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Organizational Meeting Held at *Buck's Cafe*

Let's Get Going!

The initial meeting of our proposed Home Brewer's club was held at *Buck's American Cafe* on Hewitt Avenue Wednesday March 13th from 7:00 PM to about 9:00 PM.

Basically this meeting was held to determine whether there was sufficient interest in organizing a home brewing club to warrant the attempt. It seemed as though there is. We had twelve people show up and all seemed enthusiastic about putting something together.

The discussion basically centered on the value of an organized club and what kinds of activities could be expected. Those activities included:

1. A defined style of the month for each month published in the first newsletter of the year.
2. An organized contest tasting of the style of the month during each monthly

meeting. This tasting would be done under recognized beer judging guidelines, allowing all to learn from each other and from the judging experience. Winners of the tasting contest would be published in the following month's newsletter.

3. Speakers from the industry (micro brewery, hops, winery) would be invited occasionally for meetings.

4. Association with the AHA in order to host "Club Only" competitions and intra-club competitions.

6. Monthly raffle of donated home brewed samples.

7. Tours of local breweries.

8. Monthly newsletter.

9. Sponsorship by *The Home Brewery*.

This will allow each club member a discount on all purchases (certain sale items excluded) made at *The Home Brewery's* Everett location. There will be other advantages of this sponsorship to be defined by Don And Ralph at *The Home Brewery*.

In my opinion (and I'm always eager to share those), the single biggest advantage of organizing even informally is the discussion that takes place between fellow home brewers. The value of that alone makes it worth attending a monthly meeting. New friends, new advise, new recipes etc, etc, etc.

So I volunteered to post the initial few newsletters and establish this year's style calendar to help keep it rolling. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th from 7:00PM until we're tired of each other. The

meeting will be held at *Buck's American Cafe* again, so mark your calendars and make plans to attend. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Next Meeting:

Thursday

April 11th 7:00 to 9:30 ish

Buck's American Cafe, Everett, WA

Style: Bock

1996 Style Calendar

This year will be our first for a style calendar / tasting schedule. This schedule follows the AHA Club only Competition schedule to some degree (see article below), so if we formalize into a club, we will be able to participate. Some of these beers will be "old friends" to you long time brewers, but we'd like to encourage you "first-batch" brewers to participate without fear. There is no better learning experience than that of sharing your beers with other people. I hope there is a style in here for each of you. Participate as often as you like.

January 97: Brown Ale

Feb. 97: Altbier and Heavy Ales
(Strong Ale, Scotch Ale and Old Ale)

March 97: Stout (Dry, Sweet, Imperial)

April: Open (bring what you got)

May: Pilsner

June: Wheat and Bad Beer

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Pymment, Cider, Wine
August: Pale Ale (English,
American and India)
September: Porter
October: Fest Beers (Oktoberfest,
Marzen etc.)
November: Belgians and Fruit beers
December: Christmas beers

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AHA Club-Only Competitions:

An AHA Club-Only competition is a competition open to only AHA - registered homebrew clubs. One entry is selected to represent the club in the competition. The AHA sponsors six of these competitions each year, and the 1996 list is in. More information about the individual competitions will be provided in future issues should we decide to formalize our club and seek recognition by the AHA. The Club-Only competition entry date schedule is as follows:

January 22,Hail to Ale
March 18,Altbier
May 13,Bock
August 12,Mead
October 21,Fest Beers
December 2,Belgians

Plank Owners

An old tradition dating back to who knows when, but nonetheless worth mentioning. Plank Owners were those crew-members who were assigned to a specific ship on the date it was commissioned. Who cares, you ask, well we could apply the same principal to our club formation. I'm not particularly in favor of special favors (unless they apply to me), but Plank Owners were generally revered as being special and as having an ownership in the ship, thus the Plank Owners (original members) of our little organization would occasionally find themselves eligible for some benefit or other and generally regarded with some awe by those lowly newbies (new members). Let's discuss it at our next gathering.

A Beer Celebrity's Recipe

This recipe, as well as other famous recipes can be found in *The 1996 American Craft Brewers Calendar*.

The calendar lists classic beer-style recipes by the month in which they should be brewed for optimum enjoyment. *Rocktoberfest* (a Maerzen recipe) is offered by Greg Noonan, brewmaster at Seven Barrel Brewery and author of *Brewing Lager Beer* and *Scotch Ale* of the Classic Beer Style Series.

Ingredients:

1.25 lbs Caramel 50 Malt
1.75 lbs Carapils Malt
5.00 lbs Light malt extract
1/4 AAU, Hallertau, Liberty or Mt.
Hood at boil
2.5 AAU, Hallertau, Liberty or Mt.
Hood at 45 minutes.
9 AAU, Hallertau, Livity or Mt.
Hood at 15 minutes.

Procedure:

Pitch with 10-14 grams of neutral, lager yeast. Ferment @ 45-55 F. After 7-10 days, lager for 1 to 3 months below 50 F. Prime with 3/4 cup corn sugar.

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