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Newsflash! Vermonters Enjoy Local Brews J.-C. de Coction

The Green Mountain State has a number of fine craft breweries. Have you tried them all?

Bennington Brewers
190 North Street, PO Box 4172
Bennington VT 05201
888-447-3510
Microbrewery, Opened April, 1996.
Capacity 2,880 barrels.

Black River Brewing
207 Main Street, PO Box 404
Ludlow VT 05149
802-228-3100
Brewpub, Opened April, 1995.
Capacity 200 barrels.

Brew House
Johnson VT 05656
Brewpub

Catamount Brewing
58 South Main, PO Box 457
White River Junction VT 05001
802-296-2248
Microbrewery, Opened February, 1987.
Capacity 20,300 barrels.

Franklin County Brewery
BrewLab
94 North Main St., St. Albans VT 05478
802-524-2772
Microbrewery

Gallagher's Brewing
PO Box 1188, Waitsfield VT 05673
802-496-8800
Brewpub

Golden Dome Brewing
5 Pioneer St., Montpelier VT 05602
802-223-3290
Microbrewery, Opened June, 1996.

Jasper Murdock's Ale House
Norwich Inn
325 Main Street, PO Box 908
Norwich VT 05055
802-649-1143
Brewpub, Opened May, 1993.
Capacity 200 barrels.

Long Trail Brewing / Mountain Brewers
PO Box 140, Bridgewater VT 05034
802-672-5011
Microbrewery
Capacity 15,000 barrels.

Madison Brewing Company Pub and Restaurant
428 Main St., Bennington VT 05201
802-442-7397
Brewpub, Opened 1996.
Capacity 1,400 barrels.

Magic Hat Brewing
180 Flynn Ave., Burlington VT 05401
802-658-2739
Microbrewery, Opened November 1994.
Capacity 6,000 barrels.

McNeill's Brewery
90 Elliot St., Brattleboro VT 05301
802-254-2553
Brewpub, Opened 1991.
Capacity 2,000 barrels.

Otter Creek Brewing
74 Exchange St., Middlebury VT 05753
802-388-0727
Microbrewery, Opened March, 1991.
Capacity 40,000 barrels.

Shed Restaurant and Brewery
1859 Mountain Road
Stowe VT 05672
802-253-9311
Brewpub, Opened December, 1994.
Capacity 1,820 barrels.

Three Needs Brewery and Taproom
207 College St., Burlington VT 05401
802-658-0889
Brewpub

Trout River Brewing
PO Box 360, East Burke VT 05832
802-626-3984
Microbrewery

Tunbridge Quality Ales
Jigger Hill, PO Box 837
South Royalton VT 05068
802-889-3406

Vermont Pub and Brewery
144 College St., Burlington VT 05401
802-865-0500
Brewpub, Opened November, 1988.
Capacity 1,100 barrels.

Windham Brewery / Latchis Grille
6 Flat St., Brattleboro VT 05301
802-254-4747
Brewpub, Opened July, 1991.
Capacity 250 barrels.

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From the

Another brewing season is upon us! It's time to clean up your brewery - kitchen, garage, or basement, sanitize your old carboys, buy some fresh yeast, hops and grain, and **contribute an article to your newsletter.**

"But I'm not much of a writer..."

Well, I'm not much of an editor either, and I don't let that get in the way.

"I don't have anything of interest to contribute..."

Ha! Take a look at the junk in this issue! If you don't contribute, next month you'll find a list of New Hampshire breweries, and the month after that, Maine breweries - Get the picture? And if that's not enough of a threat, how would you like an in-depth profile of Phil Kaszuba?

"Can't you give me some ideas?"

Recipes are always useful, unless they're in Rich Evans' units (you know, sacks of grain, wheelbarrows of hops). Beer tasting notes are also welcome, as well as descriptions of breweries, brewpubs, etc. I suppose we could download some burps from the realbeer.com webpage, but they don't translate to paper very well. ☺

NEXT MEETING - The Bus to Chambly!

The first Green Mountain Masher meeting of the season will take place on Saturday, September 6th for the trek to the Belgian beer festival in Chambly, Quebec. The bus will leave from Carbur's Restaurant in Burlington at 9:30 A.M. The cost is 10 bucks for Mashers and their significant others, and 15 bucks for non-Mashers. **If you haven't signed up yet, contact Dan Hament at 434-5098 (e-mail: vt.windwishers@juno.com) in order to reserve a spot on the bus.** Hope to see you there! The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 6th at an as yet undisclosed location (rumor has it that the New North End Brewery may be available, however). We'll keep you posted!☺

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Brewer's Calendar

September 4 - 7, 1997 - Festibiere 97, Chambly, Quebec, Canada

Over 300 different beers. One stand dedicated to Trappist beers including Westvleteren. Small working brewery on site. Entrance: \$8. Entrance + 20 tasting tickets: \$18. Entrance + 40 tickets = \$23. Passport: \$15. (4 days including a ticket for a chance to win a trip to Belgium "route de la biere belge"). Passport + Festibiere glass + 20 tickets: \$27. Note: 1-7 tickets for a sample. Contact Phone: (514) 658-8133. Contact Fax: (514) 447-0426.

September 13, 1997 - Tunbridge World's Fair Homebrew Competition, Tunbridge, Vermont. **Entry Deadline: September 6th.** Local Drop-Off Locations: Vermont Homebrewers Supply, 147 East Allen St., Winooski. The Brew Lab, Main St., St. Albans. Contact Name: Scott Russell. Contact Phone: (802) 889-5543.

September 19 - 20, 1997 - Beer Festival, Adamstown, Pennsylvania
Great Northeastern Invitational Microbrewers Festival
Location: Stoudt's Brewery. Contact Phone: 717-484-4387.

September 20, 1997 - Beer Festival, Hartford, Connecticut
Fifth Annual Hartford Brewfest

Location: At the site of the former Hilton Hotel, corner of Ford and Asylum Streets in downtown Hartford. 40+Breweries and over 100 beers. Local bands and food by local restaurants, all under a big, big tent. Over 5,000 expected this year. This year this event will be age 21+. Hours: 2 p.m. - 12 p.m. Admission: \$10/advance, \$12/door, including 2 beers, mug, guide. Organization: The Hartford Guides/The Hartford Brewery. Contact Name: Austin Jordan. Contact Phone: (860) 522-0855 or (860) 246-2337.

September 27 - 28, 1997 - Beer Festival, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Grand Old Portsmouth Brewers Festival

Featuring New England's microbrews. Museum programs and demonstrations will represent the Victorian era when Portsmouth was a major brewing center. Hours: 10am - 5pm. Admission: \$12 museum admission, \$5 event admission, \$1-2 for beers. Organization: Strawberry Banke Museum. Contact Name: Yvette Hix. Contact Phone: 603-422-7506. Contact Email: es2721@rscs.com

September 27 - 28, 1997 - Beer Festival, Stowe, Vermont
Stowe Rotary Oktoberfest

Location: Jackson Ice Arena. Oompah Bands, beer tasting, Bavarian-style food, and family activities. \$8 adults (includes commemorative mug), \$5 Juniors (ages 6-20) and Seniors (does not include commemorative mug), children under 6 are free. Hours: Sat. 11am-8pm, Sun. 11am - 5pm. Organization: The Stowe Rotary. Contact Name: Sandy Devine. Contact Phone: (802) 253-8506. Contact Fax: (802) 888-4150.

October 1 - 11, 1997 - Deadline for Queen of Beer Competition

H.A.Z.E. - Hangtown Association of Zymurgy Enthusiasts announces the 4th Annual Queen of Beer Competition. The Queen of Beer women's only homebrew competition is open to all non-commercial home brewed beer, mead or cider produced by a person of female gender. Sponsored and hosted by HAZE. AHA sanctioned competition, send entries

Historic Trivia You Should Know This Stuff!

It was the accepted practice in Babylonia 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. This period was called the "honey month" or because their calendar was lunar based, the "honeymoon".

Before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold, and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where we get the phrase "rule of thumb".

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

Beer was the reason the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. It's clear from the Mayflower's log that the crew didn't want to waste beer looking for a better site. The log goes on to state that the passengers "were hasted ashore and made to drink water that the seamen might have the more beer".

After consuming a bucket or two of vi-

brant brew they called aul, or ale, the Vikings would head fearlessly into battle often without armor or even shirts. In fact, the term "berserk" means "bare shirt" in Norse, and eventually took on the meaning of their wild battles.

In 1740 Admiral Vernon of the British fleet decided to water down the navy's rum. Needless to say, the sailors weren't too pleased and called Admiral Vernon, Old Grog, after the stiff wool program coats he wore. The term "grog" soon began to mean the watered down drink itself. When you were drunk on this grog, you were "groggy", a word still in use today.

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. when they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle", is the phrase inspired by this practice.



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