



### 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.

### Upcoming Calendar

July 8	judging	IPA
August 12		Q&A on any brewing topic
September 9	judging	Saison

**See full 2024 calendar on last page of newsletter**

### June Meeting Recap

Bryan opened the meeting and asked for officer reports. Pete introduced two new guests, Taylor and McKenzie.



Randy gave the top-three results of the March and May beer judging:

#### March 2024 – Beers of Great Britain

1. Northern English Brown Ale 13B - Jim Trimble - Average score 35.2

2. Scottish 80 Export 14C - Lori Brown - Average score 33.8
3. Best Bitter 11B - Dennis Nagy - Average score 33.3

#### May 2024: Lagers

1. Baltic Porter 9C - Jim Trimble - Average score 39.6
2. Pre-Prohibition Lager 27F - Dennis Nagy - Average score 35.5
3. IPL / Cold IPA 21B - Justin York - Average score 29.7

Jim mentioned that recent return of the club's jockey boxes had dirty beer lines that needed to be replaced. He brought an example of one beer line that he had cleaned and sanitized, and it was still stained brown. Jim has donated some equipment that will be sent out with future jockey box borrowing so that the lines can be cleaned and sanitized before returning. There will also be a future deposit requirement so that beer lines can be replaced if they are not returned properly.

Eric Wilson reminded us that State Fair entries are due the last week in July. The judging dates will be August 10 and 11, and Lori Brown will be in charge of all judging. (See Eric's State Fair entries article in our [May newsletter](#)).

Bryan introduced our speaker for the meeting, Kevin Sullivan from [Brewer Supply Group](#) (BSG). Kevin started off



his professional life as a bartender, quickly got into home brewing and eventually teaching classes on brewing. He eventually moved over to work for Pico Brew, a startup brew lab and equipment company. After a few months he took charge of customer service and outreach, learning even more about the brewing equipment business and the needs of customers. After 4 years there and after the startup company folded, he was hired by BSG, while still enjoying the creativity of home brewing.

As to BSG, he talked a lot about the company's activities and how they have expanded as the home brewing business has grown – although it seems to have declined a bit in the last year or two. Among other products, BSG buys hops in bulk and repacking them in 1-ounce “re-packs” for home brewers. He discussed the wide variety of hops that are available, both open-source and patented varieties. He handed around samples of several hops along with spec sheets, including Vista, Elani, and two fairly new varieties from New Zealand: Nectaron and Superdelic. Kevin also discussed a number of other products they sell for home brewing and handed around samples of “Superfood” (a complex yeast nutrient for beer) and “Ciderferm” (a complex yeast nutrient for cider and mead).



Kevin ended his presentation on BSG and updated us on Beerstock. He's now the treasurer of the organization, and said that the organization and event are now membership-based starting this year. This year's event – the 13<sup>th</sup> Beerstock – will be held on Saturday, July 27 on Ebey Island (details in recent newsletters).

**July 2024 Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 8. The featured event will be IPA judging.

**Reminder: Washington Beerstock, Saturday, July 27**

## Montana Road Trip 2024 – Part 1 By Eric J. Wilson

They say a journey of 1,000 miles starts with one step. It really starts with leaving the house closer to 10:00 than 7:00 one morning, and then having lunch in Ellensburg, WA (really – always trust the Palace Café in Ellensburg!) And the rest of our day was spent with gas and coffee stops driving to Missoula, Montana.

Missoula is home to Tamarack Brewing. They have a large pub and restaurant in town on the Clark Fork river. We were able to get some nice steaks for dinner and those rascals will let you order an 'everything' sampler with all 14 of their taps – excellent house-made ales and lagers in all of the usual styles, a cider, a seltzer, and a root beer. Guess which one got the hot-sauce!

You can get to Bozeman from Missoula by just trucking straight through on I-90. But don't! There is a route south from Drummond, the Pintler Scenic Highway that goes past Phillipsburg, a former sapphire-mining town and now a combination skiing and tourist destination. There is Doe's café, an authentic soda fountain



in town, one of the best candy stores ever; and a very accomplished brewery. Their Rye Pale Ale is quite good and so is the Razzu Raspberry Wheat – a multiple award winner!

The Pintler Highway leads you eastward through Anaconda, and to Butte, where you are back on I-90. But don't just bypass good-old-Butte. You must stop for a John's Pork Chop Sandwich - If you know, you know! And while in Butte, the local Butte Brewing Company is making fairly good traditional pre-prohibition beers to honor the long-time Irish and mining heritage of the town as well as a few modern twists.

And, not to neglect the road home, our last road day found us having a BLT sandwich at the 1313 Club in Wallace, Idaho – a long-time silver mining town. And we could not fail to step in next door to have a sampler at Wallace Brewing. That make some fairly awesome



down-to-earth ales and lagers including a very subtle Huckleberry Lager and their award winning 1910 Black Lager; a great Schwarzbier named in honor of the Big Burn of 1910.

From there the open road lead us closer to home by way of Highway 2. As long as they were open, a stop at Icicle Brewing in Leavenworth, WA for pretzels and a sampler was a welcome last stop on the trip. Dark Persuasion, Bootjack IPA, and Pribe Porter punctuated the road trip perfectly. (Oh, and we did not hit any of the deer we saw on the dark drive home!)

Next Issue – Bozeman Brewing – Great beer in the Old West!



### Pictures from the Archives

These pictures are from the June 2002 GEGL archives. Thanks to Librarian Gary Albright for dusting these off.





**Tap Handle of the Month**



**Getting Ready for Fresh Hops Competition**



## Budget Report By Pete Stachowiak

I think all of our income and expenses are in for June so this should be pretty accurate. The major changes from our budget are that dues (fewer members) and raffle income are lower than projected. Our club liability insurance expense should also be lower than budgeted because of fewer members unless the per/ member rate went up.

We should be fine for the year although we may not carry over to 2025 as large of a surplus as we had initially projected.

### ***GEBL 2024 Mid-Year Financial Report***

ITEM	ACTUAL	BUDGET
US Bank 1/1/24 balance	1,783.55	1,784.00
PayPal 1/1/24 balance	375.56	296.00
<b>2024 beginning balance</b>	<b>2,159.11</b>	<b>2,080.00</b>
<b>2024 expenses</b>		
WA non-profit filing fee	20.00	20.00
Club liability insurance		425.00
S2S thank you gift		200.00
Website fees	316.94	275.00
PayPal fees	10.09	25.00
Room rental for holiday party + supplies		
Buy members a beer @S2S		
Fresh hop belt engraving	27.42	100.00
Club equipment repair	29.33	
Shipping beer and misc supplies		25.00
Beer purchases and supplies for tastings at mtgs	120.00	200.00
<b>2024 total expenses</b>	<b>523.78</b>	<b>1,270.00</b>
<b>2024 Income</b>		
Dues collected	592.00	840.00
Club members bought beer to take home		
Fresh Hop entry fees		50.00
Club raffles	102.00	400.00
silent auctions	105.00	250.00
<b>2024 total Income</b>	<b>799.00</b>	<b>1,540.00</b>
<b>2024 June end Balances</b>		
US Bank	1,685.19	
PayPal	749.14	
<b>2024 YTD ending balance</b>	<b>2,434.33</b>	<b>2,350.00</b>

**TICKETS ON SALE JULY 17!**



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- *Member presale: July 16\**
- *Public sale: July 17*
- *Festival: Oct. 10-12\*Join the American Homebrewers Association by July 8 for access to the July 16 presale. [Details](#).*

*In the Meantime ...*

- *Assemble your crew*
- *Plan your costume*
- *[Book your hotel](#)*



## ***2024 Tasting/Judging Schedule***

<b>Month</b>	<b>Brew</b>	<b>Comments</b>
July	IPA	Judging
August		Q & A on any brewing topic
September	Saison	Judging
October	Mead	
November	Fruit & Spice	Judging
December	Strong Ales and/or Barleywine	
January 2025	Browns & Ambers	Judging

### **2024 Officers**

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### ***Keep in Touch with Members***

Quaffing some amazing brews, brewing a special batch, have a brewing question, planning a craft beer vacation and have some questions? Keep in touch with GEBL on our Facebook page. A great way for new and old members to keep in touch.

[GEBL Facebook here](#)

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