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## HVHB July 09, 2008 Meeting

The mead meeting was great! A big thanks goes out to Chuck Lutz for his mead presentation. Chuck brought two commercial and two homemade meads. The two commercial meads were a traditional and a pyment. His two homemade meads were a spiced and a pyment. You can check out a local liquor or wine store to find some commercial mead; just ask a store clerk. Randy brought carrot blossom honey mead and a hot cider. Art and Steve had a braggot and traditional mead. There were also an oatmeal stout and a pyment floating around.

### **Volunteers still needed!**

Teach a Friend Coordinator

Meeting Topic Speakers (October, December)

*And of course we need everyone to come out and support those that volunteer to coordinate.*

**Next meeting will be August 13, 2008, 8PM, Jim Taylor's house (Homebrew in the Pool). Don't go to River Station or you will be all alone.**

Jim & Michelle Taylor  
51 Prospect St  
New Paltz, NY  
845-255-8474

"Bring beer and suit. Please remind Schwartz, that's a BATHING suit; not his birthday suit." FF

"Please remember to bring:

1. Homebrew...or commercial brew if you have no homebrew.
2. Bathing suit .... it is a pool party.
3. Food ..... Everyone needs to eat

Feel free to show up around 7 instead of the usual 8pm start." CH

## Upcoming Competitions:

For the latest update on NYSHOTY:

[http://nyshoty.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28](http://nyshoty.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13&Itemid=28)

### SNERHC 2008

The 19th Usually Annual Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition (SNERHC 2008) will definitely be held in Newtown CT on October 19th 2008. So keep brewing, and put all your spring winners and should-have-been winners in the back of your frig and save them for the competition. We will be making a formal competition announcement closer to the date. My e-mail list has one more year's worth of stale e-mail addresses stale, so please put the word out.  
Von Bair

### Mead day is NEARLY HERE!

Last year this was our totals and notes

site#:10 | Party Creations, 345 Rokeby Road, Red Hook, New York USA

site type: supply shop email: [franconi@ulster.net](mailto:franconi@ulster.net)

notes: great time had by all, lots of great meads to taste and wonderful food to eat ... even turned some people stopping by the shop to the potential of making mead ... thanks to everybody  
gallons: 50 | batches: 10 | participants: 10

The amount of mead consumed was just about as much as was made by everyone, plus we had beer and port as well!! This year it would be good to have even more people present and more people making mead. To aid in this years Mead Day anyone who is interested in making mead but does not want to spend a ton of money purchasing honey by the pound from the store can email me at [rsrurig@alum.syracuse.edu](mailto:rsrurig@alum.syracuse.edu) and tell me how much honey you want and what kind you would like...Orange Blossom, Wildflower, Blueberry or just tell me you want honey and how much and I will see if I can get enough interest to do a bulk order for honey. A typical batch of dry mead for 5 gallons is about 9lbs of honey, sweet mead can be 16lbs of honey so you decide and please contact me and hopefully we can order some honey and make lots of mead. This day is full of fun and food. Please bring a dish to share and we will meet at Party Creations in August 2, 2008.

Any questions please contact me. [rsrurig@alum.syracuse.edu](mailto:rsrurig@alum.syracuse.edu)

## Beer News

### Inbev Buys Anheuser-Busch

In case you haven't heard the news, Belgium-based company, Inbev, has bought out 14<sup>th</sup> ranked (world wide) Anheuser-Busch. Is this going to be good news or bad news for craftbrewers and homebrewers? Check out an article here:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20080714/bs\\_nm/anheuser\\_inbev\\_dc\\_9:ylt=AvdPjJ0Zcp1KVUfo5zFrbyQE1vAI](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20080714/bs_nm/anheuser_inbev_dc_9:ylt=AvdPjJ0Zcp1KVUfo5zFrbyQE1vAI)

### New Member

Please welcome Sam Shire to the club. He comes to us from San Francisco where he has brewed for about 2 years.

### **Beer Joke**

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer. The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable about purchasing it. The first nun replied that she would handle that without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier. The cashier had a surprised look, so the nun said, 'This is for washing our hair.' Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer and said, 'The curlers are on me.'

### **Beer Joke**

I had to be in Boston early last week and had an hour to burn prior to boarding my return flight from Logan Airport. I found a small bar near my gate and took a seat. After reviewing the tap handle selection, I ordered a Sam Adams Boston Lager. This is where it got strange...

The bartender asked me if I'd like to try a "Lodge Beer" for only \$2 more. As a homebrewer and beer judge I was very intrigued by this offer. After all, I've read more than a dozen beer books and passed a lengthy BJCP exam, yet I've never heard of a "Lodge Beer". Is it Belgian? German? Perhaps a new east coast microbrew style? So I asked "what does a Lodge Beer taste like?" She looked at me funny and said, "it tastes just like a small beer, but it's 20 ounces instead of 16!"

### **Beer Joke**

One night, after a long evening of drinking, Jim was thrown out of the bar as usual. On his way home he spotted a nun walking down the road. After looking at her twice he ran over and tackled her, then proceeded to beat the living shit out of her. Some people passing by spotted this and called the police. As the police were pulling him away in handcuffs he looked back and said, "I thought you'd be tougher than that, Batman."

### **Beer Joke**

John was sitting outside his local pub one day, enjoying a quiet pint and generally feeling good about himself, when a nun suddenly appears at his table and starts decrying the evils of drink. "You should be ashamed of yourself young man! Drinking is a Sin! Alcohol is the blood of the devil!" Now John gets pretty annoyed about this, and goes on the offensive. "How do you know this, Sister?" "My Mother Superior told me so." "But have you ever had a drink yourself? How can you be sure that what you are saying is right?" "Don't be ridiculous--of course I have never taken alcohol myself" "Then let me buy you a drink - if you still believe afterwards that it is evil I will give up drink for life" "How could I, a Nun, sit outside this public house drinking?!" "I'll get the barman to put it in a teacup for you, then no one will ever know." The Nun reluctantly agrees, so John goes inside to the bar. "Another pint for me, and a triple vodka on the rocks", then he lowers his voice and says to the barman "and could you put the vodka in a teacup?" "Oh no! It's not that Nun again is it?"

### **New Brewery Coming**

Coming soon to Peekskill (possibly this summer), a new brewery: <http://thepeekskillbrewery.com/>

## Beer Podcasts

If you have a computer and connect to the Internet, then you can probably check out these homebrewing podcasts (if not, you're probably not reading this newsletter anyway). There is a lot of information on these different podcasts and some are even lengthy; however, if you have a few hours everyday to spend listening to something other than the weatherman be wrong again; check 'em out. I prefer iTunes to download, but you might prefer a different method (there are tons to choose from).

<a href="http://www.basicbrewing.com">www.basicbrewing.com</a>	Basic Brewing Radio
<a href="http://web.mac.com/brewbubbas/iWeb/Site/Home.html">http://web.mac.com/brewbubbas/iWeb/Site/Home.html</a>	Brew Bubbas
<a href="http://www.brewcrazy.com/">http://www.brewcrazy.com/</a>	Brew Crazy
<a href="http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/">http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/</a>	The Brewing Network The Session
<a href="http://www.brewium.com/">http://www.brewium.com/</a>	Brewium Radio
<a href="http://radio.craftbrewer.org/">http://radio.craftbrewer.org/</a>	Australian Craft Brewer
<a href="http://www.homebrewingperspectives.com/">http://www.homebrewingperspectives.com/</a>	Homebrewing Perspectives
<a href="http://kennebechomebrewsupply.podbean.com/">http://kennebechomebrewsupply.podbean.com/</a>	Free Radio Farmingdale (Kill Your TV)
<a href="http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/jamil.php">http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/jamil.php</a>	The BN presents: The Jamil Show
<a href="http://yeastslurry.beerfeed.com/yss.xml">http://yeastslurry.beerfeed.com/yss.xml</a>	Yeast Slurry Podcast

## Beer happenings in New York in August

- Aug. 1-3 Belgium Comes to Cooperstown <http://www.ommegang.com/> Sold Out - hope you have your ticket
- 9 North Fork Craft Beer, BBQ & Wine Festival  
<http://www.craftbeerfestival.com/north-fork/>
- 9-10 German Alps festival at Hunter mountain  
<http://www.huntermtn.com/huntermtn/festivals/summer-festivals-gaf.aspx>
- 11,25 The Art of Cheese & Beer Pairing Sail <http://www.sail-nyc.com/>
- 15 Flour City Brewfest <http://www.fcbrewfest.com/>
- 23 7th annual Buffalo Brewfest <http://www.buffalobrewfest.com/>



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The James River Homebrewers Announce...

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**DOMINION CUP**  
Homebrew Competition  
August 30, 2008

Enter your beers for valuable feedback and a chance to win great prizes!

- Scoring by BJCP certified judges and professional brewmasters
- All entries will receive copies of judges scoring and comments
- Prizes and recognition for each flight
- Beat the shortage: Well kept hops will be given in top prizes!  
(Over 2 lbs secured for this competition!)

Best of show earns a spot on the coveted Dominion Cup!

All entries must be received at the Weekend Brewer by no later than August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

For more information on how to enter, visit or email us at:

<http://www.jrhb.org/dominioncup>

Email: [competitioncoordinator@jrhb.org](mailto:competitioncoordinator@jrhb.org)

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## HVHB Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
Aug 2,2008	Mead Day	Group Brew		Party Creations
Aug 13,2008	Monthly meeting	Homebrew in the Pool	Jim Taylor's	Jim Taylor's
Sep 10,2008	Monthly meeting	Brewery	Tom Keegan	River Station
Oct 8,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station
Oct 2008	Cider pressing	Group Brew	Steve Schwartz & Marty Rowe	TBD
Nov 1,2008	Teach a Friend	Group Brew		Party Creations
Nov 11,2008	Monthly meeting	Anniversary Party	Rachel	TBD
Dec 10,2008	Monthly meeting	Xmas Beer		River Station

## 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 Alexsa or John Rudy or you can mail them to:

**Hudson Valley HomeBrewers  
503 Sharon Turnpike  
Millbrook, NY 12545**

Last	First	renewal	Last	First	renewal	Last	First	renewal
Adams	Daniel	5/30/2008	Franconi	Bruce	1/31/2008	Rinaldi	Tom	5/31/2008
Alexsa	Al	6/30/2008	Franconi	Gloria	1/31/2008	Ritters	Erik	1/31/2008
Bartles	Don	11/30/2008	Franconi	Joe	1/31/2008	Rowe	Marty	5/31/2008
Beckerman	Wayne	4/30/2008	Frisch	Michael	9/30/2008	Rucker	Carl	2/28/2008
Blumstein	Robert	1/30/2008	Gange	Morgan	6/30/2008	Rudy	John	1/30/2008
Brandtner	Daniel	9/30/2008	Gavaletz	Daniel	1/1/2009	Schalle	Dirk	2/15/2008
Brooks	Kevin	3/31/2008	Gernhardt	Alfred	3/31/2008	Schneider	Jim	9/30/2008
Bruno	Al	4/30/2008	Haight	Charles	5/31/2008	Schultz	Stephen	9/30/2008
Buryk	Jim	9/30/2008	Hillis	Bill	6/30/2008	Schwartz	Steve	9/30/2008
Butler	Brian	2/28/2008	Himelstein	Rachel	11/30/2008	Scott	Arthur	5/31/2008
Cagle	Les	1/31/2008	Holl	Manny	5/31/2008	Sherfey	David	4/30/2010
Calen	John	1/1/2010	Holton	Greg	1/31/2008	Siegel	Gary	5/30/2008
Callahan	April	11/30/2008	Horn	Amanda	3/30/2008	Siegel	Ira	3/31/2008
Catania	Leonard	1/30/2008	Horner	Jeff	3/30/2008	St. Pierre	Henry	9/30/2008
Cerchiara	Tom	12/31/2008	Kane	Tim	1/31/2008	Stevens, Jr.	Bob	11/30/2008
Chaconis	Manny	12/31/2008	Keller	Jay	9/30/2008	Stolarski	Paul	1/31/2008
Cherry	Steven	2/28/2009	King	Dave	9/30/2008	Sykes	Raymond	11/30/2008
Chrysler	John	12/31/2008	Kobes	Frank	3/31/2008	Taylor	Jim	2/28/2008
Clark	Robert	11/30/2008	Lakatosh	Jim	10/12/2008	Taylor	Justin	2/28/2008
Cothren	Betsy	8/31/2008	Lavin	Brett	1/30/2008	Teal	Scott	9/30/2008
Daley	Jim	1/30/2008	Lutz	Chuck	3/31/2008	Terwilliger	Robert	3/31/2008
Dave	Parth	12/31/2008	Lynch	Jay	9/30/2008	Thomas	Steve	4/30/2008
Deieso	Joe	9/30/2008	Machorro	Ralph	9/30/2008	Titone	Brian/Michael	9/30/2008
Denlinger	Philip	12/31/2008	Maynard	Christopher	2/28/2008	Town	Jeremy	2/28/2008
DiCamillo	Pier	7/30/2008	McDonald	John	1/30/2008	Venditto	Greg	1/30/2008
Dickett	Bill	5/31/2008	McGregor	Grian	4/30/2008	Wagner	Greg	3/31/2008
Dinges	Mark	1/1/2009	Messner	Troy	1/30/2008	Waldron	Mark	5/31/2008
Dunn	Mike	10/30/2008	Moeller	Tom	11/30/2008	Willmer	Mark	6/30/2008
Evans	Dan	1/31/2009	Moran	Gail	9/30/2008	Wise	Adam	1/30/2008
Federico	John T	12/31/2008	Muller	Georg	9/30/2008	Wolfeil	Carol	2/28/2008
Fell	Bill	11/30/2008	Muollo	Jeremy	8/31/2008	Wolfeil	John	2/28/2008
Findley	Jeff	6/30/2008	Nack	Stanley	5/31/2008	Wood	Randy	11/30/2008
Flynn	Francis	8/31/2008	Nunez	Louis	8/31/2008	Woodring	Bill	2/28/2008
Fox	Brett	11/30/2008	Parry	Greg	7/30/2008	Zeller	Don	10/30/2008
Fraitag	Lee	10/31/2008	Rarig	Randy	12/30/2008			

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