



Brewsletter

For the Salt City Brew Club of Central New York
December 2007

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Regular Monthly
Meetings are on the Second
Tuesday of the Month at
7p.m.

The Next Salt City
Brew Club Meeting is
December 11th, 2007 at:

Empire Brewing Co.
120 Walton Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

The President's Draught

By Paul Shafer, Club President

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Happy Holidays, fellow Brew Club members! I hope everything in your brewery is going well, and I hope the winter warmers are flowing smoothly.

Plans for the Holiday Party this Tuesday, 12/11, at Empire Brewing Company are all set for 7 pm. There will be lots of food; and, of course, Tim Butler's great beers will be flowing—all for \$10. Don't forget the Six-Pack Exchange. Bring a bottle, take a bottle. Bring a six-pack, take a six-pack. We will draw tickets to see who gets to pick in what order. Home-brewed or store-bought beers are fine.

Bring some extra money this Tuesday for the 50/50 raffle. I'll be cleaning out the folder of gift certificates, and of course, the money.

This month, we will be taking nominations for club officers, so if you think you would like to run for a position, be sure to get someone to nominate you. Voting will be at the January meeting. The positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Brewsletter Editor, and Webmaster/mistress.

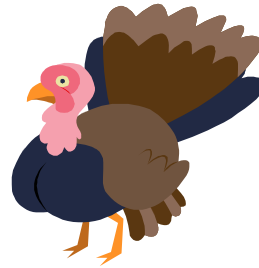
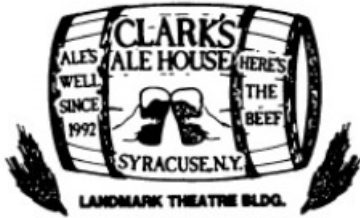
Just a reminder, club dues will be paid at the January meeting. It has been my pleasure to be your president this past year.

Cheers,
Paul

Secretary's Report

By Rob Helfrich

Secretary's Report
November, 2007



Our annual meeting at the Middle Ages Brewery in October was another huge success. This meeting has been a club tradition and a "shouldn't miss". Lots of fun raffles as well as a snack spread. Special thanks to the club members who supported the Brewery with a few extra purchases.

Our November meeting was held at the OHM Lounge. The featured tasting was Barley Wines. We sampled a few Druid Fluids as well as Dog Fish Head barley wine and a few others. All were fine examples of the style.

Dave Meszko volunteered to lead the New York State Homebrew Contest for 2008. Dave will do a fantastic job and brings plenty of enthusiasm to this important position. Very, very special thanks to Mick Barnes who ran the contest expertly for so many years.

Our discussion was led by Paul Shafer and he didn't disappoint. He discussed the various styles of beer glasses. His knowledge on the subject was amazing, if not a bit surprising. Did you know lids were first introduced on steins as a way to prevent the spread of Bubonic Plaque? Pilsner glasses are fluted to maximize beer aroma. Etching at the bottom of a fine beer glass serves to drive the carbonation to the head and improve aroma. Thank you Paul. I will never drink my homebrew from a plastic cup again. In fact, I write this column while twirling my barley wine in a fine brandy snifter.

Our December meeting is another not to miss. We will hold our annual Christmas party at the Empire Brewery on December 11. Cost is \$10.00 which includes various appetizers and all of the Empire brew you wish to enjoy. If I haven't mentioned it previously, their Hefewisen is heavenly and itself worth the cost of admission. We will also do our annual six-pack exchange at the meeting. Bring a six pack of fine craft beer or homebrew and exchange for another. It's an annual tradition and a fun opportunity to try a beer you may not have previously.

Rob



Brews Calendar

UNYHA Homebrew Competition
Judging will be Saturday, March 8,
2008
(location TBD).

Niagara Assoc. of Homebrewers is
holding a BJCP exam in Buffalo next
spring, 4/26/08 starting at 11 or 12.
The location will be at 223 Jarvis
Hall on University of Buffalo's north
campus,
Buffalo NY 14260.

You know you're a Homebrewer:

If you can brag that your
vehicle can actually hold 40
cornies and still
have room in the front
seat.....

If you have more
refrigerators in your garage
than in your house.

If you have more taps at
home than in the corner
bar.

*T'was the night before Christmas with nothing to do,
So I sat by the fire and poured me a brew.
The presents were wrapped and under the tree,
And I poured me another, from tap number three.*

*The kids were in bed, and the wife was out too,
So I poured yet another Yule Tide home brew.
A fine barley wine with a cinnamon stick,
I intended to leave one out for Saint Nick.*

*I was starting to nod as I'd had quite a few,
Of this excellent batch of well aged Home Brew.
And then through the fire came a guy dressed in red
The picture of Christmas from his toes to his head*

*I sat there and watched as he opened his sack,
He moved with precision, he had quite a knack.
He went right to work for the guy was a dandy,
In my stocking was dropped a spot of fine brandy.*

*He finished his chores and turned toward the spot,
Where the cookies and Home brew waited their lot.
He washed down the cookies with the Yule Tide Home brew,
I knew by that look that he wanted a few.*

*"It's tap number three" I said with a chuckle,
"Sit down a while and loosen your buckle."
He nodded and thanked me for being so kind,
"I think I'll have one more if you don't mind."*

*We started to chat as we poured one then two,
By the time we were done he'd had quite a few.
So he left with a shout that wasn't quite right,
MERRY CHRISCHMIS TO ALL, (hic) AND TO ALL A GOOD
NIGHT!*

Unknown

*"You can't be a real country unless you have a
beer and an airline - it helps if you have some
kind of a football team or some nuclear weapons,
but at the very least you need a beer." -- Frank
Zappa*



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