

Competition Connection

by Tom Byrnes

Since the last newsletter we have had two competitions. In December we featured the Christmas Ale contest. This style allows brewers to experiment and use their creativity. This years entries did not disappoint the judges. My favorite offering was Doug Boyd's, who took brown ale and placed baked apples and cinnamon in the secondary. If you sampled this beer at the last meeting you know that it was delicious. If you missed it, there is always next year. January ushered in the New Year with our Barley Wine contest. We had four worthy contenders in this difficult and time-consuming style to brew. You will notice that our recently transferred president and fearless leader (Sammy Samoluk) took third place in the contest. This was memorable because his batch got overheated on his move to Florida and was rendered undrinkable. Fortunately for us, he left some bottles with me prior to his move and they will be featured at the meeting. **This beer was great Sammy!!**



The winners for the Christmas Ale Contest were:

First Place: Doug Boyd

Second Place: Tom Byrnes

Third Place: CJ & Diane

The winners for the Christmas Ale Contest were:

First Place: Victor Perrotti

Second Place: Tom Byrnes

Third Place: Sammy Samoluk

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 If you would like to hold a judging meeting at your house, please let me know. Thanks to Mike Allain for agreeing to hold the February event.

The Briess Cup was awarded to CJ and Diane at our last meeting. Doug Boyd won a personalized copy of Beer Captured for second place. If you missed this meeting, pictures are posted on the club web site under the photo album link. Hopefully we will get national attention from press releases sent to Zymurgy and Brew Your Own magazines. This cup put new life and fun in our contests. This success can be directly attributed to Sammy Samoluk, who developed the contest, Briess Malting for their sponsorship and to **You** the members who brewed beers and entered the contests. Thanks to all for making this first year a success.

The 2002 Briess Cup competition is under way. Briess Malting has graciously agreed to sponsor this contest for another year. Want to be the winner of this year's cup just starting entering club contest and accumulate points. The cup could be in your home by January.

Attention all grain brewers did you notice that all Briess Cup winners were extract brewers. So is all grain really better and worth the extra time!!! Defend your tradition by entering the contests.

The officers have voted to keep the same rules for this years contest. However we agreed to appoint a steering committee to evaluate the contest and suggest changes for the 2003 competition. Any members interested in serving on this committee please see me. I will pass your name onto the new president who will appoint the committee.

BRIESS CUP 2002 STANDINGS

BREWER	CUMULATIVE POINTS
Tom Byrnes	6
Doug Boyd	5
Victor Perrotti	4
CJ/Diane	3
Sammy Samoluk	2
<i>Your Name Could Be Here</i>	

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 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. I have also listed the judging dates two weeks prior to each meeting for the year. This should help avoid confusion (mainly mine) about the judging dates. While every effort has been made to help you plan your brewing in advance, please remember that Beers of the month (BOTM) can change based on the AHA schedule and the desires of the new president and officers. You will note some changes since the last newsletter due to the AHA repositioning their contests.

BRIESS CUP RULES

We have instituted the Homebrewer of the Year Award, which is sponsored by Briess Malting Company. Basically it will run from January through December of a given year. Members will accrue points from entering and winning the contests sponsored by the club. The only criterion is that multiple entries in the same contest must be different recipes. Points are as follows: 4 points for 1st place, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd and 1 point for entry. The entry point is not awarded if the beer places in the contest. It is intended to encourage entries. The club officers may also award Briess points for members brewing for special events. The Competition Coordinator will keep the points. The club president will be the final arbiter of any disputes.

2002 HRB&TS BREWING SCHEDULE

Month	BOTM	Judging Date	AHA Club Only Date
March	Porter	February 20	March
April	open	March 20	
May	India Pale Ale	April 17	May
June	Extraction	May 22	
July	Mead	June 19	
August	American Lager	July 24	August
September	Club Recipe	August 21	
October	Belgian Strong Ale	September 25	September / October
November	Fruit/ Spice Beer	October 23	November / December
December	Kolsch/Alt	November 20	
January 2003	Bitter/Pale Ale	December 18	January / February



The Meeting Place

by Diane Catanzaro

Lockhart's Norfolk Seafood Restaurant

The February 6 meeting will be held at Lockhart's Norfolk Seafood Restaurant, at 7:30. Lockhart's is a family-run, landmark, old-timey seafood restaurant specializing in the fresh local seafood simply prepared. Our meeting will be in the private, uniquely decorated banquet room... perfect for drinking some homebrewed barley wine. Of course, all types of homebrew are welcomed, any style! Elections for club officers will be held during the meeting. See if the candidates will try to buy your vote by plying you with 1 oz. tastes of their latest concoctions! They will get you so confused you will be drawing little butterflies on your ballot! Join us early (7 ish) if you'd like to get a head start on dinner and a beverage. Lockhart's has some interesting beers...used to be this was the only restaurant in Tidewater where you could get a McEwan's. Come to think of it, this might still be the only one. They also have Maizel Weisse, Guinness, Bass Ale, Whitbread Ale and New Castle Brown.

This restaurant is very close to the actual geographic center of Hampton Roads. It is only 5 minutes from the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, and only minutes off I-64, making it easy access for those from the Peninsula, Va Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk. Of course, the Ocean View posse can ride their bicycles!

Address: 8440 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk. Phone: 588-0405.

Directions: From Va Beach I-64 West to Tidewater Dr. North. Lockhart's is about 5 minutes north, on the right. Or, Chick's Beachers can just mosey west on Shore Drive. It will turn into Ocean View Drive. Then take Tidewater Dr. (Rt 168) South.

From the Peninsula - I-64 East to 4th View exit. After exiting, head north for 1 minute (away from Navy Base, toward the bay). At the bay, turn right onto W Ocean View Ave. Turn right on Tidewater Dr (Rt 168). Lockhart's is on the left, about a mile

after you cross Bayview.

From downtown Norfolk/Ghent Take Granby St. North, turn right on Bayview. Take right (south) on Tidewater Dr. Lockhart's is 1 mile down on the left. (Or, you could just take Little Creek E from Ward's Corner to Tidewater Dr.)

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, February 6th at 7:30 PM.



2001 Briess Cup Homebrewers of the Year
Chris Jones and Diane Catanzaro

Money Central

by Tom Byrnes

Currently we have a balance of \$873.88 with all bills paid. We spent \$76.45 on the Briess Cup that was slightly higher than anticipated. The overage was due to unexpected production and shipping costs. Next year we should be able to complete the project on budget.

Thanks to the 22 members who have paid their dues for the coming year. Remember you must pay your dues to run for office or vote in the election. I will be collecting at the next meeting. Individual memberships are \$15 and Families are \$20. This is a real bargain considering what the club has provided to its members over the past year.

I am also in the process of updating the club roster, which is seriously outdated. If you have not yet done so, please send me your contact information (kmstfb2@exis.net). You can also bring the information to the next meeting.

The club has a policy of reimbursing members \$15.00 for the cost of beers brewed for the club meeting and contests. This offer is limited to one member per month and must be the BOTM style for that month. You give 6 beers for the meeting to share with members and 3 beers for the contests. The president must approve all funds being distributed under our by laws. Currently I have volunteers for the Porter and IPA meetings. Remember that you must have prior approval to qualify for this incentive. Sign up today with either myself or the Brewing Coordinator.

On a personal note I have enjoyed serving as Competition Coordinator for the last two years and Treasurer for the last 10 months. I look forward to doing what ever I can to help the club grow and achieve our goals. Happy Brewing.

Wine and Cake Hobbies is selling Charlie Papazian's "The Home Brewer's Companion" for \$5.95, not the usual \$11.00.

Club Elections !!!

Club officer elections will be conducted at the February meeting. The club NEEDS your help. Nominations can still be made from the floor. Please consider running for one of the following positions (especially Newsletter Editor):

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.

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.).

**Club dues can be paid at the February meeting.
The annual dues are \$15 per individual and \$20 per family.**

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>