

# Malted Barley Appreciation Society

February 2011 Newsletter

## From the Editor's Desk

Here's the February 2011 Newsletter!

<http://hbd.org/mbas>

## NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 7:30PM.

Our guest will be Eric VanZile from Ithaca Beer Company.

<http://www.ithacabeer.com>

## MUGS ALE HOUSE

[www.mugsalehouse.com](http://www.mugsalehouse.com)



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## JANUARY MEETING

By Alan Rice (meeting photos by Alan Rice)

Our guest for the January meeting was Matt Steinberg of NJ Beer Co. <http://www.njbeerco.com>

Matt Steinberg debuted with 3 different year-round styles that are approachable and sessionable plus a few seasonals that are a bit more aggressive. Matt's more into malt, with balanced hops. He brought the Wee Heavy and the Mild (from the second runnings), which are here:

<http://www.njbeerco.com/seasonal.html>





At the meeting Matt inform us that he was looking for a NYC distributor. He has an event on Thursday Feb. 10th at Miller's (on Hope near Spuyten Duyvil). I listed the event, but I didn't note if it was his first legal event in NYC, since I wasn't sure.

Here is a photo of Matt's broken bottling machine, which he told us about. It's from Canada, and he's having trouble getting one key part replaced. On visit to NJ Beer, I got the last six-pack for the foreseeable future.



It's easy to get to NJ Beer Co. Take the NJ Transit Light Rail to the last stop at Tonelle, walk south for a few minutes, and hang a right on 42nd. Growler fills are cheap, and he serves free samples with the tour. The pours are more generous after closing, especially if you bring something to share.

Here is a link to an article that has further NJ Beer Co. background info worth reading.

[http://www.nj.com/entertainment/dining/index.ssf/2010/10/a\\_visit\\_to\\_new\\_jersey\\_beer\\_co.html](http://www.nj.com/entertainment/dining/index.ssf/2010/10/a_visit_to_new_jersey_beer_co.html)

# Event Calendar by Alan Rice

## HOMEBREWING COMPETITIONS:



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



[http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp\\_schedule/competition\\_schedule.php](http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php)

## Homebrew Alley 5 Results

The NYCHG thanks all participants and contestants.

There were 460 entries in 23 combined categories.  
Best of Show: **Ben Maeso**, Bohemian Pilsener;  
Second Place: **Andrew Maiorana**, Spice/Herb/Vegetable - Coconut Porter;  
Third Place: **Jonathan Voris**, Common Cider;  
Hon. Mention: **Ben Jankowski**, Semi-Sweet Mead;  
Brewers Choice 1: **Bertram Holdredge**, Russian Imperial Stout;  
Brewers Choice 2: **Robert Sells**, Standard/Ordinary Bitter.

### Complete winners list:

<http://homebrewalley.org/HA5winners.html>

Feb. 15, **NYCHG Meeting at Burp Castle.**

Guest: Sam Richardson Of Kelso Brewing.

<http://hbd.org/nychg/>

Feb. 26, **Brooklyn Wort at Gowanus Studio Space**

Presented by Brooklyn Homebrew and Sycamore.

Entries closed. Tasting tickets \$30.

<http://brooklynwort.com/>

Feb. 26, **Amber Waves of Grain XV**

Presented by the Niagara Assoc. of Homebrewers

Entry deadline Feb. 12.

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

Mar. 26, **HVHB 21<sup>st</sup> Homebrew Comp.**

Presented by Hudson Valley Homebrewers

Entries accepted Mar. 5-19.

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

Apr. 2, **AHA 9<sup>th</sup> Nat'l Homebrew Comp.** 1<sup>st</sup> round

Presented by American Homebrewers Assoc. Entries accepted Mar. 21-30.

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions>

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Apr. 30, **33<sup>rd</sup> UNYHA/22<sup>nd</sup> Empire State Homebrew Comp.** Presented by Upstate NY Homebrewers Assoc. Entry deadline Apr. 16. <http://www.unyha.com/>

May 14, **15<sup>th</sup> BEER Brew-Off**

Presented by Brewers East End Revival <http://beerhbc.org/>

Sat. May 7, **Big Brew Nat'l Homebrew Day**

Presented by American Homebrewers Assoc.

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/events/national-homebrew-day>

June 11, **NY State Fair Homebrew Comp.**

Presented by Salt City Brew Club

<http://www.saltcitybrew.org/wordpress>

June 16-18, **33<sup>rd</sup> Nat'l Homebrew Conference**

Presented by American Homebrewers Assoc.

Town & Country Resort in San Diego

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

## Beer Related Events:

Wed. Feb. 9, **East Coast Vs. West Coast at Mission Dolores.** Smuttynose, Victory, Lagunitas, Ballast Point.

Wed. Feb. 9, 7-9pm, **Beer & Mast Bros. Chocolate at dba East Village,** \$25.

Wed. Feb. 9, **Ommegang at Blind Tiger.**

Thu. Feb. 10, **Smuttynose & Phish at The Gate.**

Thu. Feb. 10, **Pretty Things at Pete's Candy Store.**

Thu. Feb. 10, **NJ Beer Co. at Miller's Tavern.**

Fri. Feb. 11, **East Coast Vs. West Coast at Barcade.**

Sat. Feb. 12, 1pm & 5pm, **The Trappist Beers at Swift Hibernian Lodge,** \$50. All available plus vintages and food pairings. <http://thetrappistbeers1.eventbrite.com/>

Sun. Feb. 13, **Sweet, Sour, & Bitter at Blind Tiger.**

Mon. Feb. 14, **Pretty Things at Fourth Ave. Pub.** Featuring Fluffy White Rabbits Hoppy Triple.

Mon. Feb. 14, 6:30pm & 8:15pm, **Beer and Chocolate at Jimmy's No. 43,** \$40.



Tue. Feb. 15, **Victory at Stag's Head**. 10 drafts, including the NYC debut of Headwater Pale Ale.

Tue. Feb. 15, **Geary's at Rattle N Hum**.

Tue. Feb. 15, 7:30pm, **Scandinavian Beer Tasting at Jimmy's**, \$10.

Tue. Feb. 15, **Vanberg & DeWulf at Bierkraft**.

Tue. Feb. 15, **Ommegang at Pony Bar**.

Wed. Feb. 16, **Chocolate at Gingerman**. Every chocolate beer they can find plus gourmet sweets.

Wed. Feb. 16, 7pm, **BFM Beer Dinner at Beer Table**, \$55.

Thu. Feb. 17, **Left Hand at Birkraft**.

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 18-20, **Max's Taphouse Belgian Fest**.

Sat. Feb. 19 - **Spuyten Duyvil's It's BIG WOODY**. Annual celebration of big beer and wood aged beer kicks-off Saturday February 19th at high noon. ON TAP: 1. Mikkelser Frelser (11% Triple Bock), 2. Kuhnenn Raspberry Eisbock (10.6%), 3. Kuhnenn Extraneous. (17.5% barley wine), 4. White Birch Oak Aged Tripel (10.4%), 5. BFM Abbaye de Saint Bon-Chien 2009 (11% Swiss ale aged in wine and eau-de-vie barrels), 6. Alvinne Melchior (11.5% Belgian strong ale aged in Calvados casks); IN CASK: 1. BrewDog Paradox Isle of Arran 2009 (10% Imperial Stout aged in Isle of Arran casks), 2. T'Smisje Kerst (11% Belgian strong ale aged in Calvados casks); + numerous special bottles.

Tue. Feb. 22, **Troegs at Pony Bar**.

Tue. Feb. 22, **Brewing as Art Sculpture at Gingerman**. This sculpture includes a working 10-gallon brewing system.  
[http://www.silive.com/entertainment/arts/index.ssf/2010/10/brewing\\_as\\_art\\_buzzworthy\\_stea.html](http://www.silive.com/entertainment/arts/index.ssf/2010/10/brewing_as_art_buzzworthy_stea.html)

Tue. Feb. 22, 7:30pm, **Imperial Beer Tasting at Jimmy's**, \$10.

Wed. Feb. 23, **Vermont Beer & Cheese at Blind Tiger**.

Thu. Feb. 24, **Sixpoint at Barcade**.

Thu. Feb. 24, **Avery at Bierkraft**.

Feb. 25-27, **Rattle N Hum Cask Fest**.

Sat. Feb 26, 4pm-1:30am, **Stoudt's Winterfest Bus Trip From Pony Bar**, \$60.

Mar. 3-7, **Karneval at Loreley** (both locations).

Mar. 5-6, **Split Thy Brooklyn Skull XII at Mugs**. The original New York version of the Split Thy Skull strong beer fest started by the infamous Jim Anderson and Ed Berestecki twelve years ago.

Tue. Mar. 8, 7:30pm, **Mardi Gras French Beer Tasting at Jimmy's**, \$10.

Tue. Mar. 8, **Lagunitas at Bierkraft**.

Tue. Mar. 8, **Rogue Ales & Spirits at Rattle N Hum**.

### On sale now:

Mar. 19-20, **2<sup>nd</sup> Get Real NY**, \$64-80.

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

Mar. 20, **4<sup>th</sup> Philly Real Ale Invitational**, \$50-65.

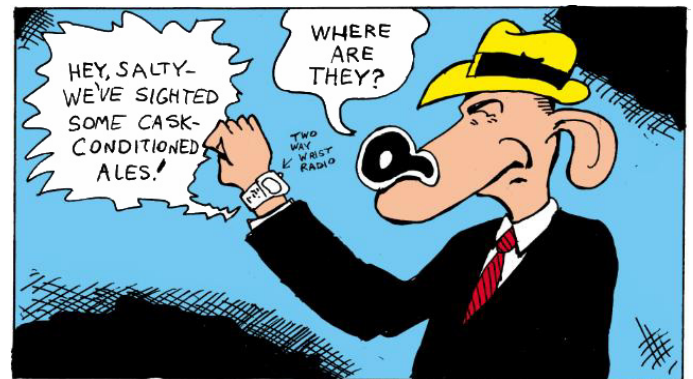
<http://yardsbrewing.com.ticketleap.com/philadelphia-real-ale-invitational-2011/>

Mar. 22, **Beer For Beasts**, \$60. <http://beerforbeasts.com/>

Mar. 26 **5<sup>th</sup> Spring Craft Beer Fest**, \$45.

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

### CHECK OUT YOUR BEER ALERT PAGE



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

