. Gourmet Foods, 117 Cauterskill Ave, Catskill, NY. 12414, 518-943-2125)

Upcoming Competitions:

For the latest update on **NYSHOTY**:

http://nyshoty.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28

Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews

Results are in: <http://www.moonbrew.com/kbotb/winner2008.html>

Congratulations to Manny Holl with a 3rd place American Barleywine, Dann Gavaletz with a 2nd place Belgian Blond Ale, and Randy Rarig with a 3rd place Open Mead Category.

Homebrew Alley

Coming February 2009 <http://hbd.org/nycbg/>

Hudson Valley Homebrewers

Coming March 2009 <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/index.html>

European Beer Awards

http://www.european-beer-star.com/inhalt/gewinner/Gewinner_2008.pdf

BJCP Exam

Hi all, I will be holding study groups for the BJCP exam scheduled for April 18th next year. I am planning to have them on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 8 pm at my house in Paramus. The first one will be on November 26th. 12/24 is out. We will follow the study schedule from the study guide. We will have examples of commercial styles and go over the history and style guidelines. If anyone has a homebrew version, we can also judge it. I suggest you follow this link to the brewers' association site to look at the materials and download the study guide.

www.beertown.org/homebrewing/scp/judge.html. I also suggest printing out the style guidelines. I have a couple of the Classic Beers Series; maybe we can get some of them copied. I have Ray Daniels' book Designing Great Beers, which is also very good and I recommend it to any homebrewer. Once I became a judge, styles became much more important to me and it is very helpful. I live at 382 Spring Valley Road in Paramus. If you map it, do it for 338 Hickory Ave. My property goes back to Hickory. I have a stand alone Garage there and Hickory is where you need to park. Come in the yard and go down by basement door, a Bilco door. Please respond if you are going to attend. I will collect \$20 from everyone to pay for beer, munchies and supplies. I probably will have to collect more, but we will see how it goes. The first session will be on light lagers and an orientation. Anyone want to volunteer to bring 2 Bud's?

Cheers,

Rob

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Hop Devil Grill Closing?

http://nymag.com/daily/food/2008/11/beer_bars_closing_prompts_unex.html

<http://beeradvocate.com/forum/read/1635177>

Brewing Information

(The Brewing Network's BREW STRONG)

Advanced brewing information is now being released by "two guys that put the testicles in technical" and "turn *beer* into **BEER!**" "They drink before they think" and they're "the Lance Armstrong of homebrewing minus the nut thing."

<http://thebrewingnetwork.com/shows/Brew-Strong>

Newsletter Articles

Read a good beer joke. Found an interesting beer article. Heard some good gossip on an upcoming event. If you have any newsletter content you would like to see or contribute, please feel free to email me at gridironbrewer@hvhomebrewers.com



HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Dec 10,2008	Monthly meeting	Xmas Beer	Elizabeth Lyons DFH	Dubliner

HVHB Dues

A common complaint since we did away with the paper newsletter is that people don't pay their dues because they don't know when they are due anymore. Below is a list of the club membership and their anniversary date in 2008. This is not an indication of paid or not paid, only a reminder of which month the dues are due. If your dues are due this month and you have paid them I thank you. If they are due and you have not paid them please see Charlie Haight, Gloria Franconi, Al Alexa or John Rudy or you can mail them to:

**Hudson Valley HomeBrewers
503 Sharon Turnpike
Millbrook, NY 12545
<http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/dues.html>**

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