



Brewsletter

For the Salt City Brew Club of Central New York

March 2008

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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
April 8th, 2008 at:

The Ohm Lounge
Armory Square
Syracuse, NY 13202

The President's Draught

By Rich White, Club President

President's Draught

March, 2008

By Rich White

OK folks, I know it has been a while and this won't be a very in-depth issue. I apologize for any bumps in the road during the transition but please realize that things are looking up and we have some great events coming up very soon and would love to see everyone there!

First, our club bus trip to Cooperstown Brewing/Ommegang is a go! The bus leaves from Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt April 5th at 9 AM and will return around 4 PM. The cost is \$35 per person and includes transport and tasting fees. There will be a food tasting at Ommegang in addition to the tour and beer. We are allowed to bring beer on the bus so grab a bottle or two to share! We have about 15-20 spots left, if you think you aren't on the list or would like to go please call me at (315) 478-1984 or e-mail rich@syracusepunk.com

The State fair competition is coming up soon and to keep with traditional we will be having a Spring Fling event the weekend after. Jamie has been gracious enough to host the event in her barn so keep checking the website for updated info and if you can volunteer to bring food, beer or fun of some kind to the party.

Again we are looking for members to present on topics of interest to the rest of the club for the monthly meeting so drop us a line if there is something you have expertise or interest in.

Todd has done a great job redesigning the website be sure to give him a pat on the back.

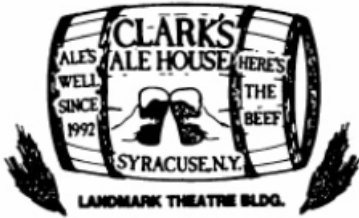
Now that we are getting back on track Joe will be handling the Brewsletter. Please send any submissions to him at hernandeztraceyjoe@yahoo.com. Look for the Brewsletter halfway in between monthly meetings.

*Bottoms Up!,
Rich*

March Secretary's Report

By Rob Helfrich

Secretary's Report
March, 2008



Our March meeting was again held at Ohm Lounge. We are still awaiting the warm evening weather when we can enjoy our meetings in their outdoor bier garden. Our March meeting was quite informative and we planned several events. We also enjoyed various Bock Beer tastings, including Saranc's limited release.

We are having our first bus trip on Saturday, April 5 and will be headed to Cooperstown to visit the Omegang Brewery. Cost is \$35.00. There are still plenty of seats remaining, so let Rich White know if you want to go. And if we have any luck the bus won't hit a deer this year.

Big Brew Day will be May 3. It is an AHA sanctioned event whereby clubs throughout the nation attempt to brew a large quantity of homebrew in one day. Rich White will again hold it at his house. Please plan to attend. For those of you who extract brew and are considering diving into all-grain, this is a great venue to learn how to do it. Feel free to drop by, even if you are not brewing.

We also discussed the Spring Fling. Jamie volunteered her house which apparently also consists of a large barn. Sounds perfect! We will discuss details at the next meeting, but it will likely be held late May or early June.

Since we discussed the Spring Fling, might as well also plan the Summer Party. Warren, given he has a pool, said he will host. Again, stay tuned for details.

Don't forget about the various New York homebrew contests. The largest contest in New York and one of the largest in the country is the "Amber Waves of Grain, held in Buffalo May 16 and 17. The drop-off is May 3 at EJ Wrens. Therefore, get brewing. And of course, don't forget to save a few bottles to enter in the New York State Fair contest in July. Lastly, the 30th annual UNYHA contest was held in March. Salt City club member Rob Helfrich scored his fifth consecutive gold medal for his Belgian Wit. You may know him. He is the bald guy whose head seems to grow larger after each contest.

Last but not least, if you have a brewing topic you would like to discuss, let the club know at the next meeting.

Happy brewing

Rob Helfrich



Brews Calendar

April 5th: Cooperstown
Brewing and Ommegang
Trip

May 3rd: Big Brew day at
Rich White's house

May 3rd: Last drop off date
for the Amber Waves of
Grain homebrew contests at
EJ Wrens.

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A Very Late January Secretary's Report

By Rob Helfrich

Secretary's Report
January, 2008

Welcome to the new year! At our January meeting, held at the Ohm Lounge, we elected a new slate of club officers who provided plenty of exciting plans and ideas for our club in 2008.

Following a hotly contested vote, returning as our perennial Treasurer is Frank Volcko! Jeff Schmidt attempted to provide Frank with relief this year, but the club just wouldn't let him off the hook. All other officer elections were completed through single nominations. Rich White is our new President and Paul Gregorian is our Vice President. I guess no one complained about my secretarial skills, so I will return as your Secretary this year.

We had 32 members pay their 2008 dues at the meeting. The dues are \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. With the dramatic cost increase of hops and grain, you will quickly recoup these fees with the 10% club discount at EJ Wrens Homebrew Supply in Liverpool. Also must note, we had several new members join. With such a great showing at the initial meeting, we will have a great and exciting year.

Rich's "inauguration speech" discussed planning several interesting club road trips including the Ohmfest this year. Also, we discussed the potential for combining events with other Central New York clubs. Another great idea mentioned was providing food pairings in addition to the style tastings at the meetings. If you have any ideas for the club, be sure to let Rich know.

We are off to a great year! See you in February.

Happy brewing,

Rob Helfrich



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