

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

September 2011 Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Here's the September 2011 Newsletter!

<http://hbd.org/mbas>

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:30PM.

Our guest will be Jeremy Cowan of Shmaltz Brewing Company. <http://www.shmaltzbrewing.com/>

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AUGUST MEETING

By Warren Becker

Our guest were Chris Cuzme, Alex Hall, and Shannon Post from Wandering Star Brewery. <http://www.wanderingstarbrewing.com/>

Wandering Star is a 15 barrel microbrewery in Pittsfield, Western Massachusetts - the largest city in beautiful Berkshire County. The Brewery is the joint effort of three transplanted brewers and craft beer enthusiasts who met in New York City's thriving craft beer scene a few years back. After a long and bumpy path, they finally became a fully licensed and operational commercial craft brewery in 2011.

THE WANDERING STAR CREW is SHANNON POST, Company President, CHRIS POST, Owner, founder, brewmaster, ALEX HALL, Partner; NYC sales and events; Website design, and CHRIS CUZME, Partner; NYC sales and events





FINE BEERS HANDCRAFTED BY WANDERING STAR

MILD AT HEART - English Dark Mild Ale, ABV: 4.4%

Status: Occasional

'Dark Mild' English style session beer with the ABV and color of an Irish Stout but a nuttier, softer mouthfeel from crystal and chocolate malts, and a finishing dryness from aroma hops. Brewed for drinkability to extract the maximum complexity and flavor from a relatively 'light' beer, warm fermented to accentuate dark fruit and roast malt notes. Conceived for cask and perfect served as a Real Ale. Hopped with Cluster and Perle. 29 IBUs.

ALPHA PALE ("XPA") - Summer Pale Ale, ABV: 4.4%

Status: Summer seasonal

British-style Extra Pale Ale ("XPA") brewed for 'sessionability' with Maris Otter, wheat and crystal malts, US and UK kettle hops (Cluster and U.K. First Gold) and a double dose of late hopping, first through a bed of whole Kent Golding hops in our brewhouse hopback, then after fermentation is complete, a cold filtration through a bed of whole hops in our "Lupulizer". Not the same recipe as the original 'Alpha Pale' test batch.



RAINDROP PALE ALE - American Pale Ale, ABV: 6.2%

Status: Year round

Our flagship beer, brewed with Floor-malted premium U.K. Maris Otter pale malt, plus crystal and chocolate malts, to balance an international kettle hop bill of West Coast (Palisade - for bittering / flavor) and New Zealand Nelson Sauvin (flavor / aroma) hops, with an added hopback charge of whole U.K. Kent Golding hops to add a unique late hop finish. A true 'hybrid' Premium Pale Ale blending worldwide ingredients and brewing techniques for a nuanced, complex brew. 44 IBUs. The name was inspired by a New York Observer newspaper article describing Alex Hall as having "a face like a raindrop"!



BASH-BISH-BOCK - Maibock / Helles Bock, ABV: 6.6%

Status: Year round

A refreshing amber colored Bock brewed with German malt and noble variety hops, and a Munich lager yeast. Cool fermented and lagered to

maturity, this beer is smooth, satisfying and malty without being cloying – aiming at the drinkability of a Sierra Nevada Glissade but to a genuine Maibock style. Named after a Native American princess who met her end over the eponymous Berkshire County waterfall - the highest in the state of Massachusetts.

BERT'S DISQUALIFIED IMPERIAL STOUT - Russian Imperial Stout, ABV: 8.6%

Status: Occasional



Berkshire County homebrewer Bert Holdredge won the 'Brewers Choice' prize in the 2011 New York City Homebrew Competition with this recipe (the prize was for a commercial batch to be brewed on our system) – but was disqualified from the official BJCP competition since he'd forgotten to remove a label from a bottle. A dangerously drinkable pitch-black stout with rich chocolate and peat smoke notes, and just a hint of alcohol warmth. Only 8 barrels have been brewed.

FUTURE BREWS

ZINGARI WANDERING WIT

Witbier

Status: Planned for August 2011

ABV: (TBD) %

This Belgian-style wheat ('Wit') beer will be brewed with European wheat malt, Belgian-derived yeast and a complex blend of spices including lemongrass and cardamom. Cool and with a refreshing 'zing' for the hot days of summer.

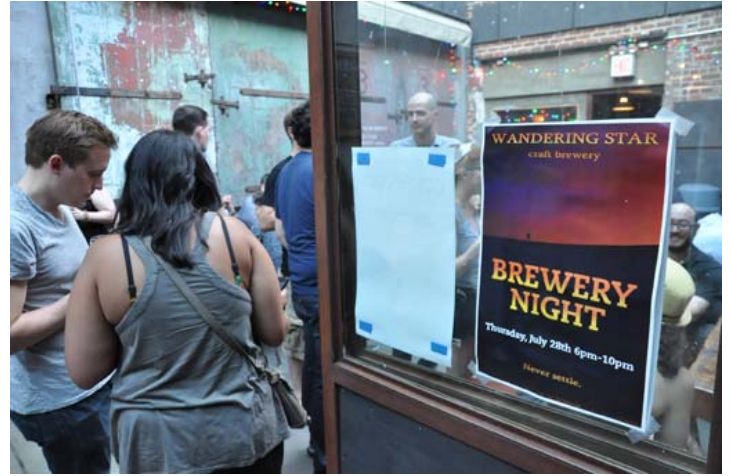
Food pairing notes will be added shortly...

BERKSHIRE THRESHER SAISON ALE - Saison, ABV: (TBD) %

Status: Planned for August / September 2011

We will be using the brewery's own fresh-harvested hops and locally grown and malted grains (including wheat and spelt) together with Brasserie Dupont yeast for a genuine Belgian-style, yet locally sourced Saison.





HOME BREWING COMPETITIONS:



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



http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

FOURTH ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 16 thru 25, 2011 NY CRAFT BEER WEEK

16th to 25th September 2011

NEW YORK CRAFT BEER WEEK

Multiple locations in New York City

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



NYC EVENT CALENDAR:

<http://www.beermenus.com/events>

September

- 09/12, Mon. 1:00PM Professional First Level Certified Beer Server Exam Prep Fall Workshop 1 at Jimmy's No. 43 (\$300.00)
- 09/13, Tue. 16:00PM An invasion of Awesomeness by 12% Imports! at Rattle N Hum
- 09/13, Tue. 7:30PM \$10 Tuesday Tastings - Porters at Jimmy's No. 43 (\$10.00)
- 09/13, Tue. 6:30PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)
- 09/13, Tue. 5:00PM The "Big 4" Pre-Party at Idle Hands Bar
- 09/14, Wed. 5:00PM Craft Can & Grilled Cheese Night at Nita Nita
- 09/14, Wed. 5:00PM Stone Brewing Company Tap Takeover at DeCicco's (Brewster)
- 09/14, Wed. 6:00PM Riverhorse tasting with Brewer Chris McGrath at The Stag's Head
- 09/14, Wed. 6:00PM Stiegl Night at Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills
- 09/14, Wed. 8:00PM Beer & Cheese Academy with Goose Island at DEKS American Restaurant 605 rte25A, (Business district), Rocky Point, Long Island, N.Y. 631-821-0066)
- 09/14, Wed. 7:00PM Mikkeller Sense of Touch Pairing at Taproom 307 (\$20.00)
- 09/15, Thu. 16:00PM Left Hand tasting at Rattle N Hum
- 09/15, Thu. 7:00PM Rogue Ales Tap Takeover at Bierkraft
- 09/15, Thu. 6:00PM Breckenridge - Craft Beer Week - Kick-Off Event at Good Beer
- 09/15, Thu. 3:00PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)
- 09/15, Thu. 7:30PM NYC Beer Week Abita Select Launch Party at Ski Bar
- 09/15, Thu. 5:00PM Beer Launch: Shmaltz/Terrapin Collaboration: Reunion & Cancer Fundraiser at Lily's Restaurant
- 09/16, Fri. 6:00PM Duck'd Up at Cafe D'Alsace
- 09/16, Fri. 7:00PM Shmaltz (He'Brew & Coney Island) 4th Annual Freaktoberfest: Boutique Beer and Music Festival at Southpaw (\$50.00)
- 09/16, Fri. 16:00PM Barrier v Greenport Harbor at Rattle N Hum
- 09/16, Fri. 5:00PM Craft Beer Week Kick Off w/ Greenport Brewing at Jimmy's No. 43
- 09/16, Fri. 7:00PM Why Guinness? at Dive Bar
- 09/16, Fri. 3:30PM Kuhnhehn Brewing Co. at New Beer Distributors
- 09/16, Fri. 5:00PM One Year Anniversary Party at Idle Hands Bar
- 09/16, Fri. 6:00PM Beer and Karaoke from The Bronx Brewery at Bruckner Bar & Grill
- 09/16, Fri. 12:00PM Cigar City Brewery- NYC Craft Beer Week 2011 at The Guilty Goose
- 09/17, Sat. 7:15PM Yard's Ales of the Revolution Dinner at Maloney's Pub & Grill
- 09/17, Sat. 1:00PM Manhattan Homebrew Tour at Homebrewer's Home (\$25.00)
- 09/17, Sat. 5:00PM Meet the Brewers - 11 French Brewers at GingerMan

09/17, Sat. 6:30PM Shmaltz (He'Brew and Coney Island) Four Course Beer Pairing w/ Chef Lauren Hirshberg at Craftbar (\$75.00)

09/17, Sat. 16:00PM Allagash v Ommegang v Jolly Pumpkin v The Bruery at Rattle N Hum

09/17, Sat. 2:00PM Last day to 'Shine at Moonshine (Brooklyn)

09/17, Sat. 11:30PM Back to School Biscuit and Beer Brunch & The Homemade Fare: Market & Brunch at Jimmy's No. 43

09/17, Sat. 5:00PM Oktoberfest 2011 at Aroma Thyme Bistro

09/18, Sun. 3:00PM Brew n' Chew IV Hurricane Relief Benefit at The Diamond (\$30.00)

09/18, Sun. 1:00PM Park Slope Homebrew Tour at Homebrewer's House in Park Slope (\$25.00)

09/18, Sun. 12:00PM Brewed in Brooklyn Tour at Craft Beer Week (\$79.00)

09/18, Sun. 12:00PM Brewed in Brooklyn at Williamsburg, Brooklyn (\$55.00)

09/19, Mon. 6:30PM Shmaltz (He'Brew and Coney Island) Six Course Beer Dinner and Book Reading at Lyon (\$75.00)

09/19, Mon. 7:00PM Shmaltz (He'Brew and Coney Island) Featured in Resto Six Course Beer Dinner at Resto

09/19, Mon. 8:00PM Scandinavian Craft Beer & Cheese Tasting (#3 of 4 Tastings) at Sycamore (\$30.00)

09/19, Mon. 7:00PM Nanos Nomads and Small Brewery Dinner at Jimmy's No. 43 (\$55.00)

09/19, Mon. 7:00PM Captain Lawrence Beer Dinner at Blue Smoke (\$75.00)

09/20, Tue. 6:30PM Brooklyn Brewmaster's The Companion Tasting at Good Beer

09/20, Tue. 7:00PM "Not Too Drunk to Read:" A Literary Beer Pairing at Pacific Standard

09/20, Tue. 6:30PM The Brewmasters Series: Victory Brewing Company at Colicchio & Sons (\$95.00)

09/20, Tue. 7:00PM Taste of Brooklyn Beer Tasting at Dive 75

09/20, Tue. 6:30PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

09/20, Tue. 5:00PM Cigar City Beer Event at DeCicco's (Brewster)

09/20, Tue. 8:00PM Cigar City Night at Lazy Boy Saloon & Ale House Ale House

09/21, Wed. 6:00PM Shmaltz (He'Brew and Coney Island) Featured in Just Food: Let Us Eat Local Annual Fundraiser at The Altman Building (\$175.00)

09/21, Wed. 5:00PM Craft Can & Grilled Cheese Night at Nita Nita

09/21, Wed. 6:00PM Blue Point Night at Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills

09/21, Wed. 6:30PM Sixpoint Beer Dinner at Colicchio & Sons (\$95.00)

09/21, Wed. 7:00PM Empire Night at Dive Bar

09/21, Wed. 6:00PM NYC Craft Beer Week - Lagunitas at Keg No. 229

09/21, Wed. 8:00PM Bronx Pale Ale does Trivia at Indian Road Café at Indian Road Café

09/22, Thu. 6:00PM NYC Brewers' Choice at City Winery (\$55.00)

09/22, Thu. 7:00PM Meet the Brewers - Two Brothers Brewing Dinner at Craftbar (\$65.00)

09/22, Thu. 3:00PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

09/22, Thu. 7:00PM Chatham Brewing Beer Night at Dive Bar

09/22, Thu. 7:00PM Founders Night at Banter

09/22, Thu. 8:00PM NY versus PA at The Double Windsor

09/22, Thu. 7:00PM A flagship ale from the BX and live jazz at Bruckner Bar & Grill

09/22, Thu. 6:00PM Meet the Brewers- Cigar City Dinner at The Guilty Goose

09/23, Fri. 7:00PM Meet the Brewers - River Horse Dinner at Craftbar (\$65.00)

09/23, Fri. 7:00PM Crossroads / Davidson Brothers Beer Tasting at Broadway Dive

09/23, Fri. 7:00PM Kelso Night at Breukelen Bier Merchants

09/23, Fri. 6:00PM Rye Beer Night at Rye House

09/24, Sat. 2:00PM Bushwick/Williamsburg/Park Slope Homebrew Tour at Homebrewer's House in Bushwick (\$25.00)

09/24, Sat. 12:00PM Craft Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Tour at Craft Beer Week (\$79.00)

09/25, Sun. 12:00PM Brewed in Brooklyn at Williamsburg, Brooklyn (\$55.00)

09/27, Tue. 6:30PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

09/28, Wed. 5:00PM Craft Can & Grilled Cheese Night at Nita Nita

09/28, Wed. 6:00PM Spaten Oktoberfest Night at Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills

09/29, Thu. 3:00PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

09/30, Fri. 11:00AM Oktoberfest Celebration at Maloney's Pub, Matawan

09/30, Fri. 5:00PM Blue Point Tap Takeover at Green Growler Grocery

09/30, Fri. 5:00PM Goose Island - Vintage Ales Invasion at DeCicco's (Brewster)

October

10/01, Sat. 12:00PM Brewed in Brooklyn at Williamsburg, Brooklyn (\$55.00)

10/01, Sat. 12:00PM Harvest Cask Festival at Bierkraft

10/03, Mon. 1:00PM Professional First Level Certified Beer Server Exam Prep Fall Workshop 2 at Jimmy's No. 43 (\$300.00)

10/04, Tue. 6:30PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

10/05, Wed. 6:00PM The Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Japanese Craft Brewing at Japan Society (\$25.00)

10/05, Wed. 5:00PM Craft Can & Grilled Cheese Night at Nita Nita

10/05, Wed. 5:00PM Oktoberfest @ DeCicco's at DeCicco's (Brewster)

10/06, Thu. 7:30PM Kelso Beer Dinner at 5 Napkin Burger (\$60.00)

10/06, Thu. 3:00PM Fermented NY Craft Beer Crawl at East Village (\$60.00)

SITES FOR NYC BEER EVENTS:

<http://mylifeoncraft.com/>
<http://beeradvocate.com/events/calendar>
<http://nycbeerevents.com/>

