



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
February	Beer & Food Pairings	
March	Session Beers	Judging
April	Speaker	

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

January Meeting Recap

The January meeting started with announcements from our new president Todd Johnson. Todd thanked Doug Milnor for hosting club meetings at Sound2Summit again over the past year, and gave Doug a gift certificate to Anthony's restaurant at the Everett waterfront.



Todd also announced that the first recipient of the Rising Star Award is Justin York. The award recognizes a GEBL member that has recently joined the club (3 years or less) and shown great enthusiasm for learning about brewing and making strides in their own brewing journey. Todd said Justin is great at asking questions at meetings, a quick learner and is a great addition to the club.



Will announced that the February meeting will showcase pairing of beer with chocolate or cheese. He has six members who have agreed to provide different pairings, each bringing 20-30 samples.

Todd reviewed our meeting schedule and topics for the year (see last page of newsletter).

As our new vice president, Jim ran the judging of ambers and brown ales. There were 5 entries total: 3 American ambers (category 19a), 1 California Common

(category 19b) and 1 British Brown (category 13b). Here are the results Jim tabulated after the meeting:

Score	Brewer	Beer
37.29	Lori	American Amber
35.43	Will	English Brown
34.19	Steve	American Amber
32.95	Scott	American Amber
32.62	Jim	California Common

February Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 10. The meeting will showcase 6 beers paired with either cheese or chocolate. Six of our members will bring enough samples for 20-30 people. This is a can't-miss meeting!

Rising Star Award

A few days after the meeting we contacted Justin York to get his perspective as our first recipient of this award. Here are his comments:

I was originally introduced to home brewing by my old neighbor Steve sometime around 2016, he was pushing me to get into the hobby, but I was hesitant. 5 years later I was gifted a starter kit and a MicroHomebrew recipe kit from my father-in-law. After exploring the forms and the YouTube home brew scene I decided I was going to keg my first batch of beer and skip out on bottles. To this day I still haven't bottle conditioned any of my home brew. Here are 2 photos from my first brew day.



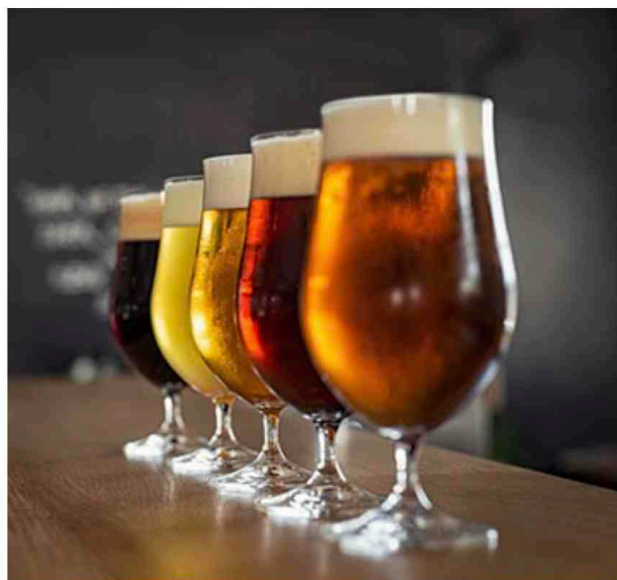
In my search for kegs and equipment I came across a Craigslist ad and found Jim. After a few years of buying equipment and ingredients and passing up a few invites, one day Jim told me to meet at S2S and check out the club and here we are.

My goals for this year are to brew more traditional styles and do fewer experimental brews. I also want to try to influence at least one person to try brewing.

Beer Judging Boot Camp

Here's a screenshot from the recently-announced BJCP-related "boot camp". If you are interested, here's a link:

https://byo.com/product/evaluating-beer-like-a-judge-online-boot-camp-feb-28-2025/?mc_cid=db7bdac13a&mc_eid=955dcddefa



Evaluating Beer Like a Judge Online Boot Camp Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 2 - 5 pm EST

\$75.00

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Join the President Emeritus and highest ranking beer judge of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP), as you learn the best ways to analyze and evaluate beer so you can improve your own brewing. You'll learn how to not simply taste your beer, but critically examine it. You'll follow along with Gordon during this four-hour video evaluating a specific line-up of craft beer together in real-time for an interactive learning experience. Knowing how to evaluate your beer is an important skill and to develop for any homebrewer and there's no better person to teach you than Gordon.

Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 from 2 - 5 pm Eastern

American Homebrewers Association News

The big news this month is the decision by AHA to become an independent non-profit organization. From the AHA press release:

Founded in 1978, the AHA has operated as a division under the umbrella of the Brewers Association—the not-for-profit trade association dedicated to small and independent American craft brewers—since 1983.

With these actions, the AHA will operate as a nonprofit organization autonomous from the Brewers Association, its parent organization, by the end of 2025. The AHA is in the process of hiring an association management company to manage day-to-day operations currently conducted by the Brewers Association.

Here's a link to the full press release:

https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/news/american-homebrewers-association-files-for-501c-status/?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AHA&utm_content=

And Now for Something Completely Different

Wondered about non-alcoholic beers? Here's a 1-1/2 hour podcast that explores this topic.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-brewing-network-presents-the-session/id217652795?i=1000687686659>

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May	Wheat Beers	Judging
June	Same Recipe Pale Ales	
July	IPA	Judging
August	Guess That Beer!	
September	Any Kveik Brews	Judging
Sept/Oct	Fresh Hop -- competition	
October	Lager Talk	
November	Belgian Beers	Judging
December	Potluck Dinner/Gift Exchange, Big Beer Challenge	
January 2026	Open Lagers	Judging

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