



OBC NEWSLETTER

The Presidential Pint

Lisa Hinson

Happy New Year!

A New Year always brings the promise of new opportunities and, as we step into 2019, I am honored and excited to be serving as the President for the Oregon Brew Crew this year! 2018 was full of incredible events and experiences, including OBC being named the American Homebrewers Association Radegast Club of the Year! While it may be hard to imagine how we might follow that, this year is already shaping up to be packed with incredible educational opportunities, competitions, festivals, and OBC's 40th Anniversary!

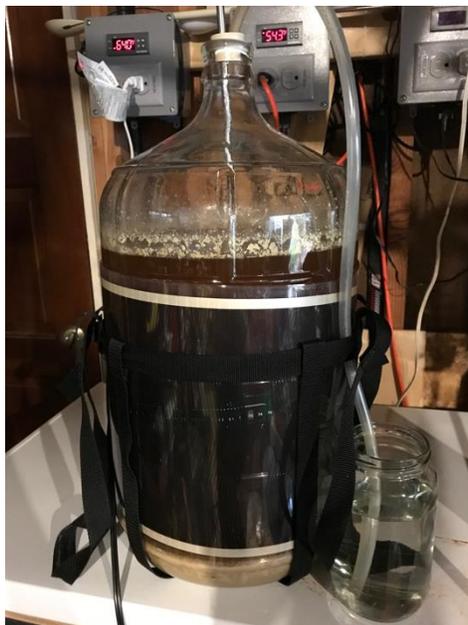
When I joined the club 5 years ago, I had no way to know how much I would gain from being a part of this crew, and no idea about the incredible opportunities that I would have as a result of being involved with the club. I certainly never imagined that I would one day be the OBC President! As I spent more time at meetings and various events, getting to know the amazing people that make this club what it is, I knew that it was something special. There is so much to value about who we are and what we do as a club, and each member has their own reasons for being a part of the Brew Crew. For some, it's all about

the education, learning more about how to hone their craft and expand their understanding. For some it's about the competitions, training as a BJCP judge or going for the Gold! For me, one of the most significant things worthy of celebration is the community that exists and the way in which everyone works together to make this club all that it is.

As we move into this next year my challenge to every OBC member is to find a place to get involved! Educational events, competitions, festivals, and even just-for-fun gatherings take planning and effort, and we can't do it without you! There are so many fantastic opportunities, so no matter how much (or little) time you might have available, or what skills or abilities you have... there is a place for you to help out and be involved!

Cheers to 2019, and cheers to you!

Lisa Hinson



SheBrew time is here!

Oregon Brew Crew's first competition of the year is the [3rd annual SheBrew!](#) This one is for female-identifying brewers and includes all BJCP styles. Judging will take place 2/23 at Portland Cider Company. Entries are \$8 each and due 2/15. Registration is open! We will need judges and stewards (everyone is welcome!), so please consider judging or stewarding whether or not you are entering. See the website for drop-off locations.

3rd Annual SHEBREW

Homebrew Competition

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2019

OPEN TO - Amateur Female Identified Homebrewers

DROP OFF / SHIPPING SITE
FH Steinbarts
234 SE 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214

DEADLINE
Friday, February 15th
Entry Fee \$8

REGISTER
www.shebrew.beer

PicoBrew
IMPERIAL YEAST
F.H. STEINBART
PORTLAND CIDER SOCIETY
THE CAPUTO GROUP
STIKAN R. GUIN'S SAUVIGNON

Oregon Brew Crew Competition Calendar Competition Chair Eric Hinson

2019 hits the ground running with several competitions in February and March. It's never too early to start thinking about NHC and Collaborator coming up in April as well.

KLCC Brewfest Homebrew Competition- Eugene, OR. Info [here](#) and registration opening 12/1 [here](#). \$10/entry and BOS brews with Falling Sky and will be entered in the GABF ProAM. Entry deadline 1/26. Judging takes place 1/31 and 2/2. All styles accepted. This is the first **OSHBOTY** qualifier of the year!

Greater Everett Brewer's League (GEBL) IPA Bracket Challenge-Everett, WA. IPA only, with unique bracket style format. Info [here](#). Entries due 2/3, with the competition taking place (live webcast!) on 2/9.

PBC Stout Bout- The 6th annual battle of the stouts. Registration deadline is 2/1/19 with the judged portion on 2/2 and 2/3. The people's choice pouring as well as awards and raffle will be the following weekend on 2/9. Registration is open [here](#). New for this year, this is an **OSHBOTY** qualifier.

JBLM Homebrew Competition- DuPont, WA. [Register](#) starting Jan 1st, judging takes place on 2/23. Registration and entry deadline 2/18. Bader's in Vancouver is the closest drop off point.

SheBrew- Our 3rd annual competition, the largest female-identified homebrew competition in the U.S.! Visit the [website](#) to register entries or sign up to judge or steward. Entry is limited to

female-identified brewers, however judging and stewarding is open to all. Judging will take place 2/23 at Portland Cider Company. There will be a great raffle that will include Blichmann Engineering items! The [SheBrew Festival](#) will be 3/2, which will include 30+ beers brewed by professional female brewers and a People's Choice pouring of homebrews.

Cascade Brewer's Cup- Seattle, WA. Registration is open now for entries and judges - [here](#). Entry deadline is 3/4/19, judging 3/8 and 3/9. Entry drop off locations are still TBD.

Washington Mead & Cider Cup- Snohomish, WA. [Register](#) between 2/8 and 2/22 for the competition on 3/9.

Krausen Cup- After a successful 1st year, Imperial Yeast is bringing back the Krausen Cup for a second round on 3/9. Note the date change, this has been moved up after being in May last year. Registration is open now [here](#). Entry is only \$5, and you might remember some pretty sweet prizes last year. Registration deadline 2/15, entry drop off deadline 2/26. This is an **OSHBOTY** qualifier.

Mazer Cup- Broomfield, CA. Mead only competition on 3/16. Information for 2019 will be [here](#).

Congratulations to 2018 OBC Homebrewer of the Year Jake Freshour and 2018 OSHBOTY Champion Len Hallock. Chuck Macaluso, Jim Thompson, Jake Freshour and Doug Ballou also finished in the OSHBOTY Top 10. The 2019 season starts NOW!

OSHBOTY News

Portland home brewer, Len Hallock, mashes all others to win 3rd annual OSHBOTY statewide championship!

Seventy-three contestants scored points in this year's **O**regon **S**tate **H**ome **B**rewer **o**f **t**he **Y**ear championship series but Len Hallock of the Oregon Brew Crew club topped them all with a staggering 363 points. (The next closest finisher had 218 points.)

Mr. Hallock brewed 1st-place winning beers in eight different categories throughout 2018 including; Kolsch, Schwarzbier, Munich Helles, California Common (aka Steam Beer), Amber Lager, and 3 different stouts including Irish Extra Stout, Foreign Extra Stout, and Imperial Stout.

Hallock won a Blichmann Brew Vision tool, an ArborFab dry hopper for a Corny keg, and a 50lb bag of Mecca Grade Pelton brewing malt. The most prized award however is the enormous championship belt and of course, bragging rights for the entire year amongst his home brewing peers.

Second place was earned by Charles Macaluso, another Oregon Brew Crew member, from St. Helens, OR. It was his third straight top-3 finish.

Third place went to Michael Gwynn of the Cascade Brewers Society in Eugene, OR.

OSHBOTY is Oregon's official state championship home brewing series. Any amateur home brewer can participate, just enter your home brewed beer into any of the OSHBOTY sanctioned competitions. See past winners, prizes, points, rules, etc. at www.OSHBOTY.org



The above group photo was taken during the awards ceremony at the Oregon brew Crew's annual holiday party. Pictured from left to right are: Charles Macaluso (2nd place), Len Hallock (Grand Champion), Jake Freshour (5th place), and Jim Thompson (4th place) All members of the Oregon Brew Crew.

The single photo is Michael Gwynn receiving his 3rd place awards and medal, which was taken at the Cascade Brewers Society monthly meeting at Steelhead Brewing in Eugene.

Jason Barker, Chairman
Oregon State Home Brewer of the Year Competition "[OSHBOTY](#)"



Education Corner

Education Chair Tracy Hensley



Tracy Hensley here - I look forward to serving as your Education Chair this year. I want to thank OBC Members: Kevin Callais, Scott Nieradka, Jeff Orr, Alex Parise, and Bill Schneller for already donating their time and resources to the OBC's Education Committee.

January 10th's first In Meeting's education topic will showcase a Resilience IPA horizontal tasting led by Master BJCP Beer Judge and past OBC President Bill Schneller. [Sierra Nevada's Resilience IPA](#) will face off against recipe-inspired emulations by [Bent Shovel Brewing](#), [Ecliptic Brewing](#), and OBC members Jeff Orr and Kevin Callais. Sierra Nevada created their Resilience IPA to fundraise for relief after 2018's Camp Fire devastation. For more information: <https://www.sierranevada.com/resilience-butte-county-proud-ipa>

This year's Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Class is being led by OBC members Scott Nieradka and Alex Parise. Here is a message from them, "Our yearly BJCP judge training class is coming up soon, watch your email for details, or come to the Jan meeting to learn more. If you ever wanted to be a beer judge, this is a 10-week class on beer styles and evaluation, to help you pass the BJCP beer judge exam, sign up soon! This class is provided at cost by and for our members."

There are two BJCP exams scheduled in the Portland area for 2019. The BJCP Judging (tasting) Exam will be held on Sunday, May 19th, 2019. The BJCP Written Exam will be held on Saturday, May 11th, 2019. For more information and to register: <https://sites.google.com/view/pdxbjcpexams>

Reach out to me with your ideas, questions, and/or if you want to get involved: education@oregonbrewcrew.org

January meeting: We need potluck dishes brought!

Earn raffle tickets for bringing food to share with your fellow brewer. Please be aware that our new Bürgermeister, Torri Chapman, is highly allergic to onions. She may end up in the hospital if accidentally exposed. Please leave out onions from dishes if possible, but if not, please label your dish with possible allergens. **1 ticket** for small items: chips/dip, breads, package of 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 time required to prepare it.



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