

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

December 2011 Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Here's the December 2011 Newsletter!

<http://hbd.org/mbas>

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 @ 7:30PM.

Our guests this month are B.R. Rolya & Joel Shelton of Shelton Bros. Importers www.sheltonbrothers.com

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NOVEMBER MEETING

By Warren Becker (Note: *italic text is from guest sites*)

Our guest Jesse Ferguson of Carton Brewing Company in New Jersey <http://cartonbrewing.com/>

Cousins Chris and Augie Carton teamed up with their favorite home brewer, Jesse Ferguson, and started Carton Brewing. In the seashore community where they were born and raised, the Carton boys found a turn-of-the-century red brick warehouse and adapted it to accommodate a state-of-the-art Newlands Systems 15 barrel brew house. With Jesse at its helm, 6 E. Washington Avenue was turned into an independent craft brewery and their hats were in the ring. Applying a passion for stimulating flavor to inspiration found all around them, they set about their goal: to make tasty beer in the place their tastes were formed.



Launch Golden Ale ABV 4.6% | IBU:30 | SRM: 3.0

Jersey locals know that the best time of summer is actually the end of August into September. When the the bennys are leaving their beach houses, the water is warm, the surf is coming up, the corn is sweet and the tomatoes are ripe. Summer 2011 was about two more things for us, the commissioning of our brew house and a worldwide shortage of hops. Launch was born of months of exploratory hop teas, our favorites of which are here layered over a retrained malt bill, evoking those fresh-chopped herbs you add to a tomato salad to go with a grilled burger for no particular reason. Drink Launch because late summer evenings by the beach are cool.

Boat Beer Session Ale ABV: 4.2% | IBU: 35 | SRM: 3.5

Boat Beer is designed to be complex enough to merit drinking a few without being crippled by alcohol. Kolsch yeast and German malts are combined to be crisp and refreshing, while a generous amount of American hops have been added to keep it remarkable. Expect it to dance out of the glass with a whack of grapefruit and open into a crisp, stony tangle of white and yellow fruit with pine and moss notes. An IPA for everyday drinking, drink boat beer when you are thirsty from softball, fishing, or explaining why your team is best.

Brown Country Ale ABV: 6.0% | IBU: 45 | SRM: 9

B.D.G. (Brunch. Dinner. Grub.) Country Ale: Matching the right beer to the right food is a wonderful assignment. The contemplation of point and counter-point can often be as much fun as the reward of good pairing. Sadly, in a life well lived there is not always time to contemplate what dinner will be, let alone what beverage will play best with it. Here we have selected malts to evoke the crusty bread that sit well next to every meal and seasoned it with the lemony, tarragon/thyme notes of Aramis hops. A go-to food friendly ale for the table. Drink D.B.G because you are what you eat... and drink.



HOMEBREWING COMPETITIONS:



<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions>



http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

NYC EVENT CALENDAR:

<http://www.beermenus.com/events>

12/15, Thu. 6:00PM [Pretty Things Night](#)
at [Breukelen Bier Merchants](#)

12/15, Thu. 7:00PM [IPA Night!](#) at [Bierkraft](#)

12/16, Fri. 5:00PM [DeCicco's Christmas Beer Night](#)
at [DeCicco's \(Brewster\)](#)

12/17, Sat. 1:00PM [Blue Point Sampling and Hockey Ticket Giveaway](#) at [Community Beverage](#)

12/19, Mon. 5:00PM [Beer Garden Tuesdays](#)
at Hudson Terrace (\$25.00)

12/21, Wed. 6:00PM [Sam Adams Winter Lager Night](#)
at [Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills](#)

12/28, Wed. 6:00PM [SPATEN OKTOBERFEST NIGHT](#)
at [Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills](#)

12/29, Thu. 9:00PM [Monster Mash Bash](#)
at [The Black Sheep Ale House](#)

12/31, Sat. 9:30PM [Mad Elf New Years Eve](#)
at [The Cloverleaf Tavern](#)

SITES FOR NYC BEER EVENTS:

<http://mylifeoncraft.com/>

<http://beeradvocate.com/events/calendar>

<http://nycbeerevents.com/>

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

