

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

May 2015 Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Here's your [MBAS](#) May 2015 Newsletter!

NEXT MEETING:

Weds, May 13, 2015, 7:30PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Mugs' kitchen will be CLOSED on Weds, for our May MBAS meeting.

MUGS ALE HOUSE



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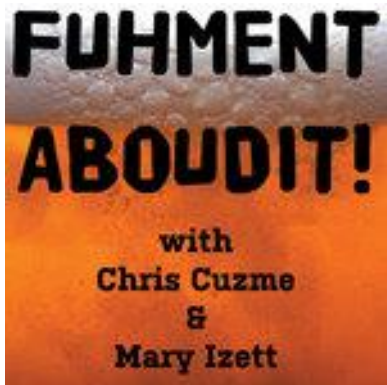
APRIL MEETING

We had as our April guest, [Belhaven's](#) brewer, [George Howell](#). George, who has been brewing at Belhaven for 41 years, trained at Bass Brewery in the UK. "Belhaven" means beautiful harbor in French, and [since 1719, is the oldest brewery in Britain](#). With over 2,500 pubs in the UK, Belhaven's brewery is still located in Dunbar, Scotland. They use Scottish Barley 2-Row Malt in the large brewhouse, where they produce 150,000 barrels. Belhaven is owned by Greene King.

Susan & Kyle of [Belhaven's Importer](#), [Belukus Imports](#), whose name is an acronym for **BEL**gium, **U**nited **K**ingdom, **U**nited **S**tates, helped George pour their Scottish Pilsner, a 4.8% ABV beer made with Challenger Hops with a nutty aroma. Next, we tried the [Twisted Thistle](#) IPA, made with Challenger bittering hops, and Cascade & Hallertauer Hops for flavor & finish. This 5.6% ABV IPA has a citrusy flavor. Belhaven [Scottish Ale](#) was to follow. Made with Simpson's Crystal malt, producing a biscuity malty body & flavor, and uses Challenger Hops. Our final Belhaven beer was their new [Black Ale](#), a 4.2% roasty, chocolaty Scottish "answer" to the beer drinker seeking a "Guinness-like" stout. Unfortunately some of their specialty beer bottles were misplaced at Mugs, and we were unable to try their high-regarded [Oat Stout](#), a big 7% malty beer.



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