

## The Meeting Place

by Diane Catanzaro



## Enrico's Ristorante

By January 2 it's back to work, and trying to ease yourself gently into that new year. The holidays don't last long enough and then it's back to the daily grind... ahhgggg... wait... help is on the way, in the form of your favorite group of homebrewing, stress-relieving, dry-hopping friends, ready to krausen in the new year! I'm talking about the next meeting of the HRB&TS on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:30, at Enrico's Ristorante in Norfolk.

Enrico's is on Colley Avenue, about 5 minutes north of Ghent. Many of you may be familiar with an earlier incarnation at this same spot, namely Lewis' Seafood Restaurant, which later became simply Lewis' and was a great place to see live music through most of the 1990s. The restaurant has never looked better, as the new owners have refurbished with lots of beautiful dark oak and a gorgeous bar. We will meet in a separate party room that is extremely attractive and has a nice private bar that we can load up with homebrew!

This should suit your post holiday mood, because Enrico's food is very reasonably priced Greek and Italian style fare. Many entrees are under \$10, including pizza, pasta, and chicken. They have some cool appetizers like stuffed grape leaves and a warm goat cheese thing. The beer selection includes Sierra Nevada Pale Ale and Sam Adams on tap, and in the bottle they have Hoegarden and Sam Smith's Nut Brown Ale. Remember to bring lots of homebrew too... any style!!! And do have something to eat from Enrico's varied menu... it helps us get free private meeting rooms from our friendly neighborhood restaurateurs! And hopefully get invited back! Enrico's is at 4012 Colley Avenue, at the corner of 41st and Colley, 423-2700.

Directions From the beach via I-264 - Take 264 West and get off at Waterside Drive. Follow Waterside (it becomes Bousch/Llewellyn) to 21st Street. Left on 21st Street, then right onto Colley Ave. Enrico's is on the right in about 5 minutes.

From the Peninsula - Take I-64 East to Terminal Blvd exit. After exit, follow signs for Terminal Blvd. to second exit. Stay on Terminal Blvd to end, then left (south) on Hampton Blvd. One minute after you cross the bridge, take the left (at light) onto Colley Avenue. Enrico's is on the left in about 5 minutes.

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## Upcoming BOTM Schedule

*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

## 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 January meeting is a restaurant meeting.*



## Vice President's Report

by Mike Pensinger

I wanted to take a minute to announce to the public that I will be running for President of the club. While elections are supposed to be held in January I understand that the Officers have voted to postpone them until February.

I have been serving as Vice President since Sammy left and have enjoyed the experience. I have some visions for the club and some directions I would like to see it go in.

I feel that the club needs to get back to its roots as a brewing club and to that end I intend, if elected, to promote brewing through a number of means to include:

1. Group brewing sessions - We have had these before and have a lot of fun doing them. I would like to see one session a quarter if possible. I would also like to see us set up a public brewing demonstration at one of the Homebrew shops or Brewpubs in the area.
2. Promotion of AHA Club Only contests through our Beer of the Month competitions. We have modeled the BOTM schedule to work with the AHA's schedule so We can send more entries into this National competition.
3. Implementation of the reimbursement of costs for brewers brewing BOTM beers as stated in the bylaws.
4. Incorporation of lectures into the general club meetings on topics such as beer styles, equipment, and techniques.
5. Full support of the HRB&TS Briess Cup competition.

Over the last couple years I have seen our membership dwindle to about half. We can't keep going as a club without bringing new members into the fold. I think that if we concentrate on the basics and brew we will attract those members and more back.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting and brewing with you in the upcoming year.

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### BRIESS CUP 2001 FINAL STANDINGS

<b>BREWER</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE POINTS</b>
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.

## Club Elections !!!

**Club officer elections will be conducted at the February meeting.** The club NEEDS your help. **We desperately need someone to take on the highly rewarding duty of Newsletter Editor.** In addition to that greatly respected position, please consider running for one of the following:

**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>

## Reminder:

**It is time to pay those club dues.**