Love Thy Beer!

GEBL's Year 2000 Brewer of the Year is Erik Holcomb

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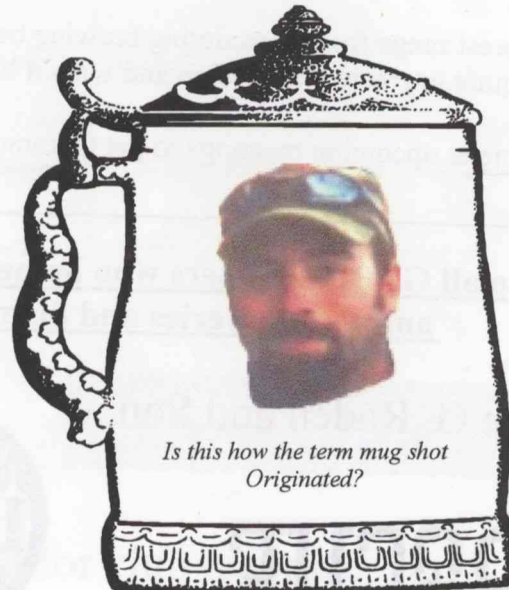
Congratulations Erik!

Congratulations also go out to this years honorary members. They are: John and Anne Hartline, Tom Munoz and Brian Sollenberger

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE February 8 at The Flying Pig

The Everett Brew Fest and new club members

By: Louise Fugier

In addition to the GEBL's providing various help to January's Winter Brew Fest at the Howard Johnson's, we tried something new this year. David Shaw of Art Beat encouraged us to set up a table, highlighting the club and it's activities. After a meeting of the board, we decided to give it a try. After all, we had successfully gained 3 new members (the Olivers & Lori Brown) from the last Evergreen State Fair.

So Todd Zurik & Shelly Albright put their creative juices to work & created a poster, as well as some brochures. Various club members were posted at the table throughout the brew fest and enjoyed talking to many of the attendees about our club. There was a rather high number of attendees who themselves brewed, and most of them had never heard of us. As a result, we had 6 "guests" at our January meeting, all of whom expressed interest in joining GEBL.

They are: Eric & Julie Wilson
             Dan Lawler
             Gordon West
   Bob Winchell
             Scott Hill

Their areas of interest range from considering brewing beer, to extract brewing, to partial grain brewing. They all seemed quite interested in the club and what it had to offer them, as brewers.

Please take the time at upcoming meetings to get to knew these individuals and help to make them feel welcome.

Big thanks to all GEBL members who helped out at the Everett Winter Brew Fest and the breweries and distributors named below.

Distributors: G. Raden and Son
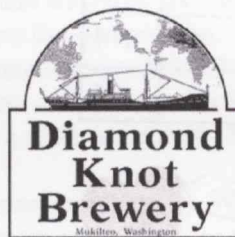
January Tasting Results-Porter

	Bouquet and Aroma	Appearance	Flavor	Body	Drink ability and Overall Impression	Total
Commercial	5.21	4.93	10.64	3.14	5.36	29.29
Fred Farris	5.8	5.4	11.93	3.2	6.13	32.33
Lori Brown	5.6	5.53	11.2	3.07	5.47	31.53
Jim Jensen	4.33	5.33	9.27	2.33	4.27	23.87
Howard Holcomb	6.07	5.26	9.27	3.0	5.86	32.1

2001/2002 GEBL Style Calendar

2001

January: Porter (Cat. 15)

February: IPA (Cat. 7)

March: Open

April: Oatmeal Stout (Cat. 16)

May: American Pale Ales (Cat. 6)

June: American Lager (Cat. 1)

July: Spice/Herb/Vegetable (Cat. 22)

August: Open

September: Koelsch/Altbier (Cat. 8)

October: Same Recipe Competition (Celebration Ale clone)

November: Bock (Cat. 14)

December: Strong Belgian (Cat. 18)

2002

January: English and Scottish Strong (Cat. 11)

February: Mead (Cat. 25)

Things to remember when brewing for club tastings:

1. Brew your entry to style.

The categories are taken from the AHA recent style guideline list available from the club library or on line at www.beertown.org in the pdf format.

2. Label entries with your name, style category and sub category.

This makes organizing the beers for the tasting less of a hassle for the one doing it.

I wish to thank those members that were prompt in paying their dues at the January club meeting. Good Job GEBL's.
For those of you who still have not paid you're 2001 dues, please bring them with you to our next meeting.

Remember to pay your dues or this could be your last newsletter. (S.A.)

Cascade Brewers Guild Pub Crawl

Message from Lori Brown:

I just got an e-mail from Mike Hale yesterday and he needs to change the date to April 14th. We are still working out the details of which pubs we will go to, but the rough idea is to meet at Hales about 11:30 and have lunch, get on the bus and go to 3 or 4 other local pubs and then return to Hales about dinner time.

Cascade Brewers Guild Competition – The Cascade Brewer's Guild Competition is going to be held at Hales Ales Brewery St. Patrick's Day weekend, March 10 and 11. They're looking for help in the way of Stewards and Judge apprentices as well as entries (here's a blurb on it from Alan Hord):

"The competition is open to all BJCP judges, as well as non-certified and novice judges. We'll need stewards as well. There will be no less than 2 judges per table - one being a JCP judge. In the past we've always had no less than 150 entries - qualifying us as a regional competition. There have been no less than 13 flights. The competition typically takes 2 days because of space limitations. All entries, judges and stewards are encouraged to enlist using the Online Registration Wizard - which will be available 30 days before the competition. The BOS is done on Sunday - unless we can get everything done in one day. The winner is announced within 24 hours on the website - typically I post it that evening and notify the person (if they are not there at the competition) by phone or email. There will be a couple of booths for sponsors: Puterbaugh Farms has a really nice Hop representation!"

One beer, one mead, and one cider will be judged Best-of-Show (for each primary category). Winners shall receive a Best-of-Show ribbon plus additional awards and gifts. We are negotiating the terms for the Best-of-Show winning entry to be brewed by a local brewer or brewpub. Please check back for updated information. First, second and third place certificates will be awarded in each category or combined category. First place winners will receive a $30 gift certificate, Second a $20, and Third a $10 if score was 35 points and above. Entrants scoring below 30 may not advance to the Best-of-Show round. Only one entrant per flight may advance. Advancement will be decided by the judging panel (may not be based on points in the case of a tie). Gift certificates are redeemable at any of the following officially sponsoring Brewing Supply Shops:
Cascade Brewing Supplies
The Cellar Homebrew
Mountain Homebrew and Wine Supply
Larry's Warehouse Brewing Supply