

May Meeting

When

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998
7:30 PM**

What

**ORDINARY, SPECIAL AND
EXTRA SPECIAL BITTERS**

Where

**UPSTAIRS AT THE
SYRACUSE SUDS FACTORY,
220 W. WATER ST**

If you would like more information about our club, please join us at one of our monthly meetings upstairs at the Syracuse Suds Factory, 220 W. Water St., Syracuse (between Franklin and Clinton Sts.) on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30PM. You can also call one of the officers listed on the back cover of this *Brewsletter* for more information. If you wish to join the club, simply send \$15 to:

**THE SALT CITY BREW CLUB
P.O. BOX 1935
SYRACUSE, NY 13201-1935**

and you will begin receiving the club newsletter. As a member of the club you will also be eligible for discounts on club activities such as tastings, as well as discounts at local homebrewing shops.

FROM THE PRESIDENT BY CHRISTOPHER V. SACK

As you can see, we have a new Brewsletter editor. We should all thank Frank for his effort in taking on this task. Frank has had some experience working with other club newsletters but has never actually been the editor of one so we will all need to help him with the Brewsletter. You can help by sending him articles about brewing and other items of club interest to be published.

The plans for the Cooperstown brewery tour are pretty much finalized. After the Brewery Ommegang tour in the late morning, there will be a picnic lunch. Then, it is on to the Cooperstown Brewing Co. for a second tour. The bus company will allow us to have homebrew aboard, so don't be bashful about bringing along a sample of your latest batch. Tickets will be available starting at the May club meeting and there is a sign-up form in this newsletter in case you can't make it to the meeting. Remember, space on the bus is limited so, first come, first seated.

Lisa and Theresa are checking out options for the club picnic. The time frame is late July. If you would like to help out, please contact Lisa or Theresa. I have suggested that Lisa try to reserve the same Jamesville Reservoir pavilion that we had last year.

Finally, there are plans for having our July meeting at The Middle Ages Brewing Company. I will let you know about this in the next Brewsletter.

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APRIL MEETING NOTES

Our April meeting was held on the 14th at the Syracuse Suds Factory.

President Christopher Sack announced the final results of the club elections (or should we say, draft picks?) for the coming year. The names of the lucky "chosen few" can be found on the last page with phone numbers and email addresses, where available. If you have a suggestion for a future club activity but can't make it to a meeting, please get in touch with one of the officers. They'd love to hear from you.

Member Tom LaBarge announced the scheduling of the "Brew at the Zoo II" event to be held on Saturday, June 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Burnet Park. This has already become the zoo's largest and most successful fund raising activity with last year's proceeds helping to fund "The Yellow Submarine". This year, the proceeds will go toward a new tiger exhibit. Tom will be the Brew Captain and he is already expecting to beat last year's turnout which included 20 area breweries and more than 4,000 thirsty visitors. In addition to over 20 beer tasting stations, non-alcoholic beer, micro-brewed root beers, coffees and snack foods will be available. The event will also feature live music and a silent auction. Tickets are available by mail for \$30 or at the door for \$35. An information page and ticket order form can be found near the back of this newsletter. Please come out on the 6th and show your support for our local zoo!

Member Don Cazentre has made plans for an excursion to Cooperstown on Saturday, June 27th to visit the recently opened Brewery Ommegang which brews authentic, Belgian style beers. The plan is to leave Syracuse by chartered bus at 8:30 AM and spend the morning touring and tasting at Ommegang. We will then have a catered, box type lunch under a tent at the brewery. After lunch, we will visit the Cooperstown Brewing Co. to round out the day. Don indicated that the cost should be about \$20 per person and that we will need to make a definite commitment by June 6th. More information will be available at the May meeting.

Possible events for the summer months were discussed. A club meeting at the Middle Ages Brewing Co. was suggested for July and a club picnic or clambake was suggested for late July or early August. It was noted that a picnic would require some volunteer help to make it possible. Other suggestions included having "club only"

tastings with members brewing a particular style for a meeting and then having the winning brew entered into a local competition at the club's expense.

Peter Verheyen expressed his concerns about the club's organizational problems, such as the lack of an announcement for the club elections, and the continuing, unexplained losses of members. He feels that the meetings need to offer more educational topics for the members' benefit. Anyone with suggestions for ways in which we can strengthen the club and make the meetings more useful is invited to share his or her ideas with the group. The more input the club's officers receive, the better chance they have of meeting the members' expectations. This is your club and they need your participation to make it successful.

With business out of the way, the meeting moved on to the tastings which featured "strong ales" for this month. Chris Sack provided samples of a Belgian Triple called "Eau Benite" from Quebec. Comments heard at one end of the room included "wimpy", "weak" and "cidery". Pete Kirkgasser then offered his own two year old Barley Wine and an unidentified beverage that he said did not fit any style. "I invented it", said Pete, "with 14 pounds of malt and one pound of hops for a 4 gallon batch". (holy smokes!) Nice job, Pete, and thanks for sharing it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

At our April meeting, we were joined by three gentlemen who signed up to become the club's newest members. Dave Krause and Chris Raymond of Chittenango and Sloan Craven of Clinton enjoyed the evening so much, they paid their dues on the spot and then adjourned to the Blue Tusk with us for the research portion of the program. Please give Dave, Chris and Sloan a warm welcome at our next meeting.

BEER QUOTES

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.
--*Benjamin Franklin*

He was a wise man who invented beer.
--*Plato*

Work is the curse of the drinking class.
--*Oscar Wilde*

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THE EDITOR'S DESK

BY FRANK HEINE

Let me start by telling you that I bring to this position almost no experience as a newsletter editor or publisher. Several years ago, I served as president of a local engineering organization and spent some time working with the newsletter editor to improve that publication. The computer skills were all his, though, and I therefore cannot take credit for the final product that he produced. Now, I have my own computer and, with the help of some pretty handy coworkers, I hope to stay out of too much trouble with it. We also have access to the Internet which contains a huge abundance of all sorts of information. Much of it appears to be useful and, from time to time, I expect to include some of the better articles in our newsletter. Please give me a hand by telling me where your interests lie and what sorts of information you would like to see in here. Also, please feel free to email or snail-mail to me items of interest that you may come across. Otherwise, without your input, I'm working in the dark and my chances of making this worth your time to read it are diminished accordingly.

FROM THE EDITOR

In order to make the *Brewsletter* more representative of the group I invite anyone to send me articles or anything they might find of interest. This can include favorite recipe's, tips, bottle labels, reports on brew happenings, photo's of your favorite brew session... ANYTHING.

Submissions can be sent to me via email at fmh@thomasamerica.com or snail-mail at P.O. Box 92, Groton, NY 13073. If submissions are sent on disk or by email please save them as ASCII (dos) text as that seems to work best. If you don't have a computer, please type. If I can't read it...

Thank you for this opportunity and please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving the *Brewsletter*.

FRANK HEINE, EDITOR

I also have a lot to learn about homebrewing and about this club. I brewed my very first batch (an English Pale Ale) in December 1997 and joined the club the very next month. With the encouragement of the Moon brothers (thanks, guys!) I entered my brew in the club's competition and took a second place ribbon. Believe me, no one could have been more surprised than I was! With three meetings now under my belt, I must say that this is a friendly bunch indeed. I have felt very welcome, right from the start, and have enjoyed making many new friends (and trying many new beers, too). Although I had no intentions of getting quite this involved right away, I also didn't want to see Peter Verheyen's great looking newsletter fall by the wayside when no one else seemed willing to take it over.

So, here I am, trying to follow in Peter's rather large footsteps and asking for your help. My goal is to make this more useful and interesting than the Publishers Clearing House stuff that fills your mailbox every month so that you will actually look forward to receiving it. But I can't do that alone. Please feel free to call me (607 898-5054 at home, 607 277-7100 at work) fax me (607 277-1410 at work - please put my name on it) or email me (fmh@thomasamerica.com) with your comments, complaints, suggestions, encouragement, articles, etc. and I will do my very best to make this a great newsletter.

NOTE TO BUSINESSES

In the near future, we hope to start offering advertising space in the *Brewsletter* to help offset some of the production and mailing costs. (No, the editor doesn't receive a salary.....yet) We tentatively plan to offer full, half, quarter page and business card ads on an annual basis. For those of you in the homebrewing or craftbrewing businesses, this is a great opportunity to reach your most appreciative and supportive audiences. Ad fees will be very reasonable so they will neither make us rich nor make you poor. We'll have more info on this in future issues and will contact many of you individually to discuss this mutually beneficial opportunity.

CLUB LIBRARY

Club Treasurer/Libarian Ron Tooke has taken over the club's collection of *Zymurgy* and *Brewing Techniques* magazines. A full list of the available issues is published in this newsletter. Please contact Ron at 315 699-6785 to borrow any of these materials.

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- May 7-10: New England Real Ale Festival (NERAX) Somerville, Massachusetts
For information, contact Steve Marcus at (978) 433-9864
- May 12: Monthly meeting of the Salt City Brew Club, Syracuse Suds Factory, Syracuse, NY**
For information, see this newsletter
- May 15-17: Great American Beer Festival on the Road, Baltimore, Maryland
For information, contact Association of Brewers at <http://www.aob.org>
- May 15: 4th Annual Brewfest at the Beach, New London, Connecticut
For information, contact: Catherine Foley at (860) 443-3352
- May 16: "Of Ale & History" Microbrew Festival, Middletown, Virginia
For information, contact Maureen O'Boyle & Nancy Brown at (540) 869-2028
- May 16-17: River City Real Beer Fest, Richmond, Virginia
For information, contact (703) 527-1441
- May 17: Friends of Rockwood Microbrew Beer Tasting, Wilmington, Delaware
For information, contact Friends of Rockwood at (302) 761-4340
- June 6: Brew at the Zoo II, Burnet Park Zoo, Syracuse, NY**
For information, contact (315) 422-1223 and see this newsletter
- June 7: 6th Annual Nation's Capital Spirit of Free Beer Homebrew Competition, Washington, DC
For information, contact Mark Stevens at (540) 822-4537
- June 8: Entry deadline for 4th Annual Boneyard Brew-off, Champaign, Illinois
For information, contact Joel Plutchak at (217) 359-4931
- June 9: Monthly meeting of the Salt City Brew Club, Syracuse Suds Factory, Syracuse, NY**
For information, see next month's newsletter
- June 12-21: 5th Annual Mondial de la Biere, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
For information, contact Jeannine Marois or Sonia Cote at (514) 722-9640
- June 12-13: 1998 Boston Brewers Festival, Boston, Massachusetts
For information, contact Joel Feingold at (508) 788-0333
- June 12-13: Great Eastern Invitational Microbrewers Festival, Adamstown, Pennsylvania
For information, contact (717) 484-4387
- June 13: 4th Annual Boneyard Brew-off, Champaign, Illinois
For information, contact Joel Plutchak at (217) 359-4931
- June 19-21: 6th Annual Great New England Brewers Festival, Northampton, Massachusetts
For information, contact Janet Egelston (no phone number given)
- June 20: State College Microbrewers Exposition, State College, Pennsylvania
For information, contact Michael Goldfine at (814) 353-8426
- June 27: SCBC Cooperstown Breweries Excursion, Cooperstown, New York**
For information, contact Christopher Sack at (315) 622-5101 and see this newsletter
- June 27: 2nd Annual Sandusky Bay Brew Fest, Sandusky, Ohio
For information, contact Ed Anderson at (800) 686-5005

If anyone knows of other events not listed here, please send me the information and I'll be happy to add them.

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BEER TROUBLESHOOTING FLOW CHART

SYMPTOM: Beer unusually pale and tasteless
FAULT: Glass empty
ACTION: Get someone to buy you another beer

SYMPTOM: Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights
FAULT: You have fallen over backwards
ACTION: Have yourself lashed to the bar

SYMPTOM: Mouth contains cigarette butts
FAULT: You have fallen forward
ACTION: See above

SYMPTOM: Beer is tasteless, front of shirt is wet
FAULT: Mouth not open or glass applied to wrong part of face
ACTION: Retire to restroom, practice in mirror

SYMPTOM: Feet cold and wet
FAULT: Glass being held at incorrect angle
ACTION: Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling

SYMPTOM: Feet warm and wet
FAULT: Improper bladder control
ACTION: Stand next to the nearest dog, complain about her house training

SYMPTOM: Floor blurred
FAULT: You are looking through bottom of empty glass
ACTION: Get someone to buy you another beer

SYMPTOM: Floor moving
FAULT: Your are being carried out
ACTION: Find out if you are being carried to another bar

SYMPTOM: Room seems unusually dark
FAULT: Bar has closed
ACTION: Confirm home address with bartender

SYMPTOM: Taxi suddenly takes on a colorful aspect and textures
FAULT: Beer consumption has exceeded personal limitations
ACTION: Cover mouth

COOPERSTOWN BREWERIES EXCURSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1998

BUS DEPARTS SUDS FACTORY PARKING LOT AT 8:30 AM

Please reserve my seat on the bus to Cooperstown and my picnic lunch.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enclose payment of \$20.00 per person and mail to:

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