



# Brewer's League Journal

Monthly Newsletter of the Greater Everett Brewer's League

## Social Coordinator Railroaded

### Don Roberts Graciously Accepts

Yes, we did it to him. Even though Don had an idea it was coming, and had even acknowledged that his contacts would make him a logical candidate (you guessed it, there was politicking going on behind the scenes), I think he was still a bit surprised at how quickly we railroaded him into the position of Social Coordinator. What I want to know is how come we haven't done anything fun yet?

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Don has a wealth of ideas and can't wait to get some of them going.

Jim Jensen and George Crawford volunteered to assist Don in his efforts (actually, we asked them to be a thorn in his side...). Some of the ideas that came up at the meeting were: Chartering a bus to take us to regional brewing events. This would allow us to visit and sample while having a designated driver. Another idea was to have brew-in's at *The Home Brewery*.

If you have ideas for social events we can participate in, share them with Don at the shop.



Our thanks to Don for accepting the nod and taking on this responsibility.

### Keep those new faces coming!

We are truly excited at seeing new faces at our monthly meetings. The wandering brewer that we have all heard about (but many had not yet met), **John Bernhard**, was back in the area and attended our July meeting. He is a past member and he brings with him much knowledge. He is completing his requirements for Master Brewer status.

George Crawford brought a house guest from Oregon to the meeting. Ella just happens to be his mother and a delight. She was even game enough to sample the meads with us. Way to go, Ella. Bring her back again, George!

**David Swartos** was a first-timer and we hope he'll be back. He is the lucky individual who walked away with the equipment from the defunct Mt. Baker Brewing Company, at a recent auction. He also donated a 55 lb. bag of malted grain for one of the raffles. Thank you David and welcome.

## Raffle winners!

The July raffle was reflective of our diverse membership. The first raffle had items that were of special interest to the extract brewers: extracts of various types. The second raffle caught the attention of the all-grain brewers: 55 lb. of malted grain.

The Home Brewery donated a light and a dark extract, which were taken home by Jack Hughes and George Crawford, respectively. John Hartline donated a wheat extract which was won by Kyle Jameson (now being called MR. LUCKY!). The malted extract, donated by David Swartos, was snagged by Chuck Williams and his lucky quarters!

## MEADS GALORE

The July meeting produced an amazing array of meads. The general thought, pre-meeting, was that since these honey wines take so long to age, there would be minimal samplings, at best. WRONG!

Judging from the number of entries he had, Ralph Bacon has been spending his time with Pooh Bear(meister that is!) at the honey jar. He sent in a Strawberry-Kiwi, a Rocket Fuel (aptly named), and a mead from a kit. John Hartline ran him a close second with 2 offerings: a Georgia Peach and a Raspberry Ginger mead. Don Roberts had an Orange Ginger mead and Kyle Jameson had a Blueberry Wheat beer (just for the taste of it). Good stuff, y'all and very different from our usual samplings.

## Y'all Come

The next meeting will be held on **August 8th at 7 p.m.** It will be at John and Anne Hartline's home, 6709 44th St. N.E., Marysville.

### Directions:

Heading I-5 North, take exit 199 (Marysville/Tulalip) and make a Right onto 4th Street (main drag). You are heading East, away from the reservation. Go about 2-3 miles (past the YMCA and Allen Creel Elementary School on your left) to the light at 67th Ave. There you will make a Right and go about 1.5 miles until the road makes a hard left up the hill. We sit in that curve on your left.

There is a driveway above and below. If you miss the bottom driveway, make the curve and we will be the first drive on your left.

This will be a **potluck** so if your last name begins with the letters **A-M, bring a salad of some sort.** If your last name starts with **N-Z, bring a hot dish.** Anne will provide a dessert and John will provide the homebrew. Hope you can come. **Please RSVP so we know how many to expect!**



## Member Info Exchange

Are we info current or what? We will soon have a bulletin board put up at The Home Brewery where you can post and pick up information. We are also hoping to put together a member directory so be sure that your information is current. If you aren't sure or need to update, let Don Roberts (355-8865) or John Hartline (334-2656) know.

Also, not to be left behind on the info highway, members are beginning to exchange E-mail addresses. Would you like to add this piece of info to the data base and directory? Give us your thoughts.

## Something's Brewing if Something's Missing

by Scribe

At first you don't really notice the differences. The sudden interest in recycling your pantyhose is no big deal, after all they do make great hop bags. And when the washing machine cannot be used because it's lined with bottles and paraphernalia, you let that slide, too. You can always wash clothes another time. You're ready to load the dishwasher and realize that it is chock full of bottles being sterilized plus your h.b.(that's homebrewer, not homeboy) freaks



out that you might have contaminated the load by opening it prematurely.

You've gone to bed and are awakened to strange sounds in the laundry room. After sneaking down, armed with a battery-laden flashlight, you flip on the light, ready to do battle if necessary. The intruder turns out to be a very active blow-off tube whose yeast has kicked in full-blast. You open the icebox and discover the countless frozen 2-liter pop bottles that have taken over and preempted the frozen OJ--they're just wonderful for cooling those lagers in hot weather! Those 5-gallon water bottles you were going to make into terrariums have been transformed into "carboys" (yes, *they look the same, but PLEASE don't call them water bottles when any respectable HB knows they're carboys*) and they're all sporting your best towels as sweaters ("*Annie, you know what light does to beer*").

Then comes the night you're ready to mash the potatoes and the masher has disappeared and no one claims responsibility. "*Oh, that's right-it did a great job setting the grain bed.*" The bag of marbles you purchased to entertain children has been recruited for holding hop bags down so they don't float--"*can't you buy more before the kids come over?*" Your vegetable crisper has been staked out for storing hops and grains--"*Do those veggies really need to be refrigerated, Honey?*" Just accept that the Michael Jackson is more interested in Lager than Lisa and your favorite author is about to become someone named Papazian.

You might as well relax and

enjoy, "*have another homebrew*" and help him figure out what other dual purpose items your household owns. Yes, you have entered the world of the homebrewer and there is no turning back.

**Editor's note:** Although Annie may not have gotten all of the jargon quite correct (we forgive her transgressions), her humorous look at our obsession is refreshing. I have asked her to contribute a regular column entitled *The Lighter Side of Homebrewing*. If any of you homebrewing widows or widowers out there have a humorous anecdote to relate to Annie you can reach her at 334-2656 or [HartlineA@AOL.com](mailto:HartlineA@AOL.com).

## Tasting Results:

Hey Hey Hey! We have a new winner. As you can see from the table below, everyone favored the Strawberry Mead offering submitted by Ralph Bacon. This

was good stuff indeed. The mead tasting was fun although quite a bit different than our old favorites.

## Style Calendar

Halfway home for this year, but still some interesting styles left to brew.

August: Pale Ale (English, American and India) We may also judge the "Yellow Dog Contest"

Sept: Porter and Stouts

Oct: Fest Beers (Oktoberfest, Marzen etc.)

Nov: Belgian and Fruit Beers

Dec: Christmas beers.

	Ralph	Ralph	Ralph	Don	John	John
	Bacon	Bacon	Bacon	Roberts	Hartline	Hartline
	Strawberry	Homebrew	Rocket	Orange	Raspberry	Peach
	Kiwi	Mead Kit	Fuel Mead	Ginger Mead	Ginger Mead	Mead
Taster 1	32	10	31	14	33	21
Taster 2	38	17	32	21	34	18
Taster 3	38	31	38	21	38	39
Taster 4	31	20	22	15	26	28
Taster 5	34	36	25	30	35	37
Taster 6	38	31	26	29	30	31
Taster 7	46	34	28	36	35	28
Taster 8	36	35	33	25	21	35
Taster 9	44	30	33	17	36	34
Total	337	244	268	208	288	271
Average	25.9	18.8	20.6	16.0	22.2	20.8



Taster 1	Taster 2	Taster 3	Taster 4	Taster 5	Taster 6	Taster 7	Taster 8	Taster 9	Total	Average
32	38	38	46	38	38	46	38	44	337	37.4
10	17	38	34	25	31	34	30	30	268	29.8
31	32	38	32	25	25	28	25	20	208	23.1
14	21	21	12	30	29	36	17	38	208	23.1
33	34	38	38	32	30	36	38	38	308	34.2
21	16	38	28	37	31	38	34	34	271	30.1