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The Greater Everett Brewer's League Newsletter

The purpose of The Greater Everett Brewers League is to promote and educate homebrewers in the production of craft-style homebrewed beers. As an AHA social club, we improve members' brewing skills by providing mentoring and networking to fellow brewers, promoting BJCP judging, providing evaluation and competition entry information, as well as promoting the local craft beer movement.

2023 Calendar

May 6	Big Brew Day	all day Saturday
May 8	judging	Belgian Brew Judging
June 12	presentation, discussion	Tips on How to Judge Beer
July 10	judging	Wheat Beer Judging
August 14	bring gadgets to display, describe	Gadget Night!

May Meeting

Our monthly meeting, May 8, will once again be at Sound 2 Summit Brewery. Our main event – in addition to another beer-stuff raffle – will be **Belgian Brew Judging**.

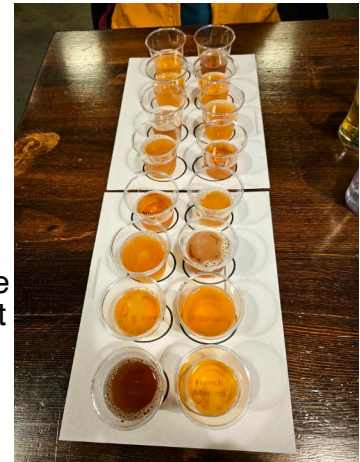
But First, Big Brew Saturday, May 6

Big Brew 2023 will be this coming Saturday, May 6 at Scott & Ashleigh's place, 21826 72St SE, Snohomish WA 98290. The location is off Mero Rd just east of Storm Lake about 20 minutes from Sound 2 Summit Brewing. Signs will be posted at their driveway.

Start brewing at 9:00 am. The national toast to home brewing will be at 10:00 am, and a GEBL-only toast at 12:30 pm after which we'll begin the pot luck. Bring your brewing stuff (or just you if not brewing, but bring some of your home brew to share) and something to share for the pot luck. See the [April newsletter](#) for more details, including a map and ingredients/recipe for this year's Nearly Nirvana Pale Ale.

April Meeting Recap

The main event was "same brew" sampling of pale ales: tasting the same pale ale recipe made by 16 different brewers that each used one specific hop. We had a placemat for each member to place the



16 beers on and write notes on the experience with each hop. This was a great learning experience on what each hop variety smells and tastes like.

Here are a few pictures courtesy of Ray Garcia.



So what were the results? Here are observations from one of our members for the 16 different brews/hops:

Pale Ale Hop	Taste?
Amarillo	Fruity Citrus Mango
Cascade	Bitter Grapefruit
Centennial	Funk
Chinook	Butterscotch
Comet	Well rounded Floral
Crystal	Earthy, Pine, Apricot
El Dorado	Peach Apricot
French Minstril	Perfume Bubblegum
Galaxy	Peach Apricot
HBC472	Nondescript hop flavor but good
Idaho 7	??
Mandariana Bavaria	Floral Mango Pineapple
Mosaic	Fruit
Motueka	Well rounded
Mt Hood	Tangerine
Willamette	Well rounded

Combine these observations with your own for use of these hops.

Beer News

Beerstock. The annual Beerstock gathering is coming this August. Repeated below is basic information from the email forwarded to GEBL members:

*Hello Homebrew Lovers! We're happy to announce we've set a date for BEERSTOCK 5060-12. We'll gather on **Saturday, August 5th at Ski Park Lake in Orting.***

We've also selected the theme - STRANGE BREW - based on the 1983 cult classic starring the McKenzie brothers. "Take off, you hoser!" More details to follow over the next few months. More emails to follow as we have a few jobs we'd like clubs to take on. Easy stuff - we promise! Stay tuned :)

*John Rivera
Beerstock planning committee member*

Hop & Brew School. Established in 2004, Hop & Brew School® began as an annual event hosted by Hopunion, now known as Yakima Chief Hops. Inviting hundreds of brewers and hop enthusiasts from all over the world to Yakima, Washington, HBS attendees have had the opportunity to experience a deeper connection with family farms while learning more about the important role that hops play in the brewing process. Since its inception, the event has always included a comprehensive harvest experience, from farm and facility tours to educational brewing seminars.

When: August 30 - September 1, Yakima

[More information here](#)

Fresh Hop Ale Festival. *Featuring a diverse selection of beers made exclusively with hops from the Yakima Valley and the talented brewers who create them, this festival is a unique opportunity to experience the freshest and most flavorful beers around. Not only is it a chance to indulge in delicious brews, but it's also a fundraising event with proceeds supporting grant funding for science and arts programs in Yakima County.*

When: Saturday, October 7, 5:00 - 10:00 pm, Yakima

[More information here](#)

Beer Picture of the Month



But Wait, There's More Great News!

Several of our members scored big at the recent regional competition of the National Homebrew Competition. Will Fredin took first place for Speciality IPAs. Ray and Vicki Garcia took third for Saison. On to the Finals!

Category 17: Specialty IPA - 12 Entries

Place	BJCP Cat.	Winner	Club
1	--	William Fredin of Everett, WA	Greater Everett Brewers League
2	--	David Sleipness of Olympia, WA	South Sound Suds Society
3	--	Art Hoffman of Port Angeles, WA	

Category 23: Saison - 11 Entries

Place	BJCP Cat.	Winner	Club
1	--	Bradford Berger of Pioneertown, CA	Mojave Desert Brewers Guild
2	--	Steinar Neidig of Beaverton, OR	
3	--	Ray Garcia of Everett, WA	Greater Everett Brewers League

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