



# Malted Barley Appreciation Society

October 2003 Newsletter

## From the Editor's Disk

Thanks to Interim President Ludwig for volunteering to finish Andrew Ager's 2003 Presidential term.

Here's the October 2003 Newsletter.

Please keep the news, articles, and events submissions coming.

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Warren Becker, Editor

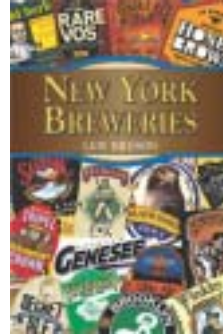
**October Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003**  
**MUGS ALE HOUSE**  
**125 Bedford Avenue**



**Our Guest Speaker will be**



Elizabeth, Dogfish Head's NYC sales manager



## September Meeting

By Eric Freberg

Despite having lived my entire life in the areas surrounding New York City, I've always secretly felt a twinge of jealousy of states such as Vermont, Colorado, and Maine, which seem to support such a large concentration of good breweries in proportion to their relatively tiny populations. For that reason, perhaps, I tend to travel out of state, even for weekend getaways.

Lew Bryson's new book, *New York Breweries*, helped remind me what a healthy and interesting brewing scene we have going on all over New York State.

If you haven't guessed, Lew was the speaker at the September meeting of the Malted Barley Appreciation Society, which returned to Mug's Ale House in Brooklyn after a one-month hiatus when the club met in some other bar, in some other borough.

I wouldn't describe Lew's book as one that reviews brewpubs - critique and opinion are replaced instead by thorough description and sometimes extensive detailing of the breweries' evolution and background. For example, the segment on Brooklyn Brewery traces Steve Hindy's career back to his time spent in the Middle East as a journalist. Out of necessity, Steve learned homebrewing - Saudi Arabia had gone completely dry, decades before.

Lew rounds out the book with shorter descriptions of 120 good beer bars. He also includes local attractions in the vicinity of the breweries, making *New York Breweries* a valuable travel guide.

*Congratulations to  
Garrett Oliver/Brooklyn Brewery and  
Phil Markowski/Southampton Publick House  
on their winning beers at this year's  
Great American Beer Festival!*

**Brooklyn Brewery:**

**Gold**, French-and Belgian-Style Saison:

Saison de Brooklyn

**Silver**, Belgian-Style White (or Wit):

Blanche de Brooklyn

**Southampton Publick House:**

**Gold**, Belgian-and French-Style Ale: Trappist Pale Ale

## Homebrewing Competitions

- October 25, 2003: **15th Annual Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition**, *Colorado Brewing and Trading Company*, Danbury, Connecticut Sponsored by Maltose Express. The 15th Annual Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition (SNERHC) will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2003, at Colorado Brewing and Trading Company in Danbury, Connecticut. The SNERHC 2003 is sanctioned by the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). The SNERHC is one of four competitions that count toward the New England Home Brewer of the Year (NEHBOTY) awards for 2003. Further details may be found on the SNERHC website, [www.yahoosnerhc.com](http://www.yahoosnerhc.com).
- November 22: **Split Rock 2003 HB Competition**, 9:00 am promptly, at the *Split Rock Resort in the Poconos of Pennsylvania* in conjunction with their annual *Micro Brew Festival*. Contrary to the web information, judging will only be on Saturday. Entry fees, \$5, will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This is a sanctioned competition and will use the standard BJCP/AHA style guidelines judging all beer, mead and cider styles. Entries should be shipped to The Resort at Split Rock, One Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, PA 18624, Attention: Shelly Kalins Lutz, for receipt from November 12 to November 19. Two (2) brown or green bottles with no markings are required; please no glue or tape on the bottles -- just secure bottle identification with rubber bands. Any standard 8.5x11 entry forms identifying the brewer and the appropriate entry category/subcategory are acceptable. Any standard homebrew competition entry and bottle identification forms are acceptable. Judges and Stewards will be needed and they should contact me or Shelly Kalins Lutz [srinfo@splitrockresort.com] to secure a position. Judges and Stewards may hand carry their entries if they pre-register with payment and show up at least 1/2 hour early. Checks should be made out to The Resort At Split Rock. Judges will receive an entry to the beer festival or entry to the beer dinner for their efforts and need to indicate which they wish when they commit to participate. The BOS winner will receive a complementary weekend for two at next year's Split Rock Beer Fest. But just entering makes you a winner for helping a good cause. More information will be available at the Split Rock site: [www.splitrockresort.com](http://www.splitrockresort.com)

## NYCHG's trip to Stoudt's Great Eastern Invitational Microbrew Festival Saturday, October 18th.

The trip will include the four-hour tasting from over 20 different breweries, transportation to and from Brewsky's, Stoudt's 'Best of the Wurst' luncheon, and a souvenir glass. Tickets are going for \$35.00 per session. Phil Clarke will be at the October MBAS meeting with tickets.

## Beer Related Events

- October 8, **Blind Tiger's first BIPA fest (Big IPA beer fest)**, 6:00 pm on, *The Blind Tiger Ale House*, 518 Hudson Street (on the corner of West 10th St.). Telephone: (212) 675-3848. Offering a great selection of massive Imperial IPAs on draught from Dogfish Head, Heavy-weight, Magic Hat, Smuttynose, Stone, Rogue and perhaps one or two more surprises...all to be paired with the strongest, smelliest cheeses available to compliment the big beers, free whilst they last.
- October 18, 2003, Saturday, Brooklyn **Oktoberfest**, 1:00-5:00 p.m., *Brooklyn Brewery*, 118 North 11th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Telephone: (718) 486-7422. Join us on Saturday Oct. 18 from 1-5pm for Brooklyn Oktoberfest. Mikey Palms of Southpaw will spin dance and oompah music. \$30 includes all beer and food. For tickets, call us at 718-486-7422 x1. This event will sell out, so book early!
- October 18, Saturday, Oktoberfest on the Hudson, **Chelsea Brewing Company**, Pier 54, 212-336-6440 Over 50 breweries, food, and a farmers market.
- October 22: **V.S.K. (very special keg) Fest**, 6:00 pm on, *The Blind Tiger Ale House*, 518 Hudson Street (on the corner of West 10th St.). Telephone: (212) 675-3848...featuring several special, rare, unique, difficult-to-obtain, some-specially-crafted-only-for-this-event draught beers from various top microbreweries plus a couple rare imports. Details to soon follow.
- November 13-16, **Cask Ale Festival**, *David Copperfield's*, 1394 York Avenue, at the NE corner of 74th and York. Telephone: (212) 734-6152. Details to follow.
- November 14-16, **Cask Ale Festival**, *The Brazen Head*, 228 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, (718) 488-0430. Brooklyn. Details to follow.

