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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.

Upcoming Calendar

2025 Tasting/Judging Schedule

Month	Brew	Comments
August	Any Kveik Brews	Judging
September	Guess That Beer!	
Sept/Oct	Fresh Hop -- competition	
October	Same Recipe Pale Ales	

The full schedule for the year through January 2026 is on the last page.

July Meeting Recap

Todd started off the meeting with announcements. Eric reminded us that Evergreen State Fair entries are due in 13 days. Beer judging will be August 9 and other beverages will be judged on August 10. Need volunteers to help, especially judges. Karen said that Beerstock will be August 2. Shirts have been ordered and registration can be made through the Washington Brewers Collective web site (Karen sent more detailed information out to GEBL members in a July 9 email).

After discussion about a GEBL summer picnic, Jim and Jackie Trimble stepped up once again to host at their place starting at 3:00 pm on July 26 (details sent out to members by email).

Todd reviewed the schedule for future meetings (see last page of newsletter). Will introduced several visitors. Since

this was Jay Woodward's 4th meeting, we held a vote and he was unanimously voted in as a GEBL member – congrats Jay!

Will also said that a Belgian Blonde same-brew is coming up, with recipe from Tom Freeburg (Will sent email to members on July 15 with details and a July 20 deadline to order ingredients). Everyone will get the same base recipe, and everyone is free to spice it up as desired. "Same Pale Ale" will be featured for the October meeting but everyone will use different hops.

We judged IPA's this month – a Georgetown / 5 Rights collaboration as well as 6 member IPA's. Here are the results for the member beers:

Member	BJCP Score
Lori Brown	34.83
Jim Trimble	34.67
Will Fredin	33.50
Ray & Vicki Garcia	32.17
Justin York	29.50
Todd Johnson	29.17

August Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, August 11. We will judge Any Kveik Brews.

Brewing Milestone

By Jim Trimble

On June 3, 2025, I brewed my 499th and 500th batch of beer. (Do I have an alcohol problem?) These were a Mosaic Pale Ale and a Sweet Stout. My first batch was 11-17-03. All the batches were 10 gallons.

I started on day one kegging and, to this point, I have never bottle conditioned a beer. Maybe I should one of these days. Here's to the next 500 batches!

Things I have learned:

- Three rules to brewing - clean, clean, clean
- Purging kegs of Oxygen with CO_2 makes a huge difference in the beer
- Auto-siphon is a must have
- Talk with others to find out their thoughts on how to improve beers
- Don't use a garden hose for getting water for your brew
- Don't assume CO_2 leaks will magically disappear; find them and fix them
- The brewing community is a very diverse group of people with one common goal - good beer.



Annual Picnic
(Pictures from Jim Trimble and Dan Stilwell)





Travel Pictures from Tom Freeburg



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November	Belgian Beers	Judging
December	Potluck Dinner/Gift Exchange, Big Beer Challenge	
January 2026	Open Lagers	Judging

2025 Officers

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