

Hangtown Brew Noose



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President's Column

For those of you new to the Brew Noose, I would like to describe my view of it. It is a Belgian beer-style monthly newsletter produced by (some of) the members of HAZE. When I say it is a Belgian beer-style newsletter, I mean that it doesn't really make sense, though it is often pleasant, with notes of acidity, a slight fruitiness, and hints of poopiness. Often, it can be downright goaty. It is usually made with some whimsy, but with attention to craft. Please do not expect it to be consistent, based on scientific knowledge, or even-handed.

However, the Germanophile in me wants to impose some order, structure, and, most importantly, rules. Here are the rules, as I see them.

First, the Brew Noose will always start with a "President's Column," which may sometimes be opinionated and slightly offensive, but will (almost) always be correct.

Second, it will contain a description of upcoming events. This will serve as a reminder to those who are disorganized thinkers, or who have better things to do than to make and drink beer (shame on you!), to remind you that you need to be somewhere or do something beer-related.

Third, it will always contain photos of club members (or taken by club members), showing people brewing and drinking. The pictures may also be of non-humans (e.g., brew kettles, hop gardens, glasses, dogs....)

Fourth, it will contain contributions by a variety of members, which may include recipes (beer and food), anecdotes, lists, etc.

Finally, it will contain (sometimes) technical column explaining brewing or judging or drinking.

Belgian post-script: These rules may be broken at any time.

Dave Barlow





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Linguistics Department

HAZE is now pronounced HA-ZAY Sprechen Sie deutsch!

Next Meeting Events

January 12, 2006, The WineSmith, 7 PM. Come early, buy a beer and get a free raffle ticket. We will introduce ourselves, talk about making and drinking meads, ciders, and honey-beers, hold raffles, collect dues (\$20/individual or married or domesticated couples), talk about something Belgian, eat something Belgian, and drink homebrews. Bring a bottle or two (or 20) of your own homebrew (any style or without style entirely), or be penalized \$1. Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or can be purchased at a special bulk rate. Proceeds from raffle sales and dues go towards maintaining the officers' lavish lifestyles. (Not really....It subsidizes the club's activities and goes towards special projects.)

Actually, the theme for the night is German beer, so if you get to the Winesmith early, get a Dinkel Acker on draft or something German in bottle, rather than the Racer 5 or Old Rasputin. Food will be provided by Lisa Clark-Barlow; not German food, unfortunately, but still carefully designed to complement German beer.

Those of you (those of us, I guess) who have not paid 2006 dues, please bring \$20 (did I say that already, I forget so easily!)

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We will also discuss the upcoming events for the year.

Don't forget to bring homebrews to share.

Contributions

The BrewNoose staff need your contributions. Please submit articles, ideas for articles, requests and money to Michael Frenn, Viced President Without Portfolio, Media Manager.

The Brewnoose layout and design by Ramona Frenn.



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Barleywine Brew

The Fifth Annual Barleywine Brew At The Seeley's was held Friday, December 30, 2005. As usual, it was a blast with at least 5 homebrew systems plus the BBS in play. There was also some very excellent food, including free range turkey soup, mega meatballs, and some killer scones courtesy of Mike Michaels. Most brewing was concluded by 5 PM, including the BBS!



Das Bier ist scheiss!



Glossy eyed and fanatical!



If only the Niners could win a game!



Classic deer caught in headlights!



Is it soup yet?



The brewmeister plies his craft.



Forest and Mike Michaels (GCBA) discuss why Dave Barlow thinks all beer is scheiss (nice El Camino!)



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CULINARY DEPARTMENT

Slow Cooker Kielbasa and Beer (Courtesy Patti Kenney)

2 pounds kielbasa sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces
1-12 ounce can or bottle beer
1-20 ounce can sauerkraut, drained.

In a slow cooker, combine sausage, beer and sauerkraut.
Cook on low for 5 to 6 hours until meat is tender and plump.

(Editor's Note: This recipe is awesome! Try it!)

Steering Committee Minutes – Dave Pratt With (big) Portfolio!

Mr Seeley passed the gavel to Mr Barlow, the new club president.

Trailer Discussion

--May be able to get 4 barrels for free from a contact of Mike Frenn's

Monthly Schedule of Beers

Big changes coming. Rather than individuals doing a different style each month, we'll have groups of brewers doing styles as follows:

--January - March: German

--April - June: Belgian

--July - September: American

--October - December: UK

If you're interested in brewing a certain style of beer, bring your ideas to the next meeting and get together with like-minded brewers to form up your team!

Club Survey

--To be prepared by next steering committee meeting

--Survey to be mass mailed February

Calendar

--Discussion of timeframes for various club activities

--To be published by the Office of Activities (Forest and Leah).

Brewnoose to be published once again!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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In Loving Memory of JENETTE . . .

God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.
And knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw your path was difficult, he closed you tired eyes,
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,
We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide,
You live on through your children, you're always by our side.



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TO THE MEETING!!

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