

Competition Connection

by Tom Byrnes

This month we conducted the California Common and Oktoberfest Competitions under our new schedule of two weeks prior to the meeting. We had several entries in the California Common contest including our very own Progressive Brew.



The winners for the California Common Contest were:

First Place: **CJ & Diane**

Second Place: **Pete Arntsen**

Third Place: **Progressive Brew HRBTS**

The first place winners will compete in the AHA Club Only Contest that will be judged next month. We are hoping for positive results. Speaking of

positive results, George Bach informed me that the historical stout we brewed together recently won first places at the Anne Arundel County fair

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. We do, however, ask members to be sure their entries conform to the BCJP guidelines. These can be accessed at www.beertown.org

Several members also brewed 5 gallons of beer for the club picnic, we were treated to Belgian ale, zesty lemon ale, and I believe blonde ale. Anyway I had a great time, as did all who attended. As promised, we awarded 4 Breiss points to Doug Boyd, CJ/Diane, and Mike Marshburn for brewing for this event. If I missed anybody please let me know. The Briess Cup Competition is heating up and looks like it will be a spectacular finish come December. The current standings are listed below:

BRIESS CUP 2001 STANDINGS

BREWER	CUMULATIVE POINTS
Chris/Diane	31
Doug Boyd	22
Mike Marshburn	6
Tom Byrnes	5
Victor Perrotti	4
Kurt Haywood	4
George Amberman	3
Rich Sens	3
Mike Pensinger	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.

Under our new schedule we have the following club contests left: Mild/Pale Ales in October, Strange Brews in November, Holiday Ales in December and Barley Wines in January. Please feel free to email me with your questions and concerns.

The following are the remaining AHA Club only contests for the year: October: California Common, December: Mild Ale. Please plan your schedules accordingly to have these styles for our club contests in September and November respectively. Since the AHA has tentatively announced their club only contest for next year, we will soon develop the BOTM schedule for 2002. If you have any input let me know.

Upcoming Beers of the Month

October: Oktoberfest November: Mild/ Pale Ale **	December: Strange Brew January: Holiday Ales February: Barley Wine
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* Winner goes to AHA Club Only Contest

** AHA Contest is for Mild Ale only

The Meeting Place

by Diane Catanzaro



The club will meet Wednesday, October 3 at **The Bier Garden** at 438 High St (393-6022) in the historic Olde Towne section of Portsmouth. The Bier Garden has the finest selection of European draft and bottled beers in the region... this will be a terrific place to celebrate Oktoberfest... for those of us who couldn't make it to Munich this year! They usually have Aventinus, a doppelbock like Celebrator, a good Hefe-weiss, etc. on draft. The bottled selection fills a large beer menu. This family-run German restaurant has all kinds of schnitzel, spaetzel, wurst, etc. as well as cheese platters and fantastic homemade pretzels (until they run out). Our meeting will be in a section of the outdoor covered patio. The patio is covered and somewhat protected from the elements but still open-air, so you should **wear something warm** if the night is cool as expected this time of year. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM, but come early for a nice dinner and a head start! Since the Bier Garden is a family run, European (relaxed) service kind of place, here are a couple of suggestions (1) **Order early!** For fastest service, put your beer order in at the bar when you arrive and have it sent to your table. (Note the chalkboard with the drafts of the day). (2) **Order often!** When you are about half way through your beer, put in the order for your next beer. Don't wait till your glass is drained and then start thinking about your next beer. (3) **Give your table a name or number that everyone at the table uses**, so that if you move around during the meeting and order from a different location you can tell the server what table to charge. Settle up with your table before leaving. **The Bier Garden will bill each table separately.**

Address: 438 High St in the historic Olde Towne section of Portsmouth. Phone: 393-6022.

Directions: From Va Beach Take 264-W to the Downtown Tunnel. Stay in right lane of tunnel. Take the immediate right after the tunnel, follow sign that says Effingham St. (You will take a right onto Effingham St in a minute). Stay on Effingham about 4 minutes, then take a right on High St. #438 is on the left in a few blocks... on-street parking.

From the Peninsula - From Hampton/the Peninsula Take either Warwick or Mercury Blvd to the James River Bridge. After you cross it, just keep going straight! In about 25 minutes you will be in Olde Towne and the Bier Garden is on the left! (Just don't turn to follow Rt 17 when it veers right in Portsmouth. Just stay straight!)

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 October meeting is a restaurant based meeting.

The October Meeting is Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30 PM.

Money Central

by Tom Byrnes

As you may know I have assumed the role of acting treasurer until the next election. Melissa has done a fine job and I am very grateful for her hard work and dedication.

Here is the current treasurers report:

Balance Forward	\$494.16
Revenues	\$54.00
Subtotal	\$548.16
Expenses	\$9.06
Club Picnic	\$87.70
AHA Contest	\$12.95
Current Balance	\$447.51
Reserve for Breiss Cup	(\$60.00)
Available Balance	\$387.51

Finally please remember your club if you change your email address or service provider. We rely on email to keep members up to date between newsletters. Change can be submitted either to Curt or me (kmstfb2@exis.net).

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>

November Newsletter Deadline: Friday, October 26