The Presidential Pint

Another Oregon Craft Beer Month comes to a close just as a week of "excessive" record high temperatures descends on the Portland Metro area. I am happy to have two sours and a hoppy blonde ale on tap! Anyone planning to brew outside in the next week should pay careful attention to hydration, and not the beer type either! While moving to a new house, Meagan and I have lived vicariously through the membership with each of your stories from OBF, the Portland Craft Beer Festival, Portland Fruit Beer festival plus dozens of other unique beer events around town.

As a recently certified BJCP "Mead Judge" I wanted to mention that August 5th is Mead Day so get out and support your local apiary, homebrew shop or Mead producer. I plan on opening a few melomels from last year, checking my supplies of wine yeasts and nutrients and finally tackling my next few batches this month. Sergio from Melovino Meadery has thoroughly documented one of my preferred techniques at Mead Made Right along with some excellent guidelines for new meadmakers.

It is also time to start strategizing, brewing and bottling your entries for the 16th Annual Fall Classic homebrew competition on October 21st - just 10 weeks out! Our Competition Chair Corrie Heath will be assembling the next crack team of volunteers to help plan and manage this great event, and the competition site should be updated shortly. Many of the least competitive categories can be brewed in a month or less (slightly longer with bottle conditioning) so put away your 12 grain and 5 hop recipes and go brew a delicious Cream Ale, Dark Mild or American Amber! You will be surprised how rewarding these classic styles can be.

I look forward to seeing many of you at FH Steinbart for our next meeting on August 10th.

Cheers!

President Jim Thompson
**Competition Corner**

Summer is heating up, but don’t let that stop you from brewing! Here’s the hottest upcoming competitions!

- **Evergreen State Fair** - Monroe, WA - entries due 8/3 - NO entry fee - BJCP registered, all categories accepted - more info [Here, pages 8-11](#)

- **Rockober Fest** - Bend, OR - entries $6 and due 9/10 with drop-off at Steinbart, Above the Rest, Hoppy Brewer, or Homebrew Exchange. This is an OSHBOTY qualifier! They are also looking for judges at Wild Ride Brewing on 9/17 and 9/18. More info here: [http://cfahomebrew.org/rock.html](http://cfahomebrew.org/rock.html)


- **Celebrewtion** - Sacramento, CA - entries due 10/6, more info here: [http://celebrewtion.brewcomp.com/](http://celebrewtion.brewcomp.com/)

- **Capital Brewer's Harvest Festival** - Salem, OR - entries due 9/16 - registration [here](#)

- **OBC Fall Classic** - our big club competition! Also an OSHBOTY qualifier! Entries due 10/13, judging will take place 10/20 and 10/21. We will need judges and stewards, so mark these dates!


You may notice that the OBC Fall Classic is on the calendar – our biggest competition is coming up and volunteers are needed to serve on a committee to assist with planning and running a successful competition. If interested, please contact me at [competition@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:competition@oregonbrewcrew.org), in person, or sign up at the August meeting. It’s a great opportunity to see how a competition works from the inside, and to give back to the club!
Hello, everybody! **August 10th is an IN Meeting** at F.H. Steinbart’s, 7PM. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

**Please** **BRING FOOD** to help us get home safely!

**POTLUCK RAFFLE TICKET VALUES**

- **1 ticket** for small items: chips/dip, breads, package of store bought cookies, candy, etc.

- **3 tickets** for medium items: salad, a plate of homemade goodies, a pot of beans, veggies, or a smaller to medium dish of substantial food.

- **5 tickets** for large items (that feed at least a couple dozen people): lasagna, mac and cheese, sandwiches, BBQ or Smoked meats, or a medium dish with obviously expensive ingredients, or generous portion of time used to prepare it.

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*The July Out Meeting was our annual Widmer BBQ!* It was a packed night with about 100+ members attending! We had tons of amazing food from so many wonderful people and great beer provided by both Widmer and club members. It was a fantastic event. Rob Widmer told me it was our best yet!

**Thank you to everyone who participated!**

The people listed below signed up on our sheet and received double raffle tickets when they brought food to the BBQ! Thanks to everyone else who brought food but did not sign up. We appreciate it! *(Names in bold type brought both food and dessert.)*

Brian Haslip, Lisa Hinson, Eric Hinson, Dave Johnson, Chuck Macaluso, Michele Lish, Rick Burkhart, Al & Nina Fleckenstein, Tiera Liby, David Smith, Rick Thompson, the Dial’s, the Macgregor’s, Sander Hoekstra, Sean Sanders, Corrie Heath, Bob Davee, Cameron Norris, David Petri, Rob Porton-Jones, Jodi Campbell, Jess Zdeb, John and Mindy Anthony, Patrick Stagaman, Mary Baker, Todd Baker, & Dean Ehnes.

And **a very special thanks** to Brian Haslip and Lisa & Eric Hinson who went above and beyond and made my life easier! Thanks for all you do! <3

Meagan Thompson, OBC Burgermeister
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OBC Committee for Homebrew Con 2018

So by now I'm sure you all have heard the exciting news....Homebrew Con is coming to Portland 2018! OBC is putting together a committee to organize club details for next year. There is a lot of preparation that goes into Club night and other events. We will need as many people as we can.

Send any questions to: Jodi.Campbell@oregonbrewcrew.org

Cheers to our new members!

Dale Daniels       Mark Jockers       Franklin Hammack
Adam Frank          Ruby Jockers       Dan Nelson
The OBC now has a challenge coin for sale. The cost to members is just $8, and to non-members is $10. When this limited edition is gone, the intent is to make a different design.

A special thank you to Michele Lish.
How To Earn Member of the Year Points (MOY)

Do you volunteer your time to the club and want recognition? Do you want to win a lot of awesome prizes? Have you heard of the Member of the Year Competition but don’t know how to submit your points? I am here to help.

Pretty much anytime you are donating your time, beer, or food to the club you can earn points. The Member of the Year Competition is a member only competition that recognizes our members participation. The member with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded the prestigious Silver Bung Award at the clubs holiday party.

Below is a chart showing the Karma Point Schedule:

Okay, now that you have earned them how do you submit them?

To submit your Member of the Year points simply go to OregonBrewCrew.org.

From the main page click the “competition” tab then “for members” and last “Member of the Year”. This page will have a self-explanatory form that you will fill out with your name, email, a description of how you earned the points and how many points you are submitting.

Members are responsible for submitting their own points. Make sure to submit them as soon as you earn

MOY Standings (as of 8/2/17)

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Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

Fabulous upgrades to the Pilot System!

This year, we decided to spend the full pilot system budget on much needed upgrades and improvements. A Brobdingnagian thank you to Brian Haslip for ordering the parts and assembling/transfiguring the system! Great job!

Some of the improvements include:

• Added a 2nd, better pump on a new stand
• Improved the existing pump
• Added switches to both pumps
• replaced all of the hoses
• Added a sparge arm
• replaced the thermometers with a digital one
• Added a 3rd burner high BTU (Blichmann stand donated by Jim Thompson), that thing is a massive improvement!

Future improvements will include:

• replacing the other burners with high BTU
• etching of the interior of the kegges
• possible new kegges to expand the system
• Others? Your suggestions requested

In addition to the amazing upgrades and improvements, we are also improving the sign-out process. There are new forms to complete that will allow you to request specific parts instead of the entire thing. This will enable multiple members to utilize the system simultaneously. Look for the new sign-out form online in 2017 to reflect these changes.

Any questions? Send them to brian.haslip@oregonbrewcrew.org

Happy brewing!
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OBC Cup Standings (as of 8/2/17)

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Important: The cutoff for 2017 OBC Cup points is midnight, November 30th. All points will be verified and checked prior to the Holiday Party and final awards. December points will rollover to 2018.

If you are willing to write up an article for the newsletter please email me at jon.campbell@oregonbrewcrew.org

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