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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

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

June Meeting Recap

Jim started the meeting off since Todd was traveling. He asked if members had any announcements. Will explained the Pale Ale same recipe event coming this fall. Everyone will get the same bittering hops, with your choice for the second hop.



Karen reminded us that Beerstock is coming on August 2. She will send out

an email (see article in this newsletter) with registration information.

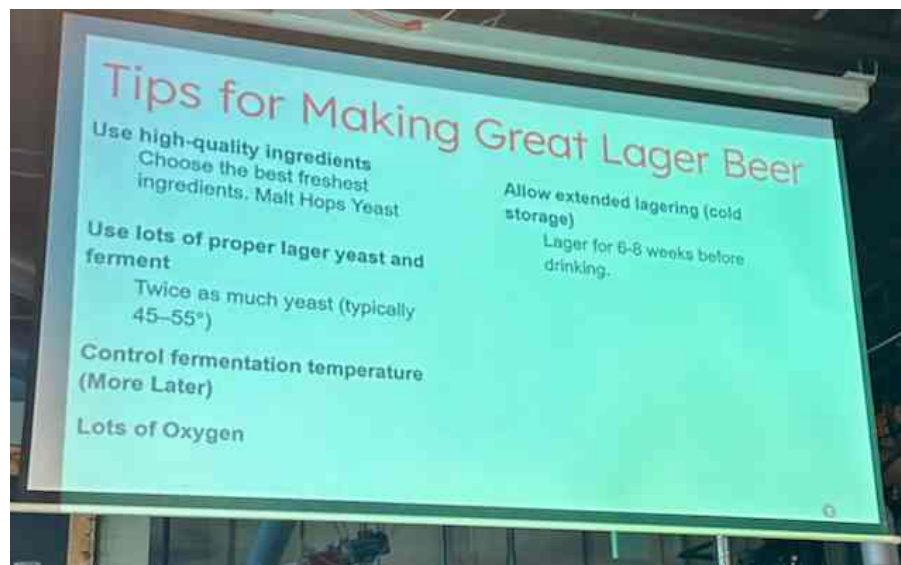


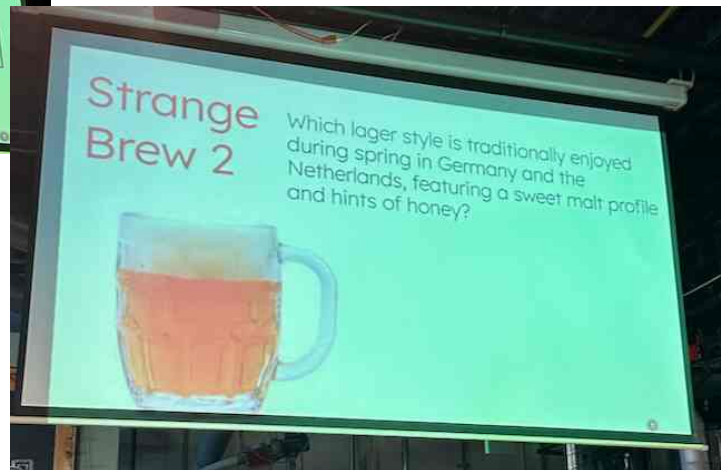
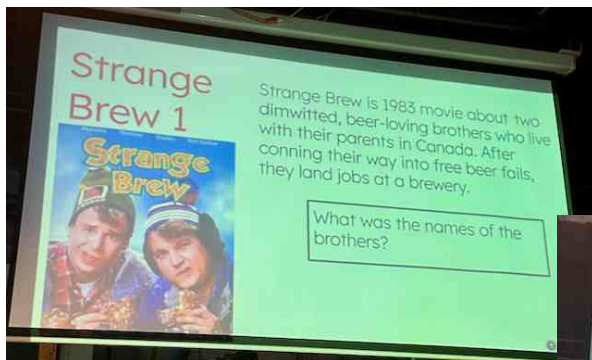
Eric reminded us again about the upcoming Evergreen State Fair home beverage competition. Entries are due July 27 and 28 at the fairgrounds, or at his house in Everett by July 31. Beer judging will be August 9. This will be the 20th year of hosting this event by Eric and Julie.



The main event for the meeting was lagers. Will had an informative presentation on the history of lagers, including the origins of lager yeast. He interspersed the presentation with trivia questions about the 1983 movie "Strange Brew". We tasted commercial lagers from Sound2Summit and Chuckanut Brewery, as well as several other darker lagers from Lori and Jim.

At the end there was a trivia question about the average annual per-capita German beer consumption. The winning table got a delicious 4-pack of Bitburger Pils.





July Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, July 14. We will judge IPA's.

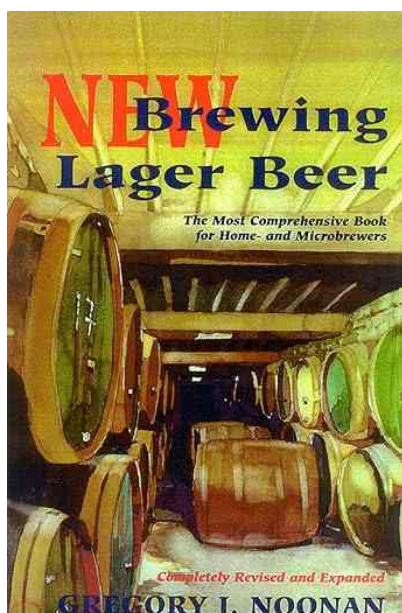
A New Hop in Town

The USDA and the Brewers Association recently introduced Vera, a new hop variety. Vera is a product of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS). For brewers and beer drinkers, it is described as fruit-forward with tropical, stone fruit, and candy-like citrus notes. For the farmers, it is described as high-yielding and disease-resistant. [Here is the full article](#) in the Washington Beer Blog.

GEBL Book Club

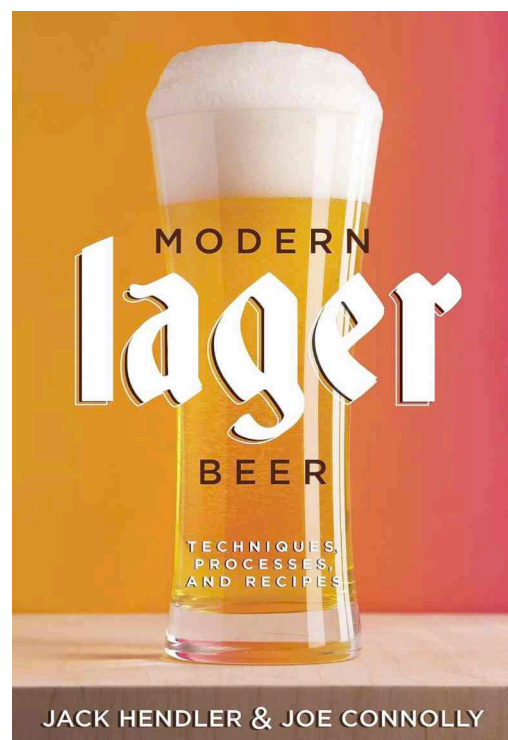
By Lori Brown

Grab a beer – perhaps a lager – and head for your favorite reading spot. Did last month's lager presentation get you excited about brewing some lager beers? Do you want to dive deeper into understanding how to brew these beers? Here are two books I highly recommend. The first one is from 2003 but remains one of the best references on mashing regimes. The second one is from 2024 and provides some interesting modern approaches to brewing lager beer. These are both under \$20 from Amazon. They are great books that are very readable – especially with a tasty lager by your side!



New Brewing Lager Beer by Gregory J. Noonan

Modern Lager Beer by Jack Hendler and Joe Connolly



Beerstock 2025 By Karen Winchell



What? Beerstock 5060 – 14

**Augustoberfest: A
Celebration of Beer!**

When? August 2, 2025 starting at 1:00 PM

**Where? Ski Park Lake, 17273 South Prairie Carbon River Rd E,
Orting, WA. 98360**

Who? All homebrewers are invited

The first thing you do at Beerstock is visit the check-in booth. There you get the all-important commemorative glass to hold a “check-in beer” and it only gets tastier from there. The registration process has evolved over the years. Watch your email for more details on the Beerstock Registration process. It is now a 501(c)/7 and so you have to register as a member with the Washington Stated Homebrewers Collective, pay dues (Beerstock fee) and sign a waiver, which is used for prize drawings.



(Caption: the first ever check-in booth was a very simple affair)



(Caption: L>R Joe Germani, this year's Beerstock Director, Mark Joy, an original Beerstock organizer and host, and Brian Craig, Mark's best friend and homebrewer; Mark roved around with the check-in beer in his back pack after everyone had arrived.

Senate Bill 5060 passed in 2009, making it legal to transport and share homebrew in Washington State. "Yeah!! Let's get all the homebrew clubs in Washington together and celebrate!" thought a crazy group of homebrewers and that's how it all began. The first Beerstock was held August 19, 2009.

(Caption: Thanks to the Sponsors of the Senate Bill and Thanks to our local brewing sponsors)



2025 will be the 14th year of bringing together a broad variety of homebrewers, from different backgrounds and different clubs, to make new friendships and share brewing tips and tricks, all while savoring many types of home brewed beverages.

Greater Everett Brewers League was there at the start. Jim Trimble made a lighted sign for night time that spelled GEBL in green beer bottles on a brown bottle background. Unfortunately, the chairs are in the way in the photo. We put our hearts and souls into sharing our love of home brewing. Each time a new beer was put on tap we rang the big green bell (upper left in the photo).

(Caption: Jackie Trimble talking with a member of BREW, beers listed were made by Will Fredin, Jim Brischke, Bob Winchell, and Jim Trimble)



(Caption: Lori Brown talking to folks at the Cascade Brewer's Guild booth)

Unlike most brewfests, you can camp overnight, and just like when you go camping, bring your tent, toothbrush and a cooler full of food. This year you can expect more homebrew than you can drink, live music, prize drawings, presentations, T-shirts, a food truck, camping out under the stars and a kettle full of coffee in the morning with a light breakfast.

Check out this video of clips from multiple Beerstock celebrations thanks to Brian Craig, videographer. Bob and Karen Winchell show up a couple times.

[Video Clips of Beerstocks](#)

If any of you are so moved, it's not too late for GEBL to have a presence at Beerstock 5060-14. All we really need is for a couple members to pack a pop-up awning, the GEBL banner, a white board with beers on tap, a jockey box, some kegs, water, food and sleeping bags and drive to Orting. As your GEBL Beerstock Representative, I will inform the organizers if you want GEBL to be represented and they will save space for a booth. In any case, this writer is providing the breakfast and coffee to all attendees and looking forward to a real good time. I hope to see you there!

Karen Winchell, GEBL Member since 2003

Evergreen State Fair Reminder

Another reminder for the Evergreen State Fair home made beverage competition. Entries will be accepted on July 27 and 28 as described in the handbook. I also will be asking for volunteers to help judge and steward for the judging days which will be August 9 and 10. All level of experience are welcome and you do get paid – judges with money or Fair tickets and stewards with fair tickets. And we fix lunch for everyone! Also keep up on announcements with our Facebook page: [Evergreen State Fair Homemade Beverages](#)

<https://www.evergreenfair.org>

Handbook for Department G - [Homemade Beverages \(PDF\)](#)

Eric J. Wilson - ESF Homemade beverages

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Sept/Oct	Fresh Hop -- competition	
October	Same Recipe Pale Ales	
November	Belgian Beers	Judging
December	Potluck Dinner/Gift Exchange, Big Beer Challenge	
January 2026	Open Lagers	Judging

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Got ideas for the newsletter, or some beer pics you'd like to share? Send them to:
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