The Presidential Pint

Happy Heat Wave! It certainly has been challenging to brew outdoors in these temperatures around Portland lately. I have managed to brew four times since moving to Vancouver this summer and the heat can be absolutely punishing. It has certainly heightened the enjoyment of various summer ales, sours and session beers on tap at our house.

A few OBC members and their families got to experience the Eclipse from the farms at Mecca Grade Estate Malt in Madras, along with dozens of other commercial brewers and regional homebrewers. Being directly in the path of totality made the experience very memorable, and I suspect there will be many eclipse-themed beers submitted to Fall Classic this year. Alex Brehm (pictured) even managed to time his dark candi sugar added to his Farmhouse Ale during the eclipse itself!

Seth Klann and Brandon at Mecca Grade were wonderful hosts, and their proprietary malting process and equipment was fascinating to see in person. If you have not yet brewed with these craft small batch malts, be sure to give them a try! Meagan took this cool photo of their entire lineup of malt, which you can get through FH Steinbart. Use order code obc2017fhs with their new website to get your OBC discount.
Speaking of Fall Classic, our final BJCP competition of 2017 will take place October 20th and 21st at Level Beer, a new player on the Portland beer scene in 2017. If you read up on their team and history, they are anything but new to the beer world. One of the owners and brewers previously served as OBC Education Chair, and their team has brewed at Deschutes, Laurelwood and Ex-Novo. You can login now and start adding your entries at http://fallclassic.oregonbrewcrew.org. As usual, we will need lots of volunteers, stewards and judges so please contact the competition committee to see how you can help.

I look forward to seeing many of you on September 14th for our next meeting!

"We have nothing to beer but beer itself!"

Cheers!

President Jim Thompson
Competition Corner

**OBC Fall Classic** is 2 months away! Fire up those burners, there's still plenty of time to brew a few (or many) entries!

Speaking of Fall Classic, registration is now open! Entries will be due Oct 11th. Judging will take place Oct 20th in the evening and all day Oct 21st, with an award ceremony and raffle to follow. It's the last OSHBOTY competition of the year! [Register](#) to add entries and sign up to judge or steward.

Here's a few other competitions in the meantime...

- **Rocktober 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://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=IEHIVR1000238](http://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=IEHIVR1000238)

- **Sasquatch** - Eugene, OR - entries accepted at F.H. Steinbart's through 9/9 or shipped to Falling Sky Brewing by 9/15. They are looking for judges on 9/16 at Ninkasi Brewing. Register [here](#). Not all categories are accepted, so please check the entry rules.


- **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](#). More info at this link: [2017 Competition Flyer.pdf](#)


**Congratulations to club members medaling at State Fair!**

- Tom Bowden (2nd Standard American Ale, 2nd Pale American Ale, 3rd Trappist Ale); Jake Freshour (1st International Lager, 2nd Dark European Lager, 1st Strong Belgian Ale, 2nd Specialty); Scott Neiredka/Alex Parise (1st Czech Lager, 3rd Pale American Ale); Alex Behlen (1st Pale Malty European Lager); Chuck Macaluso (1st Amber Bitter European, 1st & 3rd Dark British, 2nd and 3rd Strong British, 2nd American Porter and Stout, 2nd Strong American Ale, 1st Fruit Beer, HM Best of Show); Alex Brehm (2nd Amber Bitter European, 2nd in Fruit Beer with Caitlin Brehm); Adam Lund (3rd Amber Bitter European, 2nd Cider); RJ Stangland (3rd British Bitter); Rory Schellingr (1st Strong British); Sander Hoekstra (2nd Belgian Ale); Jim Thompson (3rd American Wild Ale, 3rd Spiced Beer with Chuck Macaluso); Jason Barker (1st Wood Beer)
~ Burgermeister News ~

PLEASE BRING FOOD!

September 14th at 7PM is our last, no frills, potluck at Steinbart’s. We will have TWO raffle prizes — a $50 Steinbart’s gift certificate and an OBC t-shirt!

In the past, some of you have asked me what you can bring. Click: Potluck Ideas

Future Events: We will have a fudge contest in October at the Hair of The Dog meeting, a chili contest at the November meeting and, to round out the year, our annual December Holiday Party!

POTLUCK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST
THANK YOU!
Bryan Quinn, Chuck Macaluso, David Staniford, Nick McElmurry, Kevin Callais, Don Klover, Jeff Orr, Ian & Rose Romanick, Eric & Lisa Hinson, Tiera Liby and Jessica Prior.

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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Challenge Coins!!!
http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/Shop

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

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**MOY Standings (as of 9/4/17)**

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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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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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