

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

March 2011 Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Here's the March 2011 Newsletter!

<http://hbd.org/mbas>

NEXT MEETING:

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

Our guest will be Dennis Flynn from Stone Brewing will be speaking and pouring samples while President Emeritus Mary Izett discusses the ABCs of cheese & beer pairing.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

By Warren Becker (meeting photos by Alan Rice)

Our guest for the January meeting was Eric VanZile from Ithaca Beer Company. <http://www.ithacabeer.com> Eric is the Ithaca Sales Rep for New York City, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. He travels to all the different territories where Ithaca Beer is available helping to promote their beers and spread the spirit of the Finger Lakes. Eric is always working to help everyone experience the Ithaca Beer lineup. On the rare occasion when he isn't out on the road he lives in Newfield, NY with his three pit bulls.



Eric shared Ithaca Ground Break American-Style Saison 6.0% ABV, brewed with Belgian yeast, and uses Amarillo, Crystal & Glacier hops and flaked rye, then fermented with a blend of American and Belgian yeasts.

Next we sampled the Ithaca Excelsior! AlpHalpHa Double Honey Bitter, a 8.5% ABV hoppy NY ale brewed with NY grown Cascade hops and local alfalfa honey. Golden-straw colored with sweet floral aroma, crisp flavor, and clean bitter finish.



Dan Mitchell, the founder of the Ithaca Beer Company, set out to answer that question by creating a brewery that would exemplify "The Spirit of the Finger Lakes".



The original concept for the brewery began in 1995, but it wasn't until December of 1997 that the brewing system was purchased. It was discovered by chance after investigating another system in Texas that looked great on paper, but wasn't adequate for the needs of the brewery. After passing on that system Dan had some time to kill and decided to travel around. During a visit to a brewpub in Austin, TX he discovered what would become their brewing system, a month later the system was shipped up to Ithaca.

In December of '98 the brewery officially opened. Since then, they've been awarded 2 medals at the Great American Beer Festival in Colorado in 2008.

Ithaca Beer Company now sells beer throughout New York State, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Ohio. Other states are in the works as we continue to expand their capacity. They make 6 year round, 6 seasonal and 5 Excelsior big beer 750 ml bottles.



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

Sat. Mar. 12, 1-5pm, **Brooklyn Homebrew Tour**, \$25.

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/159797>

Tue. Mar. 15, **NYCHG Meeting**. Guest: Mark Szmajda, Chelsea Brewing. <http://hbd.org/nychg/>

Mar. 26, **HVHB 21st Homebrew Comp.**

Presented by Hudson Valley Homebrewers

Entries accepted Mar. 5-19.

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

Tue. Mar. 29, **Dive Bar 96 Homebrew Meeting**.

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

Apr. 2, **AHA 9th Nat'l Homebrew Comp.** 1st round
Presented by American Homebrewers Assoc.
Entries accepted Mar. 21-30.
<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition>

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

May 14, **15th 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, **33rd Nat'l Homebrew Conference**
Presented by American Homebrewers Assoc.
Town & Country Resort in San Diego
<http://www.ahaconference.org/>

Beer Related Events:

Thu. Mar. 10, **Blue Point** at Barcade.

Thu. Mar. 10, **Long Trail** at Pony Bar.

Sun. Mar. 13, **Ithaca's 13th** at Blind Tiger.

Tue. Mar. 15, **IPA Tasting** at Jimmy's, \$10.

Tue. Mar. 15, **Dogfish Head Dinner** at Vanderbilt, \$50.

Wed. Mar. 16, **Stone** at Blind Tiger.

Thu. Mar. 17, **Shelton Bros.** at Jimmy's No. 43.

Mar. 19-20, **2nd Get Real NY**, \$64-80, 4 sessions.
<http://www.getrealny.com/>

Mar. 20, **4th Philly Real Ale Invitational**, \$50-65.
<http://yardsbrewingcom.ticketleap.com/philadelphia-real-ale-invitational-2011/>

Tue. Mar. 22, **Beer For Beasts**, \$60, 2 sessions.
<http://beerforbeasts.com/>

Thu. Mar. 24, **Midwest Beer Night** at Barcade.

Sat. Mar. 26 **5th Spring Craft Beer Fest**, \$45 2 sessions.
<http://www.springcraftbeerfestival.com/>

Tue. Mar. 29, **Spring Beer Tasting** at Jimmys, \$10.

Tue. Mar. 29, **Global Brands** at Pony Bar. Clipper City, Stoudt's, Elysian, North Coast.

Wed. Mar. 30, **Captain Lawrence** at Blind Tiger.

Thu. Mar. 31, **Beer vs. Wine Dinner** at Jimmy's No. 43, \$45.

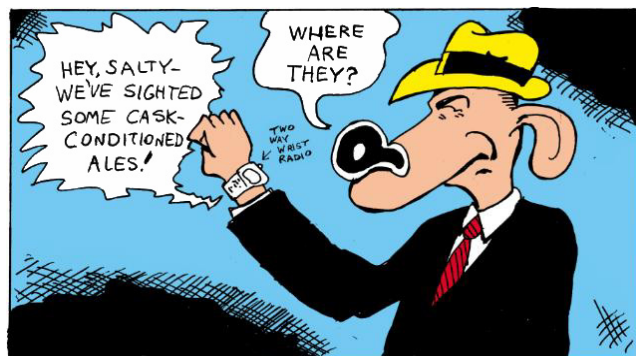
Thu. Apr. 7, **Captain Lawrence** at Barcade.

Thu. Apr. 7, 6:30-8:30pm, **Brewed in Brooklyn** at Brooklyn Historical Society, \$20.
https://etm.patrontechnology.com/o/BHS/p/run_module.php?module=2235

Sat. Apr 9, 2-6pm, **7th Blue Point Cask Fest**, \$45.
<http://www.craftbeerfestivals.com/blue-point/tickets.html>

On sale now:
Apr30-May1, **TAP NY** at Hunter Mt., \$49-60.
<http://www.tap-ny.com/>

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

