

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

October 2005 Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Here's the October 2005 Newsletter!

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Warren Becker

OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005

Our guest speaker is Kevin J. Love
of Smuttynose Brewing Co.

MUGS ALE HOUSE

www.mugsalehouse.com



125 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211



Sixpoint to go! Shane & Andrew with their flashy, orange Sixpoint van.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

By Robert Gibson

Our September Meeting was lightly attended, but those that attended got a small surprise. Although we did not have a speaker due to a last minute cancellation / rescheduling, Andrew Bronstein of Sixpoint Craft Ales showed up with a new creation from Brewmaster Shane Welch – a Belgian IPA.

According to Andrew, the beer originally started as a hybrid beer from the Sweet Action and the run-off from Bengali Tiger. The beer was close to an English ale, but not what Shane was looking for. It is now a completely different recipe that is brewed with the Righteous Ale yeast.

Mugs also had on tap another new Sixpoint Ale that Andrew was more than happy to walk us through – Rebellion. Rebellion is an Imperial Red ale at about 7% alcohol by volume. It was very smooth to drink with a nice balance of hops and a strong malt finish. It was the favorite of the evening of those in attendance.

Andrew informed those present that Sixpoint has continued to grow into numerous locations and currently has over 29 locations in Brooklyn, over 34 locations in Manhattan and numerous other locations in Queens, Staten Island, Upstate NY and Massachusetts. Check their website <http://www.sixpointcraftales.com/> for the nearest location. Shane was actually unable to attend the meeting due to the increase in brewing that Sixpoint has had to keep up with to supply the local accounts with beer. Shane was actually training a new assistant brewer so that they can continue to supply quality beer. Andrew also hinted at a possible expansion, but would not go into more detail.

We look forward to seeing new products from Sixpoint and also the continued expansion to bring their different beers to new locations in the 5 boroughs.

THE ADVENTURES OF CURIOUS GEORGE (THE BREWER) IN EUROPE

Come along with George & Jenn to Prague and Berlin!



George shows how he was able to sample all three incarnations of Schultheiss Berliner Weisse at once during his visit to Berlin!

Check out George de Piro's, former MBAS President, and current award winning brewer of the CH Evans Albany Pump Station, nice pictorial article of his recent trip to Prague & Berlin.

http://evansale.com/europe_blog/prague_1.html

HOMEBREWING COMPETITIONS:

October 22: 2005 Southern New England Homebrew Competition (SNERHC2005) is scheduled at Edmund Town Hall in Newtown, CT -- the same location as last year. This is an easy reach from I-84 and close to MY Place, the best beer bar in New England. In addition to BOS, awards will be given for 1st and 2nd runners-up, best showing by a novice brewer, and "Best Batting Average." Awards earned at the competition will count toward New England Home Brewer of the Year (NEHBOTY) awards. We did not have as many entries as we would like to have had last year. We know that summer is not prime brewing time, but you all still have some good spring brews left over -- save some in the back of the fridge for SNERHC. This year, there will be no limit on the number of brews entered by a brewer, because we do not expect domination of the competition by brewers going for the NEHBOTY award.

The Homebrew Club formerly of the Mountain Valley and Ramapo Valley Brewpubs, are hosting the AHA club only contest in November. It will be held on November 5, at the West End Brewery. (Neill Acer's current place), Bdwy and 117th St. 10:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. Anybody would like to help judge/steward or just wants to be a spectator is welcome.

Please contact me if you are interested. The contest category is Baltic Porter. There should be about 40-50 entries.

<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

Your clubs are also welcome to make an entry, if you would like to arrange to bring it day-of-contest just let me know.

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BEER RELATED EVENTS:

October 12: Malted Barley Appreciation Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at *Mugs Ale House*, 125 Bedford Avenue (North 10th St., three blocks north of the Bedford Ave. L-train station). Our guest is Kevin J. Love of Smuttynose Brewing Co. In addition, we should have some excellent homebrews to taste, and Mugs usual great selection of beers.

October 14: Happy Birthday, Barcade, 388 Union Avenue, (718) 718-302-6464. Celebrate their first birthday with a special line-up of Kick-Ass beers! There will be \$1 off all pints all night.

November 4-6 The 7th 'Cask Head' Real Ale Festival, The Brazen Head, 228 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11201. About 12-15 firkins will be tapped through the weekend (expect at least 8 on at any one time, subject to availability). No entrance fee and prices slightly less than normal! Times: 12:00-4:00 am Fri/Sat, 12:00-2:00 am Sun. Subway: F or G train to Bergen Street or any train that goes to Borough Hall. Buses: B61, B63 outside or B65, B75 nearby. Official Event Website:

<http://brazenheadbrooklyn.com/>

November 5, 2005: Williamsburg Winter Preview, Supreme Trading, 213 N 8th Street, Williamsburg (Brooklyn), New York. Williamsburg Winter Preview will host up to 31 breweries. It is a preview of the winter selection on offer for the season with a mystery cask debut never to be found again in the US. The event will have two sessions from 1pm-4pm and 5pm-8pm. To attract the discerning beer enthusiasts the tickets will be on sale from better beer outlets. These outlets have given full support to the event and the tickets are available at Barcade, Bedford Cheese Shop, Bierkraft, D.B.A., Iona Bar, Metro Deli, Spuyten Duyvel, Supreme Trading and both Waterfront Ale House bars for \$30. A donation will be made to the Katrina fund. Contact: tms_23@hotmail.com, phone: 917-232-0030.

November 12: 3rd Brewtopia Festival, Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers, New York, NY 10011 NYC gathers 60 Brewers from around the world. They will limit attendance to 3,500 people, with hundreds of beers, cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs, and world class musical entertainment.

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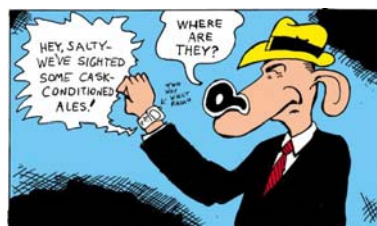
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