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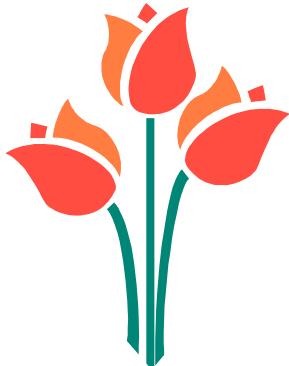


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GEBL Spring Pub Crawl

By Fred Farris.

GEBL Brew Tour - 23 April 2005

Mike Hale will be driving us in his double-decker red bus. If you've never had a chance to ride on this bus before, it is a fun experience.

We are going to concentrate our trip on the Seattle area this time and will be visiting two breweries and two ale houses. Seating is limited on the bus to 30, so if you have not already made your reservation, contact Gordon Legg.



Cost

\$25 Members

\$35 Non-Members

Schedule

11:00 – 12:45 Hales Ales (4301 Leary Way NW, Seattle)

12:45 – 1:00 bus

1:00 – 2:15 Maritime Pacific Brewing (1514 NW Leary Way, Seattle)

2:15 – 2:30 bus

2:30 – 4:15 Collins Pub (526 2nd Avenue, Seattle)

4:15 – 4:30 bus

4:30 – 6:00 Brouwer's Café (400 North 35th Street, Seattle)

6:00 – 6:15 bus

6:15 Hales Ales

Lunch will be provided at Hales.

Both Hales and Maritime will fill growlers if you want to bring home some fresh brew. Tickets are selling briskly so don't be left out. Please pay at the April club meeting.

**APRIL GEBL MEETING – 7:00, APRIL 14 AT THE FLYING PIG IN EVERETT
APRIL GUEST SPEAKER – ROGER BIALOUS FROM GEORGETOWN BREWING**

AHA Club-Only Competition Program – GEBL in 2006

Our very own GEBL club has been selected to host the Jan/Feb 2006 Club-Only Competition. Our style will be Belgian Strong Ale (category 18) including Belgian Blond, Dubbel, Tripel, Golden Strong and Dark Strong ales.

That time will go fast, so keep it in mind.

23rd Annual Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival

Dear Homebrewer,

The Heart of the Valley Homebrewers would like to invite you to join us for the 23rd Annual Oregon Homebrew and Microbrew Festival on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. We will be judging all 28 of the Recognized BJCP/AHA Beer, Mead and Cider Styles. This is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned event and is also a MCAB (Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing) pre-qualifying event! Added highlights of this year's homebrew competition are sponsored category prizes for all categories in addition to ribbons, and a full Kegerator system (includes CO2 bottle, regulator, two corny kegs, taps, and refrigerator--a \$350 value!) for our Best-of-Show prize.

We are now accepting entries on-line and at designated homebrew shops beginning April 16. Please visit our website for specific instructions, drop-off locations, on-line entry forms, and automated bottle label generation. All entries must be received at one of the designated drop-off locations by SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005 AT 5:00 PM.

<http://www.hotv.org/fest2005>

Upcoming Beer Events

April 23 – GEBL Spring Brew Tour. See Front page for Details.

May 7 – AHA Big Brew. At John Hartline's House. <http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/index.html> for details

May 12 – GEBL Meeting. Belgian Style tasting.

May 2005 – AHA club only Competition - Extract Beers. Entries due April 4-26, 2005. Judging will be held May 7, 2005. This competition covers All BJCP beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of fermentables. For more information, contact Wayne Smith at 352-466-3695.

2005 GEBL Tasting Style & Speaker Calendar

April – Speaker – Roger Bialous
May – Belgians
June - Speaker
July – IPA
August - Speaker
Sept - Wheat and/or Rye
Oct - Speaker
Nov - Stout and/or Smoked
Dec - Winter Warmer
2006
Jan - Mead or Cider
Feb - Speaker
March - Irish Red or California Common

2005 AHA Style Calendar

March/Apr – Sour Beers
May – Extract Beers
August – Belgian & French Ale
Sept/Oct – European Amber Lager
Nov/Dec – Baltic Porter

Editor's Note

By Eric J. Wilson.

If I ever really get my act together, this page could be pretty cool – I intend this to be the page to print and stick up on the refrigerator. In addition to the style and events calendars, and beer reviews, I'd be happy to list special finds – let me know which local stores are stocking the great beers in the case, or where the best shopping spots are. Also – remember, anything goes for beer events to add to the calendar.

Thanks to everyone who sent in contributions, great or small, this month. The editor needs you to send articles, web links, brewing tips, recipes, reviews, comments, or complaints.

March contributor of the month is Fred Farris! One 12 oz bottle of Grant Teton Brewing Company Sweetgrass IPA (from Jackson Hole, WY) has got your name on it. I'll send that to you ASAP!

I've already started on the May Newsletter. The content deadline will be Friday, May 6. The best contributor, as judged by me, gets a 12 oz bottle of Sleeping Giant BackCountry Scottish Ale (from Helena, Montana) Eric J. Wilson, Editor – ejwilson@gte.net

Next Issue

- Preview of the Evergreen State Fair for 2005
- Highlights from the February Hops & Props event at the Museum of Flight
- Recipe of the Month

Beer Review

SNAKE RIVER CUSTER'S LAST ALE

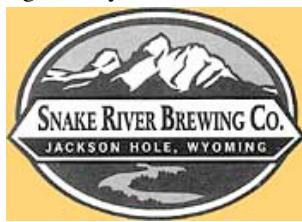
Brewed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Bottled or on tap, Last Ale's forthright fruity character hints of hop-spice deep within the clear, golden liquid. A touch of grapefruit essence is quickly revealed. The resulting tart bitterness sticks to the palate as the fruit quietly crosses the tongue. The flavors grow more integrated toward the end as a newly arrived graininess adds texture to the mouthfeel. A Bronze medal winner at the 2003 GABF.

SUDS SOURCE

Snake River Brewing Company and Restaurant, 265 South Millward Street, is always hopping, especially during football season, when up to eight games can be viewed on satellite TV. The brewery's motto is "Around here, a light beer is one that's half full."

From: 365 Bottles of Beer for the Year Page-a-day Calendar. © 2005



Powerful Porter

By Eric J. Wilson.

A wine-dark beer, extremely drinkable and of medium weight, named for the slayer of the Gorgon and rescuer of Andromeda. Perseus Porter is slightly smoky with black and chocolate malts; bittered with Columbus and finished with German Northern Brewer hops.

AWARDS:

Robust Porter Category

GABF - Silver Medal, 2003

GABF - Gold Medal, 1999

alcohol content

14.5 Plato (1.058), 4.5% by weight/ 5.4% by volume. 25 IBU

Who can resist mythology plus beer!

Perseus Porter is strong, dark, and delicious. Great paired with a hearty meat and potatoes type dinner.

This beer has huge malt flavor and subtle hop character. Available most places the Elysian Brewing Co. beers are found.

<http://www.elysianbrewing.com/>



GEBL MARCH TASTING RESULTS – OPEN LAGERS CONGRATULATIONS JIM BRISCHKE FOR A BODACIOUS BOCK

Style: Open Lagers

Date: 3/10/05

Brewer	Brew	Cat.	Averages						3rd
			Aroma	Appearance	Flavor	Mouthfeel	Overall	Total	
Lori Brown	Bohemian Pils	2B	6.38	2.31	12.19	3.78	6.75	31.41	
Fred Farris	Marzen	3B	7.40	2.57	12.47	3.87	7.00	33.30	2nd
Jim Brischke	Traditional Bock	5B	7.20	2.80	13.47	3.93	7.20	34.60	1st
Out of:			12	3	20	5	10	50	

GET FUZZY (Thanks Fred for passing this comic along.)



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