

Competition Connection

by Tom Byrnes

This month we conducted the final contest in the first annual BREISS Cup Competition. The strange brew featured the top 2 contenders for the cup and some very interesting beers. The judges were treated to a zesty lemon ale followed by the unique flavor of an apricot ginger beer and finally things heated up with a Thai and jalapeno pepper chili beer.



The winners for the Strange Brew Contest were:

- First Place: **CJ & Diane**
- Second Place: **Doug Boyd**
- Third Place: **CJ & Diane**

Remember any member is welcome to come to the

judging's. This is a way to learn about the styles and help your brewing. Besides you get to drink good homebrew two days per month. Personally I would like to see more members attend these sessions. We do, however, ask members to be sure their entries conform to the BCJP guidelines. These can be accessed at www.beertown.org

The Briess Cup Competition has concluded for this year. I feel that it has been a success and has definitely inspired members to brew more beer. We congratulate our winners of this first contest: **CJ and Diane!!!** Also we commend our runner up **Doug Boyd** who has contributed many great beers to our meetings and contests. We will mug our winner as soon as the cup arrives from Florida. If you missed the fun and excitement of this year's competition, the next one will start in January of 2002 pending the approval of the officers. That winner could be you!

BRIESS CUP 2001 FINAL STANDINGS

BREWER	CUMULATIVE POINTS
Chris/Diane	48
Doug Boyd	28
Tom Byrnes	9
Mike Pensinger	7
Mike Marshburn	6
Victor Perrotti	4
Kurt Haywood	4
George Amberman	3
Rich Sens	3
Pat	3
Pete Arntsen	3
Brian Cherry	2
Ernie Lang	1
Sammy Samoluk	1

Briess Malting has been kind enough to sponsor this award, so please look for their products at your local homebrew retailer.

Speaking of brewing we have completed a partial brewing schedule for next year. This schedule conforms to the AHA Club Only Contest schedule and also contains unique contests designed to stimulate your interest and brewing. You will notice three open months. The incoming officers, using the results of the club vote conducted at the last meeting, will select these. The new calendar is listed below.

March: Porter
April: Open
May: India Pale Ale
June: Extraction
July: Mead
September: Club Recipe Brew
October: Belgian Strong Ale
November: Open
December: American Lagers
January: Bitter/ Pale Ales



The Meeting Place

by Diane Catanzaro

Will and Jonna Walker's Home

The December meeting will be Wednesday, the 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Will and Jonna Walker's,. Please call Will and Jonna or one of the club officers for directions.

This is a home-based meeting so commercial beers are welcome.

Important Reminder

Please bring homebrew only to all restaurant meetings. **DO NOT** bring commercial beers to restaurant meetings so that the club and the restaurant are in compliance with Virginia ABC laws. Commercial beers may be purchased at the restaurant. **Commercial beers may be brought to home-based meetings only.** *The December meeting is a home-based meeting!*



Money Central

by Tom Byrnes

As a friendly reminder member **dues will be due in December**. Individual memberships are \$15 and Families are \$20. This year we have provided great beers, generous raffles, interesting locations, competitions, group brewing sessions, great fellowship and an awesome picnic. These benefits are definitely worth the cost of dues and our club deserves your continued support. Since I have been treasurer I have prorated new members dues so everybody will owe the full amount in December. Please avoid the Christmas rush and pay early. We will also be updating our membership list at the time.

Here is the current treasurers report:

Balance Forward	\$473.51
Revenues	\$56.00
Subtotal	\$529.51
Expenses	\$20.38
Subtotal	\$509.13
Reserve for Breiss Cup	(\$60.00)
Available Balance	\$449.13

Club Elections !!!

Nominations for club officers will be taken at the December meeting. The club NEEDS your help. Please consider running for one of the following positions:

President: Responsible for setting the club budget, running club meetings, purchasing beers of the month (BOTM), purchasing or scamming club raffle items, organizing club parties, appointing a Meeting Coordinator, appointing a Brewing Coordinator, authorizing reimbursements to club members and setting the agenda at planning meetings for club officers.

Vice President: Taking over for the President in his/her absence as well as anything else the President chooses to delegate to this position.

Treasurer: Tracking the club budget (set by the President), collecting club membership applications and fees, collecting the club raffle money, reimbursing club members for money spent on club items, keeping track of all club receipts and "include in the newsletter a quarterly report on the budget".

Newsletter Editor: Editing and mailing/E-mailing club newsletter. *(Please consider running for this position!)*

Libeerian: Responsible for maintaining the club libeerary (e.g. keeping track of who has what checked out, etc.).

Competition Coordinator: Responsible for all club competition-related activities (e.g. finding judges, maintaining ribbons, sending First Place winners to the AHA club-only contest, etc.).

About the HRB&TS

The Hampton Roads Brewing and Tasting Society is dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of homebrewing. The annual dues are \$15 per individual and \$20 per family. Members are encouraged to support the responsible enjoyment of beer and observe the beverage laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Persons attending HRB&TS meetings and events are solely liable for actions attendant to their participation. HRB&TS Maintains a NO SMOKING policy at all meetings so that members may better enjoy fine beers. Smoking is permitted during restaurant meetings in designated smoking areas.

Visit the HRB&TS on-line at:

<http://groups.hamptonroads.com/hrbts>

