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**Happy  
Brew  
Year!**

## 2002 GEBL Executive Committee

Last month the GEBL membership elected new officers for the Executive Committee. The following group of people will be serving you in the new year:

**President:** **Fred Farris**

**Vice-President:** **Val Oliver**

**Secretary:** **Louise Fugier**

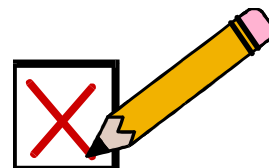
**Treasurer:** **Dennis Fugier**

**Librarian:** **Shane Miels**

**Membership Coordinator:** **Jeff Matheson**

**Newsletter Editors:** **Lori Brown** (January through June)  
**Shelly Albright** (July through December)

Congratulations to all of those elected. Please contact any of these people with ideas for the club (new members, social events, speakers, special events, activities, etc.) Thank you to the 2001 Executive Committee. Everyone did a great job!



**Calling all GEBLs: Articles for 2002 Newsletter are very much needed. Please make donations to [loribrown@worldnet.att.net](mailto:loribrown@worldnet.att.net) Thank You!**

**Next meeting will be at 7 PM January 10th Downstairs at The Flying Pig - Bring your English and Scottish Strong Beers!**

## Fall 2001 Hop Harvest

By Shelley Albright



*Cluster hops are a high yielding variety*

As in years past, Gary and I took our annual August trip to the Yakima Valley and visited the Puterbaugh hop farm.

The farm is located in Mabton, WA, in the heart of the Yakima Valley. The Puterbaugh family has been growing hops since 1932, and the family is now in the fourth generation of hop farming.



*Cluster hops waiting to be unloaded*

We were lucky this year and got there as the hop harvest was just starting. As usual, the hospitable Diane Puterbaugh showed us around the farm and answered all of our questions. Cluster hops were the first variety to be harvested this year and according

to Martin Puterbaugh, Diana's farther-in-law, this was a good year as far as yield, and the alpha acid level was up on most varieties.

The alpha acids were up for most hop farmers this year due to the warmer than normal spring. The bad news about this year's hop crop is that due to a June hailstorm, part of some hop farmers' crop was wiped out. In the Puterbaugh's case, they lost some of the aroma varieties and they say that area-wide aroma varieties were scarce and you may notice a price increase in some of these varieties.

If you have not yet visited the Yakima Valley during the hop harvest, you are missing out on a rewarding experience.



*After the hops leave the truck, they go to the picking machine.*



*Hops being put down on the drying room floor*

## Style Calendar - 2002 and Beyond

January - English and Scottish Strong Ales (Cat. 11)

February - Mead and Cider (Cat. 25 and 26)

March - Porter (Cat. 15)

April - Brown Ales (Cat. 10)

May - Bitter and English Pale Ales (Cat. 4)

June - American Pale Ales (Cat. 6)

July - Open (Bring what you have...)

August - IPA (Cat. 7)

September - Stout (Cat. 16)

October - GEBL Same Recipe Competition

November - English and Scottish Strong (Cat. 11)

December - Winter Beers (Any Big Beers)

January 2003 - Strong Belgian Ales (Cat. 18)

February 2003 - Open Lagers (Cat. 1, 2, 9, 13, 14)

### AHA Club Only Competition Schedule

January/February 2002 - Scottish Ales (Cat. 5)

March 2002 - Porter (Cat. 15)

May 2002 - IPA (Cat. 7)

August 2002 - American Lager (Cat. 1)

September/October - Strong Belgian Ales (Cat. 18)

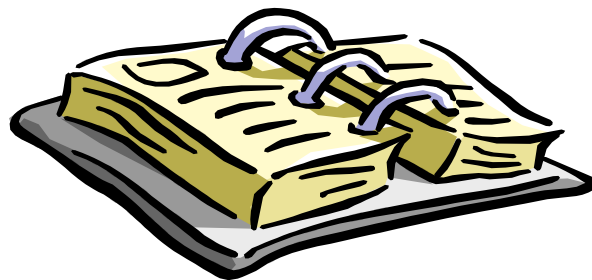
November/December - Fruit and Spice Beer (Cat. 21 and 22)

January/February 2003 - Bitter and English Pale Ales (Cat. 4)

March /April 2003 - Brown Ale (Cat. 10)

May 2003 - English and Scottish Strong (Cat. 11)

August 2003 - European Pale Lagers (Cat. 2)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2002

**January 10th** Annual dues are due at the meeting - \$30 single / \$45 family. Make checks payable to GEBL or Greater Everett Brewer's League.

**Rande Reed** of Snoqualmie Falls Brewing Company to speak at GEBL meeting January 10th.

### Febraury 2002

**February 14th** GEBL meeting  
Discuss date at January meeting.  
May need to reschedule.

### March 2002

**March 9th** Cascade Brewers Guild Cascadia Cup Homebrew Competition See cascadebrewersguild.org for online entry registration and drop off points.

**March 14th** GEBL Meeting  
**Arlen Harris** of LaConner Brewing Company to speak at meeting.

If you know of a local beer related event that is not on this calendar, please let the editors know and we will make sure it gets promoted to our members.

## Would An Ox By Any Other Name Be As Blue?

By Valerie Oliver

During our last visit to Scot's dad in Fort Bragg, California, we were lucky enough to be there for Paul Bunyan days. During Labor Day weekend the town goes all out celebrating Paul Bunyan and Babe, his big blue ox. The weekend includes many events, but the one that caught our attention was the Blue Ox Beer Festival held from noon to 4 on Saturday. We put our daughter down for a nap and left granddad in charge then headed over to the Senior Center (this event was a fund raiser for the center).

At this point you may be laughing, but there was a very respectable showing of northern California microbreweries. Thirteen breweries were in attendance (see table below) many I'm sure you will recognize. Admission was \$15, which included a very nice, heavy-bottomed sampling glass and all you could drink. Most breweries had more than one of their beers available to sample. About a quarter of the breweries had bottles on ice; the rest had kegs with jockey boxes. Most beers were the "lighter" summer beers. I only remember one or two porters.

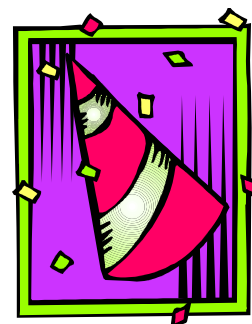
We sampled quite a bit in the hour and a half or so that we were there. Most often we asked for just a quarter to a third of a sample glass so as to be responsible tasters, but when we found one we liked we would go back for seconds (or thirds). We both tried Humboldt's Hemp Ale. Our consensus was that it might make great rope (among other things), but we didn't enjoy this particular beer.

However, I was very fond of Lost Coast's Great White, a Belgian wit, of course. I found myself going back often to have more of this very clean and refreshing beverage. Outside the temperature was in the upper 70's and with poor cross-ventilation and numerous bodies, all combined with brew and music, the two tasting rooms were getting very warm. Did I mention the music...there was a Cajun trio, complete with washboard, entertaining the crowd. It got quite lively at times.

Scot liked the Great White and also gave it the Best of Festival endorsement. After visiting many tables and surfacing for cooler air, he got stuck in an amber rut and I found him back at Lost Coast enjoying some large samples of the Alley Cat Amber. He also thoroughly enjoyed Mount St. Helena's Palisades Pale Ale.

So, if you ever find yourself in northern California on Labor Day weekend we strongly suggest you check out this small though extraordinary beer festival. It is well worth the effort.

Brewery	Location	Web Address
Anchor Brewing Co.	San Francisco	<a href="http://www.anchorbrewing.com">www.anchorbrewing.com</a>
Anderson Valley Brewing Co.	Boonville	<a href="http://www.avbc.com">www.avbc.com</a>
Downtown Joe's Brewing Co.	Napa	none found
Humboldt Brewing Co.	Arcata	<a href="http://www.humbrew.com">www.humbrew.com</a>
Lagunitas Brewing Co.	Petaluma	<a href="http://www.lagunitas.com">www.lagunitas.com</a>
Lost Coast Brewing Co.	Eureka	<a href="http://www.lostcoast.com">www.lostcoast.com</a>
Mad River Brewing Co.	Blue Lake	<a href="http://www.madriverbrewing.com">www.madriverbrewing.com</a>
Mendocino Brewing Co.	Hopland	<a href="http://www.mendobrew.com">www.mendobrew.com</a>
Mount St. Helena Brewing Co.	Middletown	<a href="http://www.mtsthelenabrew.com">www.mtsthelenabrew.com</a>
North Coast Brewing Co.	Fort Bragg	<a href="http://www.ncoast-brewing.com">www.ncoast-brewing.com</a>
Panarama Brewing Co.	?	none found
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.	Chico	<a href="http://www.sierra-nevada.com">www.sierra-nevada.com</a>
Ukiah Brewing Co.	Ukiah	none found



**Have a Hoppy New Beer!**