



Brewer's League Journal

Monthly Newsletter of the Greater Everett Brewer's League

Ocktooberfest Takes the Place of the October Meeting

Ocktooberfest

by Don Roberts

Well its that time of year again. That's right, its Ocktooberfest time. Get out those literhosen and big bier steins.

The Greater Everett Brewer's League is having the Ocktooberfest at the home of Don and Terri Roberts, on October 12th. Our home is located at 2717 175th Ave S.E., Snohomish and our phone number is 335-0391. If you have questions with the map (see page 3), please give me a call either at home or at the store (355-8865).

Starting time is 2:30 PM and this is a pot luck and barbecue. Please bring your favorite dish (hot or cold), your best wurst (something to put on the grill) and a place setting.

The club will provide the condiments, tasting cups and soft drinks for the kids.

John Hartline will have his brewing system at the festivities and is planning on raffling off the wort to the first three persons with the right ticket and an empty carboy. We plan to have activities for both the not so old and young at heart. If weather permits, horse-shoes, volleyball and the first annual keg tossing event. (Wear your

back brace and no suing allowed Ed).

We will also brew the annual mystery Bier so bring what is left over in your brew closet and we'll see what kind of beer we can concoct. This will be consumed at a later meeting or cookout next spring.

There will not be a meeting on Thursday the 10th at Bucks, so we will have a short business meeting at the Ocktooberfest on the 12th.

There is limited parking at my house. When you arrive, you will see a parking area sign. Please park there and walk down (sorry, no valet parking). If you need to unload something, you can drive down.

Meeting at the Snohomish Brewing Co.

By John Hartline

As many of you know, Annie and I could not attend the September meeting in Snohomish, but according to Don is was a success. Don laughingly tells me that in spite of the fact that Tom Namowicz was asked to be the scribe-pro-tem, he apparently got more involved in the meeting than note-taking and we wound up with

only two sentences of meeting minutes. Therefore, I can only tell you that a meeting was held, it was apparently enjoyed by all, and the meeting was adjourned.

Style Calendar

Two-thirds of the way home for this year, but still some interesting styles left to brew. Better brew those Christmas beers now so they will have aged properly by the time we are ready for them.

Oct: Fest Beers (Oktoberfest, Marzen etc.)
Nov: Belgian and Fruit Beers
Dec: Christmas beers.

AHA News!

By John Hartline

New news from the AHA. We have received a package from the AHA regarding the upcoming club only competitions. What this means to us is that we can hold a style competition within our club and submit the winning entry to the AHA for judging

in their club only competitions. Following is the AHA Club-Only Competition propaganda:

1. The 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.

2. Each Club-Only Competition is sponsored by the AHA, and co-organized and judged by selected homebrew clubs nationwide. This also gives clubs a chance to learn about homebrew competitions, beer evaluation, and judging procedures - in some instances, the club's first opportunity to do so.

3. All AHA Registered Homebrew Clubs are eligible to compete. Only one entry may be entered from each club. Procedures for selecting a club's entry are determined by the club, and vary widely - some clubs choose an entry during an informal tasting, while larger clubs often run a formal competition. This selected entry is then sent to the appropriate judging site.

4. There are six competitions each year. While some of the styles remain the same each year, other styles are changed to encourage exploration into different beer styles.

5. If a club's entry wins in a Club-Only Competition, the club earns points towards the Homebrew Club of the Year award for the 1997 AHA National Homebrew Competition (NHC). See the NHC Rules and Regulations brochure in Zymurgy Winter 1996 (Volume 19, No. 5) for information.

6. Each competition has one or more categories in which to enter (designated by numbers), each category having one or more subcategories (designated by letters). While entries are evaluated according to these categories, first, second, and third places are only given for the best three beers, regardless of their categories or subcategories. It is important to pay attention to the categories and subcategories so that your club's entry is evaluated appropriately. The categories and subcategories correspond to the AHA 1997 National Homebrew Competition style guidelines.

7. If you have questions about the AHA Club-Only Competitions, or other homebrew club issues, please contact us. We will be happy to help you.

There you have it folks... the official, up to the minute, original hokey pokey, no bull-shit AHA guidelines. There are still two competitions left for 1996 and they are the **Best of Fest** competition with entries due on 10/21/96, and the **Belgian Blockbuster** competition with entries due by December 2, 1996. I have the information for both of these competitions in our files if any of you are interested in participating. We will discuss these at our mini-meeting on October 12th.

The 1997 Club-Only Competition Schedule is as follows:

Hail to Ale	January 27, 1997
Luscious Lager	March 10, 1997
Bock is Best	May 19, 1997
To be Determined	August 18, 1997
Weiss is Nice	October 20, 1997
Bitter Mania	December 1, 1997

Librarian Needed

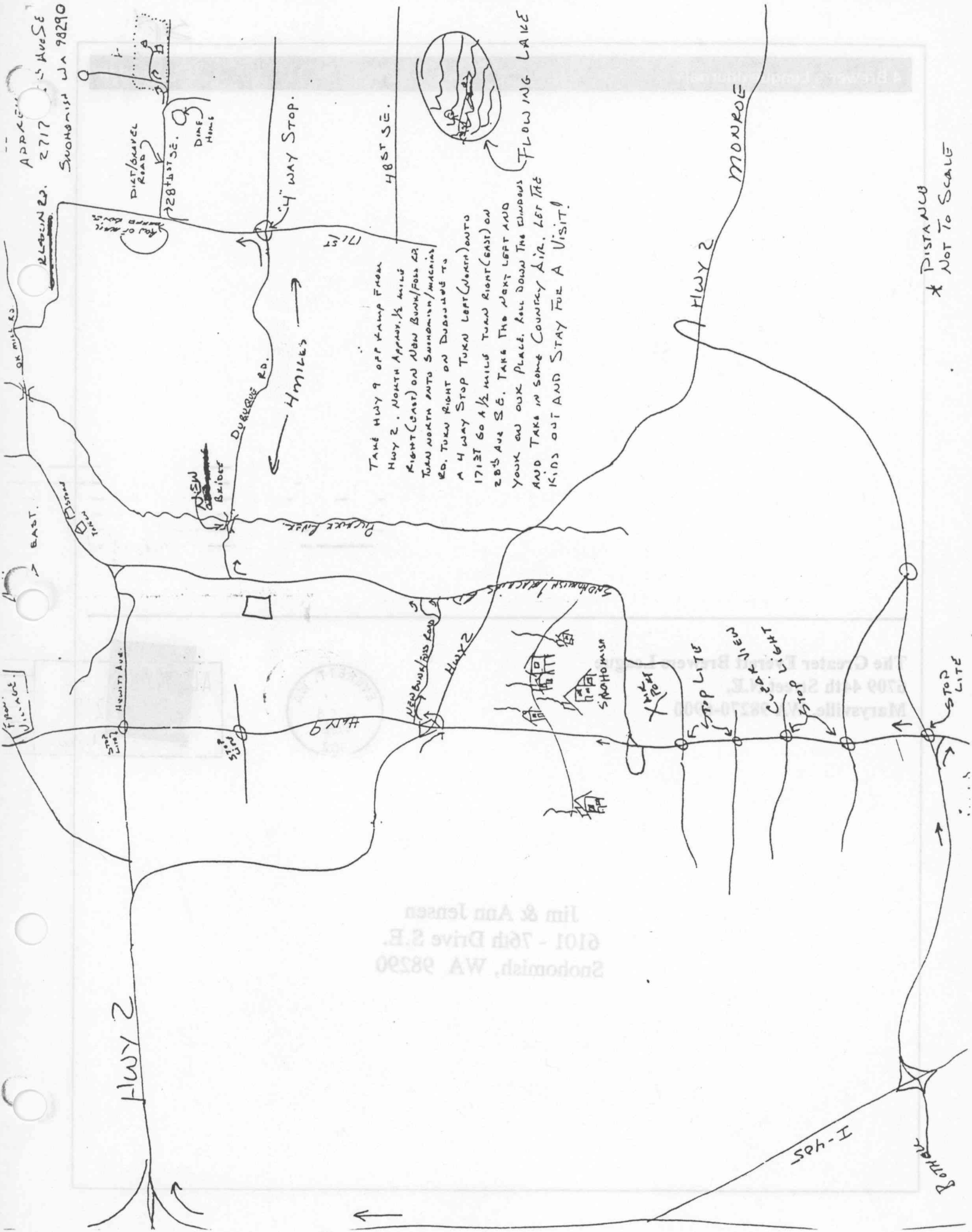
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In addition to all of the information we are and will be receiving from the AHA, we have received our first issue of Zymurgy. Yes that's right, as a registered homebrew club, we receive a complementary subscription to Zymurgy, courtesy of the AHA. I don't need to tell you that we are beginning to have the files of a club. Annie and I cannot continue to handle all of the functions of this club ourselves. I am asking that one of you step forward and take on the responsibilities of the Club Librarian.

This duty should not be taken lightly, as you will be responsible for keeping our files of information in order and making yourself available to other GEBL members who need to access the information. It would be very helpful if our librarian has full time access to a computer and is connected to the internet with e-mail capabilities so that information can be requested via that medium. If you think you are a good candidate for this position, please contact me at (206) 334-2656 and let's discuss it. Meanwhile, the issue of Zymurgy is available for checking out to any of our members.

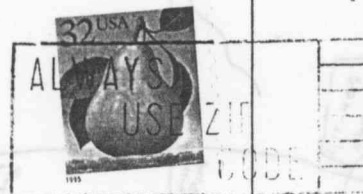
Last free Newsletter!

That's right, unfortunately, we cannot continue to mail out our newsletters to those of you who are not members in good standing in our little club. It is simply too costly for our club to continue to do this. Therefore, this is your last free issue. If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please stop by one of our meetings and join us. Dues for the remainder of this year are only \$7.50 (single membership) and \$10.00 (family membership).



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