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Green Mountain Homebrew Competition Update

by Anne Whyte

Green Mountain Homebrew Competition Important dates:

April 3-16, 2004 Entries may be dropped off at Vermont Homebrew Supply or shipped to Rich Frog.

Beer train: are you going to Boston, Hartford or Portland in the first two weeks of April? If you are, and have room for some beers let me know. The beer train can have a very significant impact on the number of entries...in a very positive way.

April 17, Saturday, 9-noonish Log in entries with entry numbers and sort into styles.

April 19-29 Prejudging of lightly entered categories and cider and mead.

April 28 or 29 Beer train to the Homestead. One or two trips per car depending on size of car & number of entries.

May 1 Competition Set-up of tables starts at 8:00 a.m. Judges should be at Homestead between 9-9:20 to sign in. Important: if a judge is late then the judge co-ordinator has to start re-assigning judges to styles. Be on time!

Best-of-Show, awarding of ribbons 3:30-4:30

Pick up/party - We need to have the Homestead picked up and be gone by 5:00

Volunteer positions:

Competition organizer: Me, for the very last time!

Judge co-ordinator: Contact last year's judges and potential judges by postcard or email in early April. Post on judge net. Set-up pre-judge flights. Assign judges for flights. Resolve conflicts with judges. Keep track of paperwork for assignment of points by BJCP. Distribute pint glasses to judges. Can judge if needed. Should be DLC certified.

Steward co-ordinator: sign up stewards. Assign stewards to flights. Have a pre-competition session to explain process/answer questions. Make sure stewards handle scoresheets properly. Provide

list of names to organizer for possible point awards by BJCP. Would be good if DLC certified (if not judging) Most work can be done by phone/email.

Sponsor person: responsible for contacting past and potential sponsors. Can be done by email. Follow-up by phone/mail/email as date gets closer. Distribute raffle tickets to stewards/judges. Set-up prize table and run the raffle.

Foodie: Responsible for getting food and set-up/tear down. I think Mitzi is on board for this. Involves a trip to Costco/grocery store right before comp. If in fact, we do have Mitzi, she could use a helper. Would be great if *someone else* would volunteer to organize/set-up/tear down breakfast.



REMEMBER!!!!

**PAY YOUR
\$10 ANNUAL
DUES.**

**THEY WERE
DUE IN
JANUARY.**

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Next Meeting at the American Brewers Guild in Salisbury on Sunday March 7th

The next meeting of the Green Mountain Mashers will take place on Sunday, March 7th at the American Brewers Guild office in Salisbury and is being hosted by Steve Parkes who is the ABG owner and the Brewmaster at Otter Creek/Wolaver's. Plan to arrive at 1:00 PM.

Agenda:

- 2004 Trub Trek
- Hoops & Hops and Masher Challenge Reminder
- Green Mountain Homebrew Competition Update
- Chat With Steve Parkes
- Other business

Minutes of Feb. Mtg by Mitzi Proctor

The Green Mountain Mashers Meeting - Monday, February 2, 2004

President Bob Gender called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Tim Cropley is organizing the Masher Party. It will be held on Saturday night March 13th at the Knights of Columbus in South Burlington. There will not be a band. Does anyone want to DJ or know someone who can?

Trub Trek

Ruth suggested that the club consider a trub trek to TAP-NY, a microbrew festival at Hunter Mountain, NY. Held on April 24th, the cost is \$35 per person and includes all the beer and food you can

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Directions:

Go South on Rt 7 through Middlebury to Salisbury.

Turn left at the large Egg farm and drive through the village center.

Drive past the ball field, the church, the post office and the ABG office is the white and blue building positioned where the road forks sharp right at the bottom of the hill.

Look for the big storefront windows and the barn.

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Don't Forget to Bring Some Snacks and 3 Homemade Beverages to the meeting. If You Don't Have Any Homemade Bevs, Please Bring Three Good/Unique Commercial Beers.

Green Mountain Masher Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Information
3/7/04	Sunday March Mtg - American Brewers Guild Brewing School in Salisbury, VT.	Tim Cropley (hm) 434-7293 (email) t_cropley@yahoo.com
4/5/04	April Mtg - Hoops & Hops & Masher Challenge at Tom Ayres' and Anne Barrett's house.	Tom Ayres and Anne Barrett, Winooski (h) 655-5587 (email) tom.ayres@verizon.net
4/16/04	GMHC Entry Deadline	Anne Whyte (h) 879-6462 (w) 655-2070 (email) vtbrew@together.net
4/17/04	GMHC Entry Log In - Rich Frog	Anne Whyte (h) 879-6462 (w) 655-2070 (email) vtbrew@together.net
4/24/04	TAP-NY Brew Fest	Ruth Miller (h) 434-5843 (email) remcomm@together.net web page - http://www.tapnewyork.com/
4/28-5/1/04	New England Real Ale Exhibition - Somerville, MA.	web page - http://www.nerax.org/
5/1/04	Green Mountain Homebrew Competition - Ethan Allen Homestead	Anne Whyte (h) 879-6462 (w) 655-2070 (email) vtbrew@together.net

Please contact Tim at the phone # or email address noted below to add items to the Masher Calendar

Please contact Tim Cropley at (802) 434-7293 or by email at t_cropley@yahoo.com if you have any beer events that you think the membership would like to know about. It is our hope that we will also list other regional competitions as they are announced. We also hope to list AHA sponsored Club Only competitions in an effort to remind people to consider bringing beers that fit the competition style to club meetings so that the membership can pick one for entering.

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consume from 12 PM to 5 PM. If there is enough interest, the club will consider renting a bus for the trip, which takes 4 hours each way. If you are interested in going with the club by bus, contact Ruth.

Another possibility is doing a trub trek to Cooperstown, NY on another occasion.

The New England Real Ale Exhibition (NERAX) is the last week in April. It is in Somerville, MA and runs from Wednesday April 28 through Saturday May 1.

Rich Evans' parents live in PA near

Shangy's Beer Authority. When he visits, he likes to pick up some brew but it comes in cases only. If anyone wants beer from Shangy's, or to share a case, contact Rich.

The Green Mountain Homebrew Competition

Anne Whyte is again organizing the competition. It will be held on Saturday May 1st at the Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington. Either Mark Hitchcock or Darell Whitaker will be Head Stewart.

Next Meeting

Steve Parkes who is the Brewmaster at Otter Creek Brewery and owns the American Brewers Guild has invited the club to have a meeting at the ABG office

in Salisbury, VT. Because of the distance, the meeting will be held on Sunday March 7th at 1 PM. After the meeting, it was suggested that the club go to the Bobcat Cafe and Brewpub in Bristol for libations and food.

Future Meetings

- April Meeting, Tom Ayres has offered to host **Hoops n' Hops** at his house on Monday April 5th.
- May meeting, Ruth's place.
- June meeting, a barbecue at Rich's place.
- August meeting & annual picnic at Maarten and Sarah's home in Grand Isle.



Vermont Legislative Update

by Robin Orr

This time of the year I spend part of each morning reading that day's proposed legislation in search of proposals that would affect my operations or budget. I figured that I might as well give you the opportunity to feel a little of my pain. Besides, who can blame me for also noticing a few bills that relate to my outside interests?

So...here is a list of proposed legislation that relates to the sale, distribution, production, and/or consumption of alcohol. Each statement of purpose is presented exactly as written by the sponsor(s). This list isn't intended to imply either support for or opposition to any of these proposals; it is presented for informational purposes only. If anyone is interested in learning more about any of the proposals feel free to contact me; I'm happy to provide links to the complete text and/or contact information for the sponsors so you can express your views to the legislature. Or feel free to browse yourself at www.leg.state.vt.us. If the club is interested in learning more about any of these proposals I'd be happy to provide additional information or a status report at an upcoming meeting.

For the most part these bills, like all others, will simply be assigned to a committee and receive no further attention. Where that is NOT the case I have provided a status update immediately following the statement of purpose. Enjoy!

HOUSE BILLS

Bill # - Committee - Sponsor(s) - Purpose

H.142 - General - Rusten - This bill proposes to increase the number of annual fourth class licenses that may be issued to a manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages.

H.172 - General - Chen, Clark, Donaghy, Miller, Smith - This bill proposes to permit malt and vinous beverages to be shipped to retail consumers within the state.

H.173 - General - Bostic, Donovan, Klein, Pugh, et. al. (34 total) - This bill proposes to prohibit smoking of tobacco products in public areas, including bars with a cabaret liquor license.

H.209 - General - Kitzmiller, Anderson, Donovan, Hingtgen, Miller - This bill proposes to permit qualified second class licensees to sell fortified wines.

H.266 - Ways/Means - Marek, Allaire, Amidon, Aswad, et al. (40 total) - This bill proposes to expand the scope of the beverage container deposit law to include wine and all nonalcoholic carbonated or noncarbonated drinks, except for unflavored rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk, and dairy-derived products. It proposes to increase the beverage container refund to 10 cents. It also proposes that the state collect money paid for refunds on beverage containers that are never redeemed. It proposes to require retail redeemers and redemption center operators to report on the redemption process and submit appropriate payments to the state. It proposes that funds received be paid in support of substance abuse education and treatment programs.

H.308 - General - Sharpe, Fisher, Zuckerman, Kiss - This bill proposes to permit a manufacturer of malt beverages to have an interest in first and second class licenses and to be able to distribute the beer they produce directly to licensees in which they have a financial interest.

H.429 - Ways/Means - Committee on Health and Welfare - This bill would increase the tax on malt beverages (beer) by two cents a bottle or can to provide additional state revenues of approximately \$3,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2004, and appropriate and allocate the additional funds in fiscal year 2004 for the Drug Education Treatment Enforcement and Rehabilitation Initiative (DETER) and other substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs.

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H.500 - General - Obuchowski, Darrow, Deen, Partridge - This bill proposes to:

- (1) authorize manufacturers and rectifiers of vinous beverages who hold a fourth class license to conduct on-premises fortified wine sales by the bottle;
- (2) authorize holders of a second or fourth class license to offer, on their premises, with or without charge, fortified wines by the glass, provided that each glass contains no more than one ounce of fortified wine and that the customer may not consume more than four ounces of fortified wine during a single tasting session;
- (3) authorize a manufacturer or rectifier of fortified wine to distribute, by request, to the management and staff of a first or second class licensee who are of legal drinking age up to one ounce of fortified wine for the purpose of promoting the beverage; and
- (4) define fortified wine.

H.543 - General - Miller, Kitzmiller - This bill proposes to increase the liquor control board to five members, to change the term of all members to five years, to limit each member to a two-year term, and to require that at least one member hold a license issued by the department of liquor control. **Status update: Amended and passed out of House General – currently in House Appropriations.**

H.544 - General - Kitzmiller, Miller - This bill proposes to have the governor appoint the commissioner of the department of liquor control.

H.546 - General - Obuchowski, Partridge - This bill proposes to permit the host of a private event that is not held in a private residence, such as an art opening, a wedding or anniversary reception, an office party, or a private meeting, to serve alcoholic beverages without a license.

H.590 - General - Wright, Brennan, Donaghy, Haas, Rogers - This bill proposes to permit a customer in a bar or restaurant to carry two open containers of an alcoholic beverage. **Status update: Amended and passed both House and Senate – awaiting action by Governor Douglas.**

H.675 - General - Errecart - This bill proposes to permit wine tastings to be conducted on the premises of second class licensees.

SENATE BILLS

Bill # - Committee - Sponsor(s) - Purpose

S.37 - General - Bartlett, Dunne - This bill proposes to permit licensees within and without Vermont to ship beer and wine to individual consumers for personal use.

S.161 - General - Condos, Miller, Greenwood - This bill proposes to permit certificate of approval holders and manufacturers of malt beverages whose annual production is 250,000 barrels or fewer to terminate a franchise agreement with a wholesale dealer.

S.269 - General - Welch, Campbell, Dunne - This bill proposes to require the department of liquor control to change its rules to permit a consumer to carry two open containers of alcoholic beverages at one time. **Status update: Companion bill (H.590) passed.**

The following bills have already been passed and enacted into law:

Bill # - Committee - Sponsor(s) - Purpose - Act #

H.378 - General - Errecart - This bill proposes to allow retail licensees to conduct wine tastings. - Act No. 25

H.468 - General - House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs - This bill proposes to permit employees of wholesalers to have an interest in one second class license. - Act No. 27

S.131 - General - Greenwood, Ayer, Gossens - This bill proposes to permit small manufacturers of malt beverages to have an interest in first, first and third, and second class licenses and to directly distribute the beer produced to first or second class licensed establishments in which the manufacturer has a financial interest. - Act No. 24



Green Mtn Mashers 2004 Blowout

Saturday March 13th

We have the Knights of Columbus hall located at 2 Berard Drive in S. Burlington (same place as last time off Airport Parkway near Pizza Putt) booked for Saturday night, 13 Mar from 4pm to midnight. If you don't know where it is, ask one of us who have been there.

Every Masher who attends should bring some sort of food: appetizers, dinner-type stuff, deserts, etc. We will have one main course type thing catered.

Plan on bringing homebrew (especially session or easy to quaff brew) if you have some to share (kegs, growlers, bottles, and buckets of your efforts). This is when you should bring your club brewed Pale Ale if it's still around & if it's still ok. 😊

Bring your Family and Friends!! The more the merrier!! Seriously, invite all your friends!! Bring your homemade beverages and something to eat.

Also, if you play an instrument bring it along since I have not booked a band. If someone has a nice boom box, please bring it for background music.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 434-7293 or email me. 🙌



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