

November Meeting

When

TUES., NOV. 10, 1998
 7:00 PM

What

TOM HUNT TALKS ABOUT
 THE "I'M SMART" PROGRAM
ALSO
 TASTING MUNICH LAGER
 AND HARD CIDER

Where

CLARK'S ALE HOUSE
 122 W. JEFFERSON ST.

If you would like more information about our club, please join us at one of our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. 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 PETE KIRKGASSER

First of all, let me apologize for this newsletter being later and shorter than usual due to some technical difficulties we have experienced. We do expect to return to our normal schedule and format for the December issue.

Last month's meeting at the Empire Brewing Company was a success thanks to Steve Schmidt's generous hospitality. He gave us all a tour of his brewery and samples of his beers and answered all of our brewing questions as well. Two of Steve's beers have won medals at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver - the Downtown Brown and Skinny Atlas Light (its second medal in two years!). Be sure to thank Steve next time you're at the Empire Brewing Company.

I also want to thank all of those who participated in the Seneca Lake Wine Tour last month making it a success also. A great time was had by all. Be sure to sign up for our next outing which will be the Rochester Pub Crawl.

Don't forget that the annual club dues are due now and are good toward your membership through December of 1999. If you have not yet paid, please bring your dues to the next meeting or send a check to the SCBCmailbox.

Happy Brewing, Pete

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AHA CLUB COMPETITIONS

The American Homebrewers Association's Club-Only Competition program offers AHA registered homebrew clubs an opportunity to compete nationwide with other homebrew clubs. Each competition focuses attention on a specific style of beer or mead, giving clubs the opportunity to educate their members in these styles by focusing on them at club meetings or tasting events.

Currently, there are six competitions each year. There is one competition left in 1998 and the Salt City Brew Club would like to offer an entry for it.

The styles for the current competition were announced and described in our October newsletter (Scottish Style Light Ale, Heavy Ale, Export Ale and Strong Ale). If you have brewed an entry for this event, please note the following:

All entries must be dropped off at Smith's Restaurant Supply (at the homebrew shop on the second floor) no later than 5:00 PM on November 18, 1998. This initial entry will require the submission of two 12 oz. bottles for the club's evaluation. Once the selection has been made, the winning entrant will have to submit three bottles, brown or green in color and 10 to 14 oz. capacity. A complete recipe for your beer will also have to be submitted. The club will pay the entry fee for the national competition along with all shipping costs. If you have any questions on this competition, please contact Pete Kirkgasser or Frank Heine.

ROCHESTER PUB CRAWL

The Salt City Brew Club is sponsoring a pub crawl through some of Rochester's most popular watering holes including Rohrbach's, McGregor's and the Empire Brewing Company, among others. Mike McDonough is making arrangements for a memorable affair so don't be left out! Sign up at the meeting or use the mail-in registration form near the back of this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Please note that the following list of planned future events is **tentative** and is provided here for your information and input. If you have ideas for future club events, please do not hesitate to share them with a club officer.

December: Regular meeting at the Syracuse Suds Factory on the 8th. Topic to be announced.

January: Regular meeting on the 12th at the new Relyea Brewing Co. (if available). Topic to be a tour of the just completed microbrewery and tasting of their brews. Feature of the meeting will be the annual "Six Pack Exchange". Bring a six pack of your favorite homebrews and take home a six pack of someone else's pride and joy. Special event will be the SCBC Annual Winter Party.

February: Regular meeting on the 9th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced. Special event will be the club's annual homebrew competition. If interested in helping out, please contact a committee member (Andy Moon, Bernie Moon or Mick Barnes).

March: Regular meeting on the 9th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced.

April: Regular meeting on the 13th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced.

May: Regular meeting on the 11th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced.

June: Regular meeting on the 8th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced.

July: Regular meeting on the 13th at the Syracuse Suds Factory (?). Topic to be announced.

August: Regular meeting on the 10th. Summer picnic on the 22nd (to be confirmed).

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ANNUAL SCBC "BREWOFF"

The Salt City Brew Club's Annual Homebrew Competition has been scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 1999. The committee is well under way with the early planning for this event but is in need of additional volunteers to help make it a great success. For those of you who are interested in helping out, please contact Andy Moon at (315) 656-8917 or Mick Barnes at (315) 474-8731.

The committee is actively seeking competition sponsors to provide cash or prize donations. If you or your business is in a position to help support this event with a donation, please contact one of the committee members listed above. Although your donation won't be tax deductible, it will make you feel a whole lot better. We promise!

The committee is also discussing the possibility of sharing the event proceeds with a local charity of the members' choice. If you have a charity to suggest, please bring it up at the next club meeting, at the committee meeting or contact a committee member directly.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Bill Bowen of Syracuse attended our October meeting at the Empire Brewing Company and has become our newest member. Please welcome Bill to the group when you see him.

SENECA LAKE WINERY TOUR BY JANET KIRKGASSER

Twentynine people, including club members, spouses and friends boarded the bus at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 24th for the SCBC Seneca Lake Wine Tour. We had a gorgeous, sunny day full of meeting new people, tasting and buying good wine and having too much fun.

Our first of seven stops was at Wagner Winery and Brewery which was the only establishment that offered a tour of their winemaking facility explaining the process from harvesting to bottling. They also housed the only brewery which over half of our group chose to visit instead of the wine tasting area (go figure!?). Everyone seemed to enjoy the tastings at Wagner as well as the other wineries and many cases of Seneca Lake wines made their way back to Syracuse by the end of the day.

Other wineries we visited included Polar Ridge, Hazlitt, Arcadia, Fulkerson, Four Chimneys and Earl Estates Meadery. We encountered some roudy bartenders at Hazlitt and Arcadia (where we found ourselves doing the wave around the bar!) for those who wanted to get riled up and Fulkerson offered an array of grape juices for those interested in winemaking at home. We were greeted with friendly hospitality at all of the wineries and enjoyed visiting each. Amazingly, we stayed on our pre-arranged schedule to the minute throughout the whole day until we arrived home at 7:00 PM.

I must comment that my favorite part of the trip was sharing the day with a bunch of wonderful people. Everyone seemed to have fun together, be they old friends or new acquaintances. I look forward to the next SCBC field trip.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL BEER EVENTS

- November 7: 5th Annual Great Northeast International Beer Festival, Providence, Rhode Island
For information, contact Maury Ryan at (401) 272-0980
- November 7: 5th Annual Maine Brewers' Festival, Portland, Maine
For information, contact Gritty McDuff's Brewing Company at (207) 842-0800 or (207) 772-2739
- Nov. 7-9: Malt Masters Invitational, Chateau Resorts and Conference Center, Tannersville, Pennsylvania
For information, call (717) 629-9399
- November 10: 4th Annual Northwest Fest Brewers Banquets, Somerville, Massachusetts
For information, contact Redbones Barbecue Restaurant and Ale House at (617) 628-2200
- November 10: 4th Annual International Beer Festival, South Street Seaport, New York City, New York
For information, contact Bridgewater at (212) 447-0456
- November 10: Monthly meeting of the Salt City Brew Club, Clark's Ale House**
For information, see this newsletter (also deadline for pub crawl discount)
- November 17: 4th Annual Northwest Fest Brewers Banquets, Somerville, Massachusetts
For information, contact Redbones Barbecue Restaurant and Ale House at (617) 628-2200
- Nov. 21-22: 7th Annual Great Brews of America Classis Beer Festival, Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania
For information, call (800) 255-7625
- November 21: Salt City Brew Club's Rochester Pub Crawl**
For information, see this newsletter
- November 27: Entry deadline for "The Hoppiest Show on Earth" homebrew competition, Princeton, New Jersey
For information, contact John Dale at (908) 369-3378
- December 5-6: Judging for "The Hoppiest Show on Earth" homebrew competition, Princeton, New Jersey
For information, contact John Dale at (908) 369-3378
- December 8: Monthly meeting of the Salt City Brew Club, Syracuse Suds Factory (to be confirmed)**
For information, see the December newsletter

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

**SALT CITY BREW CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1, 1998
KEEP YOUR NEWSLETTER AND CLUB PRIVILEGES COMING!**

Please renew (my) (our) SCBC membership for the 1998-1999 club year:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enclose payment of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 for two adults in the same household and mail to the club address listed below:

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RELAX, DON'T WORRY. HAVE A HOMEBREW!

**SALT CITY BREW CLUB ROCHESTER PUBCRAWL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998
BUS BOARDS AT 9:00 AM (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

Please sign (me) (us) up for the SCBC Rochester Pubcrawl:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enclose payment of \$20.00/member or \$25.00/non-member and mail to address below:
(Note: after November 10, prices will be \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members)

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(EXCEPT FOR FRANK HEINE WHO IS IN 607)

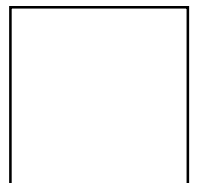
TO BE ADDED TO THE SCBC LISTSERV, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL MESSAGE TO:

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VISIT THE CLUB ON THE WEB, POINT YOUR BROWSER TO:
[HTTP://HBD.ORG/USERS/SCBC/](http://HBD.ORG/USERS/SCBC/)
(USE LOWERCASE CHARACTERS)

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