

# Malted Barley Appreciation Society

February, 2002 Newsletter

## January Meeting

By Eric Freberg

January marked the transition of the Malted Barley Appreciation Society's presidential responsibilities from Eric to Lucy, in exchange for the role of 'first spouse'.

The meeting was, of course, a rousing success,



thanks in large part to our guest speaker Mark Burford. Mark has been a mainstay of the brewing industry on Long Island. Previous ventures included the New York Homebrew supply shop, the tiny Cobblestone Brewery and Winery in Huntington, and the LIBC in Jericho. Today Mark is the brewer and co-owner of the Blue

Point Brewing Company in Patchogue, which has enjoyed a fair amount of success in its two and a half years. In fact, Blue Point is in the process of expanding its capacity from 9 tanks to thirteen and has introduced their Winter Ale in bottles, to go along with their flagship Toasted Lager. Draft offerings include Oatmeal Stout, Pilsner, and various seasonal brews. Also, Blue Point has enlisted Clare Rose as a distributor, having previously handled the task on its own. Clare Rose is an independent distributor of Bud, but Mark needs not fear the competition as they also handle Heineken, which keeps Blue Point somewhat out of Bud's radar.

Mark must have remembered something about the club from his last visit a few years ago, because the beer he brought us was his Barleywine (a 5-gal keg! We kicked it, too!). He makes two versions of it, both called Old Howling Bastard – a 9% which comes out around Thanksgiving, and an 11% during

the height of Barleywine season in February. It was full-bodied with a huge blast of hop flavor and aroma, coming from Magnum, Cascade, Willamette, Goldings, and Styrian Goldings varieties.

Note, there will be a year-old cask of OHB at this year's Split Thy (Brooklyn) Skull festival, which comes to Mug's Ale House on March 9.

Although not a brewpub, Blue Point offers tours and has a tasting room open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon (check website for hours). Although it's generally only available on Long Island, it can be found at a few locations in Manhattan, including David Copperfields bar and American Beer distributor.

## This Month's Guest Speakers Tom Baker



## Heavyweight Brewing Company Ocean Township, NJ

Meetings are held at Mugs Ale House, on the corner of 10th St. and Bedford Ave in Brooklyn on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, the meeting will be on the 13th. Mugs is three blocks from the Bedford Ave stop on the L train.

As a frequent vacationer on Long Island's East End, it's encouraging to know that despite a shortage of bars that focus on a good selection of beer, more and more are carrying the Blue Point so there's generally something worth drinking.

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### **Contests, Festivals, and Other Goings On**

**February 20: Third Annual Vermont Beer & Food Festival**, The Blind Tiger Ale House, 6:00 PM onwards, 518 Hudson Street (on the corner of West 10th St.). Telephone: (212) 675-3848. Featuring draught and bottled beers from at least 15 Vermont breweries, with some very special first time appearances. As usual, free of charge, there will be a number of excellent cheeses from the Green Mountain State, as well as a certain amount of

**February 23, 2002:**

**Best of Brooklyn Homebrew V**

**Brooklyn, NY.**

**The Malted Barley Appreciation Society will be hosting its fifth annual homebrew competition at the Brooklyn Brewery**



**February 27: Cold & Old Heavyweight Lunacy Party**, The Blind Tiger Ale House, 6:00 PM onwards, 518 Hudson Street (on the corner of West 10th St.). Telephone: (212) 675-3848.. In celebration of China's annual Lantern Festival and February's Full Moon, featuring an Iced Lunacy and an Aged Lunacy on draught.

**March 3, 2002: 5th Annual Eastern Connecticut Homebrew Competition**, Willimantic, CT. Contact Paul Zocco (zoks.homebrewing@snet.net)

**March 9: Split Thy Brooklyn Skull Barleywine Festival**, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Mug's Ale House, 125 Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn. The third annual barleywine festival, co-sponsored by Mugs and Beer Philadelphia. Beers include: Heavyweight Old Salty, Sierra Nevada Bigfoot 2000, Gale's Millennium Ale, Brooklyn Monster 2000, Blue Point Cask Old Howling Bastard 2001. Details to follow.

**March 23, 2002: The Hudson Valley Homebrew-**

ers 12th Annual Homebrew Competition at the Hyde Park Brewery and Restaurant, Hyde Park, NY. Deadline for entries is March 16th. More info on Homebrew Digest, [hbd.org/hvhb/compete.html](http://hbd.org/hvhb/compete.html)



## ANNOUNCING THE 2002 NEW ENGLAND HOME BREWER OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS

Every year, a group of New England homebrew clubs join to sponsor competitions for:

- New England Homebrewer of the Year
- New England Homebrew Club of the Year
- New England Cider Maker of the Year
- New England Mead Maker of the Year

All brewers and clubs in New England are eligible to compete for these awards. Brewers and clubs from other areas are encouraged to enter, and their accomplishments are announced in the report of results. Determination of the recipients of the NEHBOTY awards will be based upon the competitions listed below.

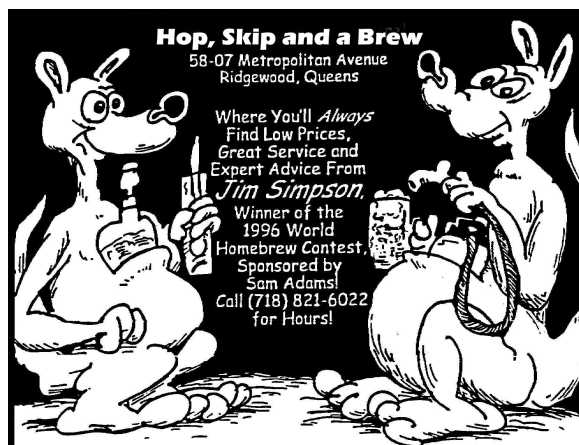
Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition

Danbury, CT, January 19, 2002.

Contact: Von Bair, 203-393-7257, [ereetc@aol.com](mailto:ereetc@aol.com)

### Dues

Club dues are due at the February meeting: Due are \$20 or \$15 with homebrew. Cash is good or a check is made payable to "Malted Barley Appreciation Society."



Green Mountain Homebrew Competition  
Burlington, VT, May 4, 2002

Contact: Anne Whyte, 802-655-2070,  
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Puddle Dock Homebrew Contest  
Portsmouth, NH, late September to mid October, 2002

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New England Fall Regional Homemade Beer Competition

Deerfield, MA, December 7, 2002

Jason Hunter, 413-519-1738,  
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For further details on the NEHBOTY competition, specific competitions, and rules and forms common to the competitions, go to the

NEHBOTY website at  
<http://mail.symuli.com/NEHBOTY/>

