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HVHB May 14, 2008 Meeting

If you missed the meeting, then you missed a great lecture by Dave Sherfey on Saison. In brief summary, Saison is spicy, herbal, earthy beer mainly attributed to the yeast and fermentation temperatures. A great beer to make in the middle of summer, a Saison likes to ferment at temperatures in the nineties. After 4 days of high temperature fermentation, up to six months of conditioning at cellar temperatures should produce a fine example of Saison. This beer was made on the farm for the farmhands and as a table beer at two to three percent. The grain bill is kind of like a kitchen sink beer; whatever was available. The hops were very low alpha hops and they used a "boatload." Dave shared a very low alcohol Saison that he felt emulated the beers on the farm way back when; it was very good (malty and light).

To read more, check out the book "Farmhouse Ales" by Phil Markowski (brewmaster at Southampton Publick House). To taste more, find a Southampton Saison or a Saison Dupont; both were offered at the meeting. Additionally, a Jenlain Biere De Garde was available as well as a pair of homebrew examples from Phillip; one using a WLP568 and one using a WLP565 yeast.

Also available at the meeting were beers from Randy (a wheat beer using a dry wheat yeast), Jim (an Tuthilltown cask oak aged barleywine), Steve (Lake Placid barleywine), Ray (imperial flanders red), and Dann (fat tire clone, chocolate stout, and sweet traditional mead).

Volunteers still needed!

Picnic Coordinators (a couple of people to plan games)

Teach a Friend Coordinator

Meeting Topic Speakers (June, September, October, December)

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

The next meeting will be held June 11, 2008, 8 PM, River Station. Topic: Possibly Tuthilltown Spirits.

Action Alert: New York Senate Bill S 6101



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Dear New York AHA Member,

As a homebrewer and craft beer enthusiast, we wanted to alert you to legislation that will be going to a vote in the New York State Senate imminently. Please read the information below, provided by the New York State Brewers Association, concerning this important piece of legislation, which if passed, would help ensure greater access and choice for consumers of craft beer in the Empire State.

Thank you for your support,

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New York Craft Brewers need your help!

We are asking for your support of the NY Craft Brewers' efforts to pass an important amendment to the laws governing beer distribution

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in New York.

Under current law, it is very difficult, expensive and sometimes practically impossible for small brewers to switch from one wholesale distributor of their beer to another. The laws now in effect were enacted about 15 years ago to protect beer wholesalers from unfair distribution contract termination by large, multinational breweries. Wholesalers were legitimately concerned because all too often when a brewery moved its brands, the former wholesaler went totally uncompensated for all the time and effort spent in building sales of those brands.

In 2008, however, the beer and brewing landscape is very different. Although there are fewer wholesalers, those remaining are much larger companies and while multinational breweries certainly exist, the rise and proliferation of small, local craft breweries means that many brewers are smaller than the wholesalers they do business with.

Yet, these small craft brewers are required to operate under the same “franchise” laws that were created to protect the wholesalers from large brewers. Unfortunately, today these same franchise laws are being used by wholesalers to lock in the distribution rights and restrict access to market for these small brewers. Clearly, this is not good for small brewers, but it’s also very bad for consumers because it means less choice in terms of fewer brands and fewer breweries available on store shelves.

S 6101 proposes a change to that law so that any small brewer that is less than 5% of a wholesaler’s business will have the ability to terminate a relationship with a wholesaler providing they pay fair compensation to that wholesaler, i.e. what the brand has transferred for with other wholesalers over the past 12 months or a minimum of 2 times gross profit. Thus, S 6101 relieves small brewers from the franchise laws but importantly would continue to compensate the wholesaler for value of the brand rights if they are terminated.

On behalf of the New York State Brewers Association, please call or email your New York State Senator at his or her Albany office as soon as possible and urge them to support S 6101. This bill has already passed the Assembly and could come up for a vote in the Senate at any time.

Senators’ contact information can be found at
<http://www.senate.state.ny.us/senatehomepage.nsf/senators?OpenForm>

If you are unsure of who your Senator is, please visit:

http://www.senate.state.ny.us/sdlookup.nsf/Public_search?OpenForm

KEY POINTS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR COMMUNICATION:

- I am a craft beer drinker and it upsets me that some craft beers are being held hostage by the franchise laws.
- The small craft brewers in New York State are not only making great beer, they are making a contribution to the state's economy.
- The franchise laws as they exist in NY today are a burden on this growing industry and a restraint on small brewers being able to develop their business.
- I urge you to amend these laws and vote yes for S 6101.

Thank you for your support of New York's craft brewers and consumers.

June 7, 2008

This years Annual HVHB Family picnic is coming up on June 7th from 11to 5. If you have never attended, this is a great time to come out, bring the family and enjoy some great food and homebrew. We generally have games for the kids and the adults and the club also rents 3 camp sites for those that want to stay the night. We will be at our usual spot at Pavilion A in Wilcox Park just off Rt 199 in Stanfordville NY.

For the uninitiated this is one of the things that dues money goes for. The club foots the bill for the grill-able portion of the picnic, which generally entails a wide and varied menu of meat and fish. Once again this year we are blessed to have Chefhooter (Mark Waldron) manning the grill. For past attendees you know this means some good eats for new members show up and become enlightened. I have had a look at his menu and it is Goooooood with many returning hits from the past. So don't forget to bring a nice Homebrew for the Chef's tip bucket.

What you need to bring:

- ⇒ Homebrew - This is a Homebrew club after all.
- ⇒ A dish to pass (Salad, veggies, deserts)
- ⇒ A Homebrew for the Chefs Tip Bucket
- ⇒ Something to put in a raffle (a good beer, glassware etc)

Some things we still need:

Ice-If you have access to an Ice machine and can get a large amount of ice please let me know by calling 845-849-2160 or emailing me at cehaight@optonline.net. Same goes if you can pick up a sleeve or two of Ice.

Water-We need to stay hydrated so wee could use some cases of water. Again please let me know if you can bring water so we know we have enough.

Soda (for the kids)-Same as above, if you can make soda please let me know so I can plan accordingly

DIRECTIONS TO WILCOX PARK;

For the first timers, Wilcox Park is conveniently located on the way to Pine Plains....

- Taconic Parkway to Route 199
- 199 east for a mile or so to the entrance to the park on the right.
- If you don't reside in Dutchess County, there is a \$5.00 per car charge to get in the park.
- Drive all the way through the park and just look for a large group with soda kegs standing around...

Hope to see everybody there.

New cups for this year's picnic.



Amber Waves of Grain

Results are in: <http://awoghomebrew.com/>

Brewers East End Revival

Results are in: <http://hbd.org/beer/>

Upcoming New York State Homebrewer of the Year Competitions:

For the latest update:

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

New York State Fair, June 13th and 14th

Entry Info: TBD

website: http://www.saltcitybrew.org/sf_competition.html

Mead day is fast approaching!

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

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 rsrarig@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. rsrarig@alum.syracuse.edu



Beer News

Saisons

I listen to a lot of podcasts on my 45-minute trip to and from work. Ironically, on Friday, I was listening to a Sunday Session from The Brewing Network (**Sunday Show 7-24-05**) and there was a lecture from Phil Markowski on Saisons from the 2005 NHC in Baltimore. If you don't want to listen to the 2 hours of "a bunch a guys talking about beer," the lecture starts around the one hour left point of the podcast and can be found here:

http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/sundayarchive.php?start_from=120&ucat=&archive=&subaction=&id=&

Did You Know?

Did you know there is a Club Library with a bunch of books, magazines, and even a movie? Some of the titles include Art of Making Cider, Brew Chem 101, The Brewer's Companion, Essentials of Style, and several Classic Styles copies. Check out the full list of Club Library selections on the website: <http://www.hvhomebrewers.com/library.html>

Checkout the HVHB library to read a copy of Farmhouse Ales!!!!

Brewery Tour

Sierra Nevada Post-Brewery Tour

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZOdr9ty40&feature=related>

Beer Examiner

Charlie Papazian has started a new blog. Since he's always traveling, he's decided to document his travels.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-241-Beer-Examiner>

HVHB Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Presenter	Location
Jun 7,2008	Picnic			Wilcox Park
Jun 11,2008	Monthly meeting			River Station
Jul 9,2008	Monthly meeting	Mead	Dave Sherfey	River Station
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			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			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:

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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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