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Big Brew Wrap-up and Thanks

By Will Fredin

The Big Brew was a great success and Linda and I would like to thank all of you who participated. Together the club brewed 55 gallons, which I think was a little low, but the average gravity of all the brews was high at 1.065.

I would also like to thank our outside supporters (in no specific order), Hop Union, Wyeast, Larry's Homebrew, Mountain Homebrew, Diamond Knot, Pyramid Breweries, Georgetown Brewery, Rouge (Issaquah Brewhouse), Mac and Jacks Brewery, and AHA. In your outings, brewing, and drinking, I urge you to support them as they have supported us. They really went out of their way and we are lucky for their support of the smaller brewers.

I am looking forward to next year. Leave that first Saturday in May open and lets hope the weather will be as nice as it was this year.

Thanks again to all, Will and Linda

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 10 at THE FLYING PIG 7:00PM

By Karen Froelich

Originally from sturdy, beer-drinking mid-west roots (Minnesota and Wisconsin), my family moved to Seattle when I was 12. I feel like a native Washingtonian, though I'm not. My current vocation as a public health nurse for the Snohomish Health District has me teaching and consulting with child care providers on issues of child health and safety. I got interested in brewing when I developed a fondness for "dark" beer. Back in the early 90's that meant Henry's Dark or Guiness. There wasn't much to choose from on grocery store shelves. The adventure started in 1995 when I got a brewing kit for Christmas (plastic bucket, racking cane, tubing, hydrometer, etc.). My first 2 batches were extract kits, one great stout and a second brown ale which was contaminated. Discouraged, I did not brew for about 8 years...until I met Bob Winchell. Now that's a story to be shared over a good Imperial Stout or a fantastic barleywine. I've had mixed results, but with the encouragement of the GEBL, I am still learning. My lessons have included fermentation temperature, all grain recipes, and different brew systems. Belonging to this club gives me an opportunity to sample a wide variety of styles. Let the adventure continue!



Karen's first all grain brew at Big Brew



Shane explains to Karen about how easy it is to loose a thumb while brewing on his system

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TASTING/SPEAKER CALENDAR 2004

June- Browns and Milds

July- Speaker
August- IPA
September- Speaker
October- English Bitters

November- Speaker

December- Winter Warmers (Big Beers)

AHA Style Calendar

August 2004 Wheat Beer

September/October 2004 Smoked Beer

November/December 2004 IPA

Library Books

We have several books and magazines missing from our library.

If you have had a GEBL library book for over a year, contact Will Fredin, at 360-691-7042.

GEBL Chemicals Still Available

1 gallon of Star San \$24.68/bottle

4– 32 oz. bottles of Star San \$11.58/bottle

1 lb. packages of PBW \$2.63/lb.

Contact Shelley 360-691-7042



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TASTING/SPEAKER CALENDAR 2005

JanuaryFebruaryMarchAprilMayPorters
Speaker
Open Lagers
Speaker
Belgians



What's Hoppening

Brew for the Evergreen State Fair. Entries are due August 7 and 8 at the fair grounds

AHA National Homebrew Conference June 17-19: Las Vegas, Nevada. See www.beerandloafing.org for more details.

Summer Brewfest June 18-20: St. Edward State Park, Kenmore. Go to www.washingtonbrewfest. com/summer/index.html for more information

Seattle International Beerfestival, July 30-Aug 1: Seattle Center, www.seattlebeerfest.com for more information

Same recipe competition: August 7: GEBL BBQ, hosted by the Albrights.

BJCP Judges in GEBL

Lori Brown
Jeff Dalziel
Fred Farris
Dennis Fugier
Louise Fugier
Philip Spanel
Gordon Legg
Marc Milrod
Jeannie
McWilliams
Val Oliver
Scot Oliver

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Diamond Knot

Georgetown Brewery

Larry's Homebrew Supply

Mac and Jacks Brewery

Mountain Homebrew Pyramid Breweries

Hop Union

Rouge (Issaquah Brewhouse)

Wyeast

For the generous raffle item donations for Big Brew 2004









