

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

August 2009 Newsletter

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From the Editor's Desk

Here's the August 2009 Newsletter!

<http://hbd.org/mbas>

NEXT MEETING:

Wed. August 12, 2009 @ 7:30pm.

Our guest will be Ralph Erenzo, Distiller,

Partner of Tuthilltown spirits <http://tuthilltown.com/>

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JULY MEETING By Warren Becker

Our guest was Brian Ewing, Founder & Owner of 12 Percent Imports. <http://12percentimports.com/>. Their web site is full of tasting notes, brewery background info, and great photos.



"The goal of 12 Percent is to share with others the very best of what we travel far to get. We love our beers, and we bring them home as a hobby and a passion." Brian Ewing.

12 Percent currently has an import portfolio of 9 Belgian breweries, and 1 Canadian brewery, Hopfenstark from Quebec <http://www.hopfenstark.com/>. There are approximately 30-40 beers from 10 breweries and an expected 50 total beers available in the NYC by the end of the year. Most of these breweries produce less than 200 hectoliters per year, and none are more than 1,000 hectoliters per year. They bring in both bottles and kegs, which are keg conditioned, to ensure proper carbonation.



Brian shared Valeir Extra 6.5% Golden Ale, made with American Hops. This Belgian IPA, which is refermented in bottle, is a yellow-gold with dense, white head and has a spicy, citrusy nose and possesses a fruity palate, orange, yeasty, floral; growing, pleasant bitterness.

Next was the Valeir Donker 6.5% ABV, a dark ruby color with creamy off-white head. It has rich fruit aroma and flavors of malt sweetness, fig, and toffee. It's brewed by Brouwerij Contreras. http://12percentimports.com/breweries/Brouwerij_Contreras/index.html

Piet-Agoras 9%, a contract beer names after the Pythagoras. It is cloudy amber, has lingering off-white head with fruity aroma with caramel; bold and sweet-tart palate, sourish, fruity; long, lingering, dry hoppy finish. Made by Brouwerij Het Alternatief http://12percentimports.com/breweries/Brouwerij_Het_Alternatief/index.html



Tournay de Noel 8.2% ABV, from a 200 year old farmhouse brewery just "outside of town." Located close to the French border, the brewery's property records suggest that it began operations at least by 1753. Laurent Agache, the owner/brewer, told

Brian that the actual brewery was closed for some 30 years. Tournay currently makes 4 beers, Blonde, Brown, Spiced Ale, and Noel bier, though I noticed that have a Saison & Stout listed. http://12percentimports.com/breweries/Brasserie_de_Cazeau/index.html



The last beer Brian poured was the delicious Embrasse, a 2 year old bottling of 9% ABV dark ale which uses 8 malts, from Brouwerij De Dochter van de Korenaar, located in the "island" section of Belgium within Holland called Baarle-Hertog. Rich brown, lasting khaki head with aroma of chocolate malt, coffee, & smoke; vanilla, cocoa, toffee, smoke, full-bodied, richly complex http://12percentimports.com/breweries/Brouwerij_De_Dochter_Van_De_Korenaar/index.html

We look forward to trying more of the 12% beers as they are available. Please check Brian's beer updates on his web site at: <http://12percentimports.com/news.html>



Beer Quest Update

The Teaser Trailer for Beer Quest has been posted for your enjoyment on You Tube in HD! Check it out:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZAmG_9Cze0

<http://www.beerquest.tv/> <http://thebeerquest.blogspot.com/>

Brewed in Brooklyn Walking Tour

Brewed in Brooklyn tours currently operate every weekend.

<http://www.urbanoyster.com/brewed-in-brooklyn-tour.html>

Brooklyn Homebrew coming soon!

Brooklyn's only homebrewing supply store to open near 9th Avenue and 4th Avenue in Park Slope, where you can buy

Hops/ Yeast/ Grain Malts Malt Extract/ Books/ Equipment/ Local Honey/ Spices: Brooklynhomebrew@gmail.com

More info at: <http://www.brooklynhomebrew.blogspot.com/>

Event Calendar by President Alan Rice

HOMEBREWING COMPETITIONS:



<http://www.beertown.com/homebrewing/schedule.html>



<http://www.bjcp.org/compsch.html>

August 15, 2009 **FOAM Homebrew Competition**

Presented by The Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers

Entry deadline has past, but FOAM sent us a special request for judges!

<http://www.foambrew.com/>

Sun. Sept. 3, 2-5pm **Chew 'N Brew at The Diamond**, \$25.

Homebrew and home-made food pairings competition.

Entry list is full, but you can still attend.

Only 100 tickets, buy at the bar now.

<http://www.thediamondbrooklyn.com/>

NY State Fair results: Fritz Fernow, 1st place, American IPA

<http://www.nysfair.org/2009-competition-results>

AHA Nat'l Homebrew Comp.: Michael Kane, 1st place, Dusseldorf Alt-bier, 2nd place, Dry Stout. <http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/>

Beer Related Events:

Wed. Aug. 12, **Boulder Brewing at Blind Tiger**. Oak Aged Planet Porter (World Premiere!), Mojo IPA (Draft & Cask), Hazed & Infused, Singletrack Copper Ale, Sweaty Betty, Never Summer Winter Ale, Flashback (30th Anniversary) India Brown Ale, Mojo Risin' IPA, Sundance Amber, Buffalo Gold. <http://blindtigeralehouse.com>

Wed. Aug 12, **Twelve Percent Imports at Diamond**, \$15. Brian Ewing will be on hand. Six beers plus cheese.

<http://www.thediamondbrooklyn.com/>

Wed. Aug. 12, 6-8pm, **River Horse at Stag's Head**. Hop Hazard, Double Wit, and ESB. Greg Papp will be on hand.

<http://thestagsheadnyc.com/>

Thu. Aug. 13, 6:30-9:30pm, **Ommegang Beer Dinner at NY Athletic Club's City House**. Phil Leinhart will be on hand. (212) 247-5100

<http://www.nyac.org/>

Thu. Aug. 13, **Southern Tier at Amsterdam 106**, list TBA.

<http://divebarnyc.com/>

Sat. Aug. 15, 4-6pm, **French Beer Tasting at New Beer**, free. Jenlain St-Druon, Pietra Amber Lager, Pietra Columba Wit. <http://www.new-beer.com/>

Aug. 15-16, 11:45am-3:30pm, **Brewed in Brooklyn Walking Tour**, \$45, includes beer and food. The rise and fall and rise again of the brewing industry in Williamsburg. Walk from Brooklyn Brewery to Huckleberry Bar. Details and tickets at: <http://www.urbanoyster.com/> Also on Aug. 22, 29, 30.

Sun. Aug. 16, 2pm, **Dog Days at Standings**. Dogfish Head Midas Touch and Palo Santo Marron, free Belgian fries. <http://www.standingsbar.com/>

Mon. Aug. 17, **Goose Island at Dive Bar 96**. Six drafts TBA.

<http://divebarnyc.com/>

Tue. Aug. 18, 5-8pm, **Great Brewers at Ulysses'**. Brewery reps will be on hand. Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Blue Point Toasted, Chimay, Smuttynose IPA, Southern Tier Unearthly IPA, Victory Prima Pils, Left Hand St. Vrain, The Bruery Orchard White, Sixpoint Brownstone, Allagash White, Magic Hat #9, Ommegang Rare Vos, Troegs Amber, Flying Dog Porter, d'Achouffe La Chouffe, Original Sin Cider, Schneider Weisse.

<http://www.ulyssesfolkhouse.com/>

Tue. Aug. 18, 7-9pm, **NY State Beer & Cheese Pairing Sail at Pier 62**, \$85. Chelsea beers, sunset cruise in NY Harbor. <http://www.sail-nyc.com/> Also on Sept. 1.

Tue. Aug. 18, 7-9pm, **Great Brewers at Southern Hospitality**, \$20. 10 breweries, 20 beers. <http://southernhospitalitybbq.com/>

Tue. Aug. 18, **Bacon & Beer Tasting at Jimmy's No. 43**, \$45. Shelton Bros. beers, TBA. <http://www.jimmysno43.com/>

Tue. Aug. 18, **Schmaltz at Amsterdam Ale House**. Bittersweet Lenny's RIPA, Barrel Aged Bittersweet Lenny's, Jewbelation 12.

Wed. Aug. 19, **Flying Dog at Mudville 9**. In Heat Wheat, Doggie Style Pale Ale, Kerberos Tripel, Dog Schwartz, 20th Anniversary Beer.

<http://www.mudville9.com/>

Wed. Aug. 19, **Lagunitas at Stag's Head**. IPA, Pilsner, Hop Stoopid and more.

Wed. Aug. 19, 7pm, **Oysterfest at David Copperfield's**. Blue Point beers TBA. <http://www.davidcopperfields.com/>

Thu. Aug. 20, **Cisco at Dive 75**. List TBA. <http://divebarnyc.com/>

Sat. Aug. 22, 10am-7pm, **Stoudt's Brewery Tour and Beer Fest from**

Rattle N Hum, \$65. Includes entry to the Fest – 4 hours of beer tastings, German buffet, and entertainment - a \$30 value. Plus beer and food on the bus. Tickets are almost gone, don't delay.

<http://rattlenhumbar.wordpress.com/>

Mon. Aug. 24, 6pm **Champagne Beer Dinner at Resto**, \$65. Deus, Malheur Brut, Malheur Noir, Scaldis. <http://www.restonyc.com/>

Tue. Aug. 25, 6pm, **Battle of NY at Against the Grain**. Sixpoint vs. Southern Tier, plus NY State cheeses from Saxelby's. Sixpoint Brownstone, Bengali Tiger, Express; Southern Tier IPA, Mocha, Iniquity. <http://www.menupages.com/restaurants/against-the-grain/>

Tue. Aug. 25, **Bear Republic at Rattle N Hum**. Black Mamba, Crazy Ivan, ESB, Heritage, Hop Rod Rye, Nor Cal, Pete Brown Tribute Ale, Racer 5, Rebellion, Red Rocket, XP, Racer X, Big Bear Black Stout, Double Aught, Wine Country Wheat.

Tue. Aug 25, **Weyerbacher at Bar Great Harry**. List TBA. <http://www.bargreatharry.com/>

Wed. Aug. 26, **Sierra Nevada at Blind Tiger**. List TBA.

Wed. Aug. 26, **Speakeasy NYC Debut at Rattle N Hum**. List TBA.

Thu. Aug. 27, 6pm, **Beantown vs. Chi-town at Standings**. Harpoon and Goose Island, TBA. Free pizza, Red Sox vs. White Sox.

Thu. Aug. 27, **Lagunitas at Dive Bar**, List TBA.

Sat. Aug. 29, 2-8pm **Captain Lawrence Farewell to Summer BBQ at Spring Lounge**. Scott Vaccaro will be on hand. 6 drafts TBA, free BBQ, live music. <http://springlounge.vpguides.net/>

Mon. Aug. 31, 7-8:30pm, **McClure's Pickles & Beer Pairing at Beer Table**, \$35. Bob McClure will be on hand. <http://www.beertable.com>

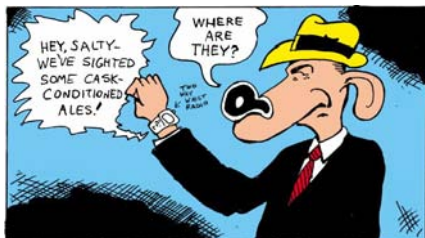
Wed. Sept. 2, 6pm, **Farmhouse Ales at Swift's**. Jenlain Ambree, Du Pont Bio Foret, Saint Somewhere Athene (new on draft), Ommegang Hennepin, Two Brothers Domain Du Page. Bottles: St. Sylvestre Tres Monts. <http://www.swiftnycbar.com/>

Sept. 4-6, 7th **Great World Beer Fest at Park Ave. Armory**, 4 sessions, \$60. Over 40 brewers, food, live music. <http://www.brewtopiafest.com/>

Tue. Sept. 8, **NY Brewers at Bar Great Harry**. List TBA.

Sept. 11-20, 2nd **NYCraft Beer Week**. Much bigger and better than last year. There are dozens of events. Check this space next month, or start planning now: <http://www.nycbeerweek.com/>

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<http://hbd.org/mbas/beer.html>

