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

**The new calendar, Feb 2026 through Jan 2027 is on the last page of this newsletter**

### GEBL Christmas Party 2025 Recap By Paul Pfeffer

The GEBL Christmas Party 2025 was held at Sound2Summit (S2S) on December 8th. A heartfelt thank-you to **Doug and Christine** for graciously hosting the event at S2S and helping make the evening such a success.

The night kicked off with great beer, followed by a true cornucopia of delicious potluck dishes and desserts generously provided by attending members. The fun continued with a lively **White Elephant gift exchange**, expertly coordinated by Pete. One of the standout moments was the legendary **Ram**, which found a new one-year home with a lucky GEBL member. Another crowd favorite was Bryan scoring the unforgettable **Pumpkin Cup O' Noodles** gift.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to catch up, enjoy each other's company, and indulge in excellent beer, food, and conversation.

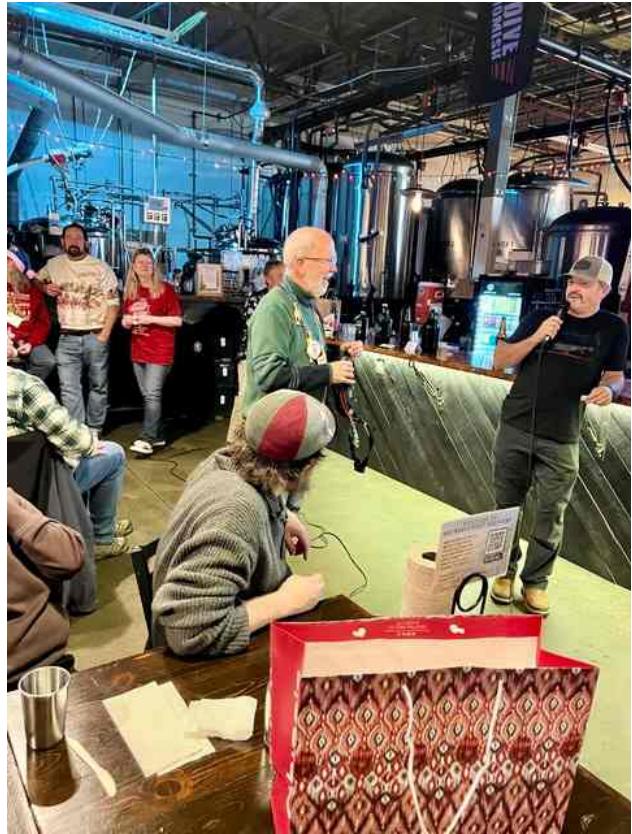
Of course, no GEBL gathering would be

complete without **barley wine tastings and rankings**, featuring bottles brought by numerous members. Congratulations to **Lori and Will**, who took top honors in the favorite rankings.

After everyone had their fill of great food, exceptional beers, and good conversation, we wrapped up the night with a toast to yet another fantastic GEBL event. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**See you all in 2026!**







## 2025/2026 Transition Meeting

On January 6 the 2025 and incoming 2026 Board members met to make a number of key decisions. The 2025 Board selected Lori Brown as the new Brewer of the Year. The 2026 Board developed our meeting tasting, judging and program schedule for the year. The new schedule is shown on the last page of this newsletter. The “Other Fermentables” program for the October meeting will be for things like pickles, sauerkraut, kombucha, vinegar and kimchi. The 2026 Board also adopted Pete’s recommendations for the 2026 budget (see page 5).

More news from the meeting will be announced at the next club meeting on Monday, January 12 – including the 2026 same-recipe brews.

## **Daniel Custer Named 2026 American Brewers Guild Scholarship Recipient**

### **Carrying Forward a Legacy of Craft, Curiosity, and Community**

(Excerpts from December 17 press release. Full article here: <https://glenfalconerfoundation.com>)

*The Glen Hay Falconer Foundation is proud to announce Daniel Custer of Sound 2 Summit Brewing (Snohomish, WA) as the recipient of the 2026 American Brewers Guild (ABG) Scholarship.*

*Selected from a deep and highly talented pool of applicants, Daniel exemplifies the values at the heart of the Foundation's mission: dedication to craft, commitment to learning, and a genuine desire to give back to the brewing community.*

#### ***From Homebrewer to Head Brewer***

*Daniel's brewing journey began where many great brewing stories do: at home.*

*Starting with extract kits and progressing to all-grain brewing, Daniel immersed himself in the Greater Everett Brewer's League, where curiosity quickly became a calling. In his own words, he "was hooked ... and decided this is what I wanted to do for a living."*

*From there, Daniel built his career step by step, gaining hands-on experience across nearly every aspect of brewing and brewery operations—learning by doing, experimenting, refining, and growing with each role.*

#### ***Leadership, Craft, and Mentorship***

*Daniel spent three years as Lead Brewer at Crucible Brewing, where he took ownership of major initiatives including:*

- *Recipe development*
- *Equipment maintenance*
- *Training and mentoring junior brewers*



**Treasurer's Report**  
**By Pete Stachowiak**

<b>GEBL 2025 Financial Report</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2026 Proposed</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
US Bank 1/1/24 balance	\$ 1,020.98	\$ 1,020.98	
PayPal 1/1/24 balance	\$ 693.30	\$ 693.30	
<b>2025 beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,714.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,714.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,450</b>
<b>2025 expenses</b>			
WA non-profit filing fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20	\$ 20
Club liability insurance	\$ 303.60	\$ 340	\$ 310
S2S thank you gift	\$ 250.00	\$ 200	\$ 200
Website fees	\$ 301.02	\$ 335	\$ 250
PayPal fees	\$ 22.83	\$ 20	\$ 25
Fresh hop belt engraving & shipping	\$ 7.13	\$ 30	\$ 50
Club equipment repair		\$ 30	
Beer purchases and supplies for tastings at mtg	169.27	\$ 375	\$ 180
<b>2025 total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,073.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,035</b>
<b>2025 Income</b>			
Dues collected	\$ 616.00	\$ 650	\$ 800
Fresh Hop entry fees	\$ 30.00	\$ 50	\$ 30
Club raffles	\$ 116.00	\$ 125	\$ 125
silent auctions		\$ 150	
<b>2025 total Income</b>	<b>\$ 762</b>	<b>\$ 975</b>	<b>\$ 955</b>
<b>2025 Dec end Balances</b>			
US Bank	\$ 1,098.36		
PayPal	\$ 334.07		
Cash on hand	\$ 20.00		
<b>2025 YTD ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,452.43</b>		<b>\$ 1,370</b>

## ***2026 Tasting/Judging/Event Schedule***

Month	Brew	Comments
January 2026	Open Lagers	Judging
February	Beer and Food Pairing	
March	Irish, Scottish & British Beers	Judging
April	speaker: Dan Custer (pending availability)	
May	Pale Ales & International Blondes	Judging
June	TBA (idea is GEBL Pro-Am competition)	
July	IPA	Judging
August	event: Sensory / Off-Flavors	
September	Historic Beers (BJCP cat. 27)	Judging
October	speaker: Other Fermentables	
mid-October	Fresh Hop Competition	
November	Porters & Stouts	Judging
December	Potluck Dinner/Gift Exchange	
January 2027	German Beers	Judging

## **2026 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](#)

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