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Beach Container Mystery Resolved

BBC News - December 31, 2007

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The mystery of a huge container washed up on a beach in the Western Isles has been solved.

The 27m container has been identified by the coastguard as a beer fermentation tank.

The container was found by a dog walker on Poll Na Crann beach near Griminish - known as Stinky Bay - west Benbecula.

Stornoway Coastguard said inquiries were continuing but they believed the tank fell from a ship. They said none of the tanks had been reported missing.

A coastguard officer said an initial search for a possible owner of the tank found it was similar to those used by American brewers Coors but there was

no evidence to link it with the drinks giant.

The brewers' UK operations said it had not received reports that a tank belonging to it had gone missing.

Meteorological rockets

The coastguard also found they are manufactured by German firm, Ziemann, but the officer added that at this stage they did not know where the one found on Benbecula was being shipped to when lost.

No-one at the engineering company was available for comment.

A number of people contacted the BBC news website with theories as to the identity of the container.

One reader thought the numbers 5580

written on the container could have meant the container was used to house the chemicals used in DTD 5580, a three-part paint scheme used for aircraft all over the world.

Another website user thought it could have been a rocket stage previously launched from the South Uist launch site, used in the 1960s and 70s to fire meteorological rockets.

Story from BBC NEWS:

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If there are no contributions, there is no content (obviously).

Please consider providing any beer news or writing an article about any homebrewing, brewing, or beer topic for a future issue of The Barleycorn Press.

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**Dues are due starting in January.
If you pay before the end of January
you may pay the discounted rate
of \$15/year.**

**Dues are the usual \$20/year from
February on. Checks made out to
“Green Mountain Mashers”
are preferred but cash is accepted.**

NEXT MEETING

**at Anne and
Matt Whyte's
Monday Jan 7th**

The next meeting of the Green Mountain Mashers will take place at 7:30pm on Monday, January 7th at the home of Anne and Matt Whyte.

- 1) Dues Reminder. \$15 if Paid in January - \$20 thereafter.
- 2) Green Mountain Homebrew Competition – Lew
- 3) BJCP Study Group - Todd
- 4) Possible Trub Trek - Monk
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business

Directions:

From Burlington take route 15 into Essex Jct. The last right before 5 Corners is School St. Take that right and it is on the right, #10. It's the 2nd house and the porch light will be on.

From Williston: Driving into Essex Jct. on Route 2A you will take a left onto Park Terrace, the road between Ming's Chinese Rest. and The Chittenden Bank. As you drive up Park Terrace you are looking at our house at the top of the hill. Park anywhere on the right side of School Street.

If you have any questions, call Vermont Homebrew Supply at 655-2070 or Anne and Matt at home (879-6462).



**Don't forget to bring some snacks & 3
homemade beverages to the meeting.
If you don't have any homemade bevs,
Please bring 3 good/unique
commercial beers.**

Staff Box



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Green Mountain Masher Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Information
1/7/2008	January Mtg at Anne and Matt Whyte's	Anne Whyte (h) 879-6462 (w) 655-2070 (email) vtbrew@together.net
2/4/2008	February Meeting, TBD	TBD
3/3/2008	March Meeting/Sap Run/Club Brew, Brian Werneke's, Milton	Contact info to come.
4/7/2008	Hoops & Hops/Masher Challenge at Todd Metcalf's	Contact info to come. June Meeting,
5/5/2008	May Mtg at Bob Genter's, Jericho	Bob Genter (h) 899-5160 (email) genterb@together.net
6/?/2008	GMM June Mtg - Friday night BBQ - Grillables and pot luck dishes made with beer. Last meeting until Fall (September?).	Monk & Linda Evans' or Andy & Terry Hunt's

**Please contact Tim at 244-1683 or t_cropley@yahoo.com
to add items to the Masher Calendar**

December 2007 Masher Meeting Minutes By Ernie Kelley

The December meeting was hosted, as is the custom, by Magic Hat Brewing Company at the brewery in South Burlington.

Outgoing President Tim Cropley opened the business meeting sometime around 7:45.

Dues are due in January '08. \$15/year if paid in January, \$20/year if paid later.

The Club bank account currently holds \$1605.61. There are still some minor '07 expenses that remain to be paid, as will approximately \$250. in state tax that will be due for the year.

The location for the 2008 Green Mountain Mashers Homebrew Competition was discussed next. The Knights of Columbus hall in South Burlington has been the venue in recent years, but Anne Whyte proposed the possibility of holding the event at the clubhouse at the Mallett's Bay Marina. After a bit of discussion, it was decided that the K of C hall provides the best facility, and the 2008 competition will be held there. Currently, the K of C hall is only available on Saturday, May 3, and that date was ap-

proved. Lew Greitzer will once again serve as the Competition Czar, and John Gallagher agreed to co-administer the judges along with another as of yet unnamed individual.

The BJCP Certification Exam will be given on Sunday, January 20, and is still planned to be held at Anne Whyte's home in Essex Junction.

A 2008 Trub Trek has not yet been discussed or planned. Anybody want to organize one? There was some discussion if it should be to someplace new or to someplace that we've visited before. Monk suggested the breweries in the Lake Placid, NY area. He will investigate

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what's around.

Ron Cote at The Bobcat Café in Bristol has many cases of 22 oz. brown bombers that are available to a good home. First come, first served. Ruth will send out Ron's contact info by e-mail.

Tim Cropley formally resigned as President.

Todd Metcalf was nominated and seconded, and – since nobody else stepped forward (or maybe everybody else stepped back?), he became the newest President for Life of the Green Mountain Mashers.

Tim posed the question “should the club have a vice president?”

Monk replied that we already have one – him. He will approach Bob Genter about the possibility of taking over this purely ceremonial position.

Anne Whyte will continue as club treasurer.

Ernie Kelley will continue as club scribe.

Tim Cropley will reassume editorship of the Mashers' Newsletter.

Our new President never closed the meeting, and everybody floated off to the bar or a tour of the brewery.



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