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caldrons
and
brew!*



Fall Pub Crawl

Is a Big Success



Big Time



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Craig Hartinger - Pike

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
at THE FLYING PIG 7:00PM**



Gordy and Karens' New York Pub Crawl

By Gordon Legg



Karen and I were in New York City recently, and as I usually do when traveling, I began looking for a place to have a good beer. While NYC has a wealth of fine restaurants, museums and other tourist attractions, there didn't seem to be an abundance of craft beer establishments for a city of 8,000,000 plus. Just to be sure I wasn't missing something, I checked the local Ale Street News, a sister publication of the Northwest Brewing News. Their listing of breweries and brewpubs was indeed skimpy.

In any event, after doing a little search on the internet and scouting around a little bit, I did manage to come up with some possibilities. The New York City Beer Guide listed four microbreweries and a handful of pubs and ale houses. Our first stop was the Heartland Brewing Company. This is a Rock Bottom type place with several locations in and around NYC. It has an inviting pub-like feeling and is non-smoking, as are all NYC bars and restaurants. They had a lager and the customary ales, including Farmer Jon's Oatmeal Stout, "a hearty roasted stout with hints of java and a rich dark chocolate sweetness" which was a multi GABF medal winner (1999 Silver, 1997 Gold, and 1995 Bronze).

The next stop was a pizza place in Greenwich Village that had a red ale and an Oktoberfest from the Chelsea Brewing Company located on the Chelsea Piers, where 18th Street meets the West Side Highway. Both beers were extremely fresh and well crafted. I especially enjoyed the nutty maltyness of the red ale. Our server was very pleasant and helpful, and even phoned the brewery for us to find out when tours were available.



Next we journeyed to what has been called “the most exciting new bar in New York city in the last few years”. Our excitement began as we exited the subway in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn and walked the few blocks to our Destination. This area is in the process of urban renewal and there are still numerous graffiti covered vacant buildings in the area. Karen and I were commenting on how glad we were that it was a sunny autumn afternoon, rather than a dark rainy evening, when we finally reached our destination. The Spuyten Duyvil was opened just over a year ago by Joe Carroll and Kim Barbour whose passion for beer is well reflected in their extensive list of bottled beers from Belgium, the UK, Germany, France and Japan. In addition, they have five taps that they constantly rotate with “rare and obscure” foreign and domestic beers. The décor in this 100 year old building is modest but comfy, and it definitely has the feeling of a neighborhood pub. Karen chose a local amber ale which she judged “wonderful”. I sampled a regional porter which, while well made, was a little sweet for my taste. Finally, I choose one of my all-time favorite, and hard to find beers, a Loterbol bruin. Even at \$7 for a 33 cl bottle, it was a pleasure.

While those of us fortunate enough to live with traveling distance of Bottleworks, Stumbling Monk, The Barking Dog and Fred’s would probably be a little jaded, I found this to be one of the best places in the Big Apple for a real beer-geek experience.

2005 GEBL Officer Nominations

Nominations for the 2005 GEBL officers will take place at the November meeting. Take a look at the club constitution for the full description of how officers are nominated and the description of all of the officers duties.



Beer Events

WASHINGTON CASK BEER FESTIVAL V

Sat. Oct. 30, 12-4 pm and 6-10 pm Seattle Center Alki Room

http://www.washingtonbrewersguild.org/news_events-caskfest.htm

GEBL

TASTING/SPEAKER CALENDAR 2004

October-	English Bitters
November-	Speaker
December-	Winter Warmers (Big Beers)



Thank You!

Ralph Olson - Hop Union

Craig Hartinger - Merchant du Vin / Pike

Art Dixon - Pyramid

Bill Jenkins - Big Time

Dick Cantwell - Elysian

Candy Abercrombie - Wyeast

And Our own Fred and Gordy

For Making Our Pub Crawl A Success

