Presidental Pint

Oh the anticipation of spring! Never have I wished for the Tides of March as much as I have recently. Why you ask? Because the heart of homebrew season will kickoff this month and our weather will become a bit more tolerable for outdoor brewing. Those who read my ramblings here know of my struggles with frozen water hoses. I just completed my third ever lager last month with liquid malt extract, mostly to reduce the time spent outside brewing and cleaning.

And what exactly is "Homebrew Season" you ask? Well I just made it up. But to me, this is when the big competitions get going and members get serious about their brewing plans. Do I have enough big beers to age through next fall and winter? Have I got any lagers ready for the first days of summer? Will my NHC entries advance to the second round!? Putting aside the multitude of beer festivals that will assault our pallets this spring and summer, we have the homebrew event of the year taking place right here in our backyard: Homebrew Con 2018.

We now have a group of twenty-six OBC members who will help the club organize a really impressive showing at Club Night this year. I won't go into details yet, but we have a BIG reputation to live up to in year three, plus about three thousand more attendees! Registration for Homebrew Con will open March 6th and every member with a paid registration will be entitled to a reimbursement share of our scholarship fund. My personal goal is to see 100 members in attendance this year and lots of second round contenders!

And speaking of competitions, a huge thank you goes out to the women who pulled off the best SheBrew competition to date - now the largest Female Homebrew competition in the world! Congratulations to Jenn McPoland, Corrie Heath, Meagan Thompson, Carling Kirk and Melinda Malek for taking home medals. Jenn, Tracy Hensley, Lisa Hinson and the rest of the organizers and volunteers did an amazing job and the public event promises to be outstanding as well. I am thrilled that the club has increased its competitive edge... and just in time for the big home game at NHC in June.
Lastly, those of you who voted last November may recall that we have passed a round of changes to our club bylaws. While technically they went into effect January 1st, we have posted a draft of the new bylaws for member review during the month of March. Please email me if you have any questions or concerns. The final document will be posted on or around April 1st on the OBC website.

Warm thoughts and chilly beers to all of you!

President Jim Thompson

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**OBC Merchandise**

It sure has been great seeing members sporting their new OBC hoodies the past few months. That being said, there are still lots of other great OBC items available for sale at our meetings. Including OBC Stickers, challenge coins, t-shirts and more hoody sweatshirts.

All OBC merch is available for purchase through http://oregonbrewcrew.org/shop or at any “In Meeting.”

That being said we should could use a few volunteers to help sell merch during those In-Meetings. We just need someone to man the table while earning karma points. If you are interested please email felicia@oregonbrewcrew.org and I’ll go over the details.* **

* The first shift wouldn’t be until the April meeting.
** Merchandise is not available for sale during Out Meetings.
~ Burgermeister News ~

May is a member’s only OUT meeting.
Please join us on March 8 from 7pm – 9pm at:

Google Map: 20585 SW 115th Ave. Tualatin, OR 97062

~ Provided by the OBC and Ancestry ~

Each member will receive one ticket for a beer. All beers thereafter will be $5.
Brewery tours will be offered.

~ Menu ~

• Chips with pico de gayo and mango salsa.
• Trazza Hummus Platter: Pita, mixed seasonal vegetables and a Tualatin made vegan hummus, refilled.
• Ancestry Wings: Brown Sugar Buffalo & Mesquite Ancestry Porter BBQ
• Order from the kitchen (bring payment): FULL ANCESTRY MENU

YES You are welcome to bring a camping chair.
(~10 tables and 40 chairs will be provided.)

NO No raffle. DO NOT BRING IN OUTSIDE FOOD or BEER!

POTLUCK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY


A big thanks for helping keep us sober!

Meagan Thompson
OBC Burgermeister
Cell: 818-636-0550
meagan.thompson@oregonbrewcrew.org
- **Pacific NW Gluten-Free Homebrewing Competition** - A brand new competition put on by Ground Breaker Brewing! Must be made with naturally gluten free ingredients and does NOT include gluten-reduced or gluten removed beers. Asking for 3 12 oz bottles and categories include high/light, low/light, high/dark, low/dark. Registration closes on March 9th however beers are not due until April 16th. Please see their website for full competition rules. Sweet prizes! 1st place collaborates to release their beer with Head Brewer Tyler Kueber and Founder/R&D Head James Neimeister under the Ground Breaker label. 2nd gets a $150 gift certificate to Bob’s Red Mill, and 3rd receives a gluten free brewing kit ($75 value).

- **The Abbey Bar on 21st Belgian Homebrew Contest**. Submit 4 12oz bottles or 2 22oz bottles by 3/9. There is a judges' choice and a people's choice award; the winners get a $100 gift certificate. This is part of their 4th anniversary celebration. Check it out here and on the events page here.

- **The Abbey Bar on 23rd European Homebrew Contest**. Part of the 2nd anniversary celebration at this location, it is open to all European Beer Styles. Also has a judges' choice and a people's choice award, with a $100 gift certificate to the winners. Details here and on the events page here.

- **National Homebrew Competition** - As you know, Homebrew Con will be in Portland this year. We will need plenty of judges and stewards for the 1st round, taking place April 6-8th. If you are entering the competition, take notice of deadlines, including the application period between Jan 23rd and Jan 30th, and Rules and Regulations. More information can be found here.

- **Coho Spring Fling** - Entries are due April 11th and judging will take place April 27th and 28th. Best of show judging will occur April 29th, followed by an award ceremony at 12:30pm. This is an OSHBOTY qualifier! Entry drop off at Above the Rest, The Hoppy Brewer, Homebrew Exchange, and F.H. Steinbart.

- **Caps and Taps So You Think You Can Brew?! Homebrew Competition** - From Caps and Taps, a taproom and bottle shop in Camas, a first year competition with 2 categories, sessionable hoppy and classic Belgian. You must register by 3/17 however entries aren't due until 4/5, and judging/award ceremony will take place 4/15.

- **Cascade Brewer's Cup** will take place May 4th and 5th. Registration will open in mid-March. See details for further information. Entry deadline is April 28th, and entry fee is $8.

- **Krausen Cup** - This is a new competition in Portland by Imperial Yeast. Entry deadline is May 4th. Register here, entries are capped at 300 and it is open nationally. Maximum of 2
entries per person, $5 per entry. The winner will brew a beer at Baelic for the GABF Pro-am! They are also looking for BJCP judges for judging on May 12th.

-Heart of Cascadia – Our 6th annual IPA only competition! Any kind of an IPA you can dream of, you brew it, and we’ll judge it! Registration will open soon. It will take place at Gigantic Brewing on May 19th. We will be looking for judges and stewards, so please register on the website if you can participate. If you are interested in being part of the competition committee, please email me at competition@oregonbrewcrew.org. This is a great opportunity if you are considering running for competition next year, want to help your club out, or are interested in the behind the scenes of homebrew competitions.

-Heart of the Valley Homebrew Festival- Details and registration not yet available, however appears to be on the calendar for May 19th and 20th. This is an OSHBOTY qualifying competition.

-Duane Graf Memorial Homebrew Competition (aka Timber's Army)- Includes 2 categories, the Pride of Cascadia (hoppy beers) and the Full 90 (anything sessionable, under 5/5% in this case). Winners will be brewed at Lompoc and Widmer. Entries are $10 and due by May 18th at Steinbarts or Bader. Judging will take place May 20th. Look here for more information.

Don't forget about the Widmer Collaborator! More details in the newsletter.

Congratulations to our club members taking home medals from Stout Bout, including: Chuck Macaluso, Adam Lund, Scott Nieradka/Alex Parise, Jim Thompson, Kevin Callais, Jimmy Mack, Dean Ehnes, Jon Campbell, Jake Freshour, Len Hallock, Brian Haslip, and Eric Hinson.

Another successful SheBrew, again the largest female homebrew competition in the United States, with 120 entries! Thank you to the club members who helped make this happen, by judging, stewarding, and running the competition. Congratulations to our OBC members taking home medals, including: Meagan Thompson, Corrie Heath, Carling Kirk, Jenn McPoland, and Melinda Malek. Best of Show will be announced at the Festival on March 3rd.

Great job OBC for taking the Heavy Medal Club title from KLCC with a total of 24 medals! In addition, Adam Lund was the Heavy Brewer, with a total of 11 points from 3 golds and a silver medal! Other club members taking home medals include: Doug Ballou, Len and Zakk Hallock, Chuck Macaluso, Jake Freshour, Jason Barker, Scott Nieradka/Alex Parise, Jim Thompson, and Meagan Thompson. Special Congrats to Doug Ballou for taking Best of Show out of 265 entries with his Czech Pale Lager!

After KLCC, that takes Doug Ballou to the top of the current OSHBOTY standings, and puts Adam Lund, Jake Freshour, and Len Hallock in the hunt.

by: Corrie Heath
Invitation to Brew at Widmer

Noel Blake

You stride in to the Widmer Brothers Innovation Brewery in the famed Oregon brewing pioneer's Russell Street complex. Your beer-stained OBC logo shirt and your favorite dungarees hiked up above your work boots show that you are ready to brew. And you are going to brew your beer recipe. On Widmer’s system.

Your friends and coworkers do not seem to take your homebrewing passion all that seriously. This is now about to change. You are getting “brewed,” like a writer gets published. Your beer will be on tap at the Widmer Taproom, at a local beer festival, or at your favorite suds hut. Your friends will never look at you the same way again.

So what does it take to live out this fantasy?

Consider this an invitation to enter your best homebrew recipe in the annual Oregon Brew Crew – Widmer Collaborator beer competition. This is the premier pro-am homebrew collaboration anywhere. Over 50 Oregon Brew Crew-created beers have been selected to be brewed at Widmer since 1998.

This year’s competition will be held in May, 2018. The format will be the same as last year:

• Open exclusively to Oregon Brew Crew members
• Open styles, no BJCP judging guidelines used
• Maximum of two entries per brewer or co-brewer
• Must provide the recipe of each beer entered

It’s February and you are busting out your new beer ideas. Represent the OBC by entering your best recipe in the Collaborator competition of 2018. Complete rules and entry details follow immediately below:

Competition Dates:

The competition is taking place in May 2018. Entries should be dropped off at Steinbart’s by Fri. May 25th. Late entries should be brought to Steinbart’s as early as possible on Saturday May 26th. The judging will take place Wed. May 30 at Widmer.

Eligibility and Entry Limitations:

All current Oregon Brew Crew members are eligible. Each member may submit up to two (2) total entries as brewer or co-brewer. Entries must be brewed on a home brewing system, including the OBC pilot system. Entries brewed in a professional brewing facility
(brewpub, you-brew) are not allowed. OBC members working in a professional brewing facility are welcome to enter as long as the beer is a homebrew.

Widmer will pay for the ingredients for one five-gallon batch of beer per entry under the following conditions. The ingredients must be purchased at Steinbart's and direct-charged to Widmer's account upon presentation of your current Oregon Brew Crew membership card. There will be no reimbursement from receipts.

**Entry Packaging:**

We need a minimum of two 33cl or 12 oz. (or larger) bottles for the competition, one for the preliminary round and one for the taste-off round. You may substitute one 22 oz. or larger bottle, however that is not recommended because your beer will be at a significant disadvantage during the taste-off round when compared to other entries poured from fresh bottles. We also need two more bottles for a lab analysis at Widmer that is mandatory should your beer be selected. If your beer is selected and you do not have the analysis samples from the same batch of beer, your entry will be disqualified. If you submit all four bottles with your entry, you will receive a complementary lab analysis from Widmer even if you do not win. This is an optional, free benefit to Collaborator participants.

All entries must be packaged in competition-ready bottles. That means: glass containers affixed with a crown cap, with all labels and markings removed. Raised lettering on a bottle is acceptable. Any cap markings must be obliterated with a Sharpie. Affix entry information with rubber bands, no tape or glue, please.

**Entry Information:**

Entry registration will be on-line at [oregonbrewcrew.org](http://oregonbrewcrew.org) There will be a Collaborator entry instance under the Competition tab.

The following information is required:

- Recipe information, including both ingredients and techniques. This is to help with the evaluation and because Widmer needs to know the ingredients before agreeing to produce a recipe.
- Name of brewer(s) and contact information (mobile phone number preferred).
Name of beer.

Description of beer. This is important since we are not using style guidelines. A few words are enough, it is not a writing contest. Good description examples: “Belgian pale ale with coriander” and “Kettle-soured kolsch”.

Judging:

Another significant difference in Collaborator competitions is that judging is not done on the traditional 50-point BJCP scale. We do not use numerical scores, and we do not strictly follow the BJCP style guidelines. We judge your beer as would a professional brewer, a publican, or a knowledgeable beer consumer. We are looking for beers that are flavorful and engaging, not necessarily the biggest or most unusual.

The judges may award from 0 to many Collaborator winner slots. Normally three beers are selected each year. Results will be announced before or during June general meeting.

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**Brewhaha**

*OH, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE I’M AFFLICTED BY MEMORIES OF A BEAUTIFUL BIRD I HAD MANY YEARS AGO. WE WERE HAPPY TOGETHER FOR A TIME…*

*WHAT’S WRONG, BUDDY?*

*OH, MY BEAUTIFUL BIRD—*

*YEEKA! YEEKA!*

*…SO I LET HER GO…*

*AND SHE NEVER CAME BACK.*

*WHAT’S THAT?—*

*COULD IT BE?*

*…BUT THEN SHE STARTED GROUSING AND CARPING—UNTIL IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT SHE WAS NO LONGER HAPPY WITH ME.*

*YEEKA! YEEKA!*

*…THEY SAY THAT IF YOU LOVE SOMETHING, SET IT FREE—IF IT RETURNS IT’S YOURS FOREVER, IF NOT, IT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE!*
The entry process for the National Homebrew Competition 2018 is underway. As you may already know, the first round judging will take place in Portland this year. We are hoping for as many judges as we can get!

**We have over 800 confirmed entries and we need all the help we can get!**

[Click Here to Signup as a Judge or Steward](#)

If you have registered to enter beer here, please just use the same log-in, then edit your info to include your judging availability and contact information. If you have not registered, you can sign up easily at the link above. You can find more information on the [Entrant and Volunteer site](#). We also need a lot of stewards! Please encourage your beer buddies to register and help out.

**First Round Judging**

This year judging will take place over 4 sessions:

- **Friday April 6th 5:30 - 9 PM**
- **Saturday April 7th 8:30 - 12 PM**
- **Saturday April 7th 1:00 - 5 PM**
- **Sunday April 8th 8:30 AM until we are done**
Judging for our region will take place at the recently renovated offices of **Maletis Beverage** in North Portland. The address is: 7000 N Cutter Circle, Portland, OR 97217

Light snacks will be provided Friday evening. Continental style breakfast will be provided both Saturday and Sunday, as well as a full lunch on Saturday at noon.

**Please arrive about 30 minutes before the start times to get signed in and assigned to tables.**

We will be judging based on the **BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines**, and assign BJCP subcategories to the **2018 NHC categories**. Please review the NHC categories as they have changed from last year.

**New NHC Scoresheets!**

The AHA has provided new NHC scoresheets for this year's competition. The new sheets are designed to maximize judge feedback while reducing writing time, and have already been tested in multiple competitions. Please view the new scoresheet for **beer**,** cider** and **mead** so you are prepared. Feel free to test them out with your own competitions!

**Bottle Sort**

For those able to provide an extra hand, we will be unpacking and sorting all 1600 bottles at Maletis on Friday March 30th around 6pm and Saturday April 1st starting at 10am. If you are available to help, please reply to this email.

**Visiting and Hosting**

For people in the Portland area, please let us know if you would be interested in hosting someone from out of town. Let us know how many you can accommodate and such, and we will try and pair you up with people looking for a crash space.
Trask River Camping Trip
May 25-28, Memorial Day weekend

Join us this Memorial Day weekend for a camping trip filled with brewing activities and camaraderie!

What:       Camping Trip
Where:      Trask River Country Campground (~2 hours outside of Portland)
When:       Friday May 25 through Monday May 28, Memorial Day weekend 2018
Who:        OBC members and families
Cost:       ~$70 for campsite reservation for whole weekend, plus food expenses

The OBC-organized Trask River camping trip in 2016 was a big hit, and we’re bringing it back for 2018! This year, former Education Chair Jason Barker will lead us in brewing Steinbier -- a beer produced by submerging hot rocks into wort.

The club will have a reserved community camping space with canopy, tables, and a grill to gather for brewing, bottle sharing, and having meals together. We hope to provide additional amenities, but the details are still to be determined. For now you should plan on providing your own meals and reserving your own campsite.

If you're interested in attending, it's wise to reserve your campsite now. You can come for as long or as little as you like -- day trips welcome too! Click here to reserve your site online.

Refer to the map below for suggested spots (sites A23-34).

Please check out the Facebook Event page for more details, or email Jason Barker with questions. Cheers!
Have you ever wanted to put the OBC logo on your favorite Shirt, Jacket, Scarf or even on a travel bag? The folks at Stitch-n-Embroidery have generously waived the setup fee for our logo, and can embroider it on many items. Reach out to them below and show your club support!

Stitch-n-Embroidery
408 Beaver Creek Road, Ste. 406
Oregon City, Oregon 97045
Ph. 503.557.9090
www.stitchnembroidery.com
www.facebook.com/StitchNEmbroideryOC
Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00
### March 2018

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SPIKE BREWING

GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAM

We would like to extend a special, limited time offer to Oregon Brew Crew.

Through Spike’s steady growth, one constant has remained: our relationship with and commitment to supporting homebrewing clubs like you!

With that said, we would like to offer your club an exclusive promotion. We can offer a 15% discount if you can assemble a purchase in excess of $2,000.

FULL PROGRAM DETAILS

- At checkout, please use code:
- Entire purchase must be made under one transaction via Spike Website.
- Entire purchase must be shipped to one final location. Spike will handle all shipping charges.
- Any item is eligible for application as long as entire purchase in excess of $2,000

If you would be interested in this 15% discount, please email Jim for details (jim@obc.beer).

We can only get the discount by placing a single order over $2,000 and time is limited!
Don't forget the OBC 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 2018 to reflect these changes.

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

Happy brewing!
Dear OBC Member,

Do you have a computer?  
Are you connected to the internet?  
Do you ever buy anything on Amazon.com?  
Then click here to make a small percentage of every purchase go towards the OBC.

That's right, the "Smile Amazon" program donates to non-profit groups like ours for FREE!

Our Treasurer has registered us with Amazon and they have verified that we qualify for this program.  (I've been doing it for over a month now)

They look at it like this, they're going to make charitable donations anyway, so why not donate to the group their customers choose?  Brilliant!

Now, every time you buy something on Amazon, their donation gets directed to your club!  It's about as easy as it gets.  You just tell them once that the Oregon Brew Crew is your choice and they'll remember it forever.  FOR-EV-VER!

Why does the OBC need more money you may ask?  Well, it helps keep membership dues down most importantly.  It also helps us continue our mission statement goals stated in our bylaws:

**ARTICLE II. Purposes**

Section 1.

The purposes of the Oregon Brew Crew are:

1. To promote interest in and the understanding of beer, beer appreciation and the craft of brewing among its members and the general public.  
2. To provide educational opportunities in the history and methods of brewing and the development of styles.  
3. To advance skills in brewing techniques and formal beer evaluation;  
4. To promote, encourage and sponsor opportunities to participate in local, regional and national brewing competitions.  
5. To provide opportunities for its members to share in the interest of craft brewing.

Now, go buy a bunch of crap from Amazon,
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### OBC Cup Standings (as of 3/5/18)

[http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/obccup](http://www.oregonbrewcrew.org/obccup)

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**Important:** The cutoff for 2018 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 2019.

### OBC Member of the Year (MOY)

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