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Calling All Shutter Bugs, Camera Freaks, and Photographic Artists

We need some pictures taken!

The Mashers are doing a Club Brewing Experiment, and we need to get some pictures taken of the event. And not just pictures to show around at the club meeting (although we could use that as well). We need to get some pictures for the article we will be publishing about the experiment.

Just think of the fame and fortune that will come your way as a nationally published photographer!

We will make the beer for the Club Brewing Experiment at the Masher Club Brew which will take place on June 5 at 8 AM at the home of Rich Evans. Bring your cameras and film. The best pictures will be selected for publication!

For more information about the Club Brew or the Club Brewing Experiment, please contact Rich Evans at 899-

NEXT MEETING

Club Brew Experiment On June 5th

The next Green Mountain Masher meeting is the Club Brew Experiment that was described in great length in last month's newsletter. It will take place on Saturday, June 5th at the home of Monk and Linda Evans. **The style of the month will be ales of all types.**

To get to Monk's go EAST on Route 15. As you pass the NEW Underhill-Jericho Fire Station in Underhill Flats, check your odometer. Four miles later turn right on North Underhill Station Road. Follow this road to the end (about 1 mile) then turn left onto Poker Hill Road. Go about a quarter of a mile and Monk's house is on the right. Green mailbox, says "Evans" and "4730" in monk like old english calligraphy. If lost, call 899-3006. Monk's email address is Rich Evans <evansrj@us.ibm.com>.

The sooner people get there the sooner the brew session can be finished. The list of those who signed up for specific shifts are listed in the minutes on this page. Those doing the 8 am shift Monk asked that you show up early as the beginning of the brew day is most important. Please call Monk if you have any questions

If you plan to attend and did not sign up, please contact Monk to let him know and to find out if there's a specific shift you're needed in or to see if he needs anything else. Monk will have plenty of coffee brewing. but BYO Donuts. 🍞

Minutes of the May Meeting and Additional Details of the Club Brew Experiment

by Tim Cropley (again!)

The meeting started promptly at 8:30 pm. Not bad considering that we usually suggest that we'd start at 7:30 pm.

President Jerry was under the impression that the Club Brew Experiment was going to be on a date other than that listed in the Barleycorn Calendar and he stated that he could not make it on the June 5th date listed. He went on to explain that he intends to utilize this experiment as a showcase of the Green Mountain Mashers in order to recruit new members and wanted to be present to act as the Cruise Director Julie McCoy of the Masher Love Boat for any fresh faces that show up for the event. This led to a much larger discussion of membership issues including but not limited to how many members are too many, the size of the club and how it impacts the desire of people to host meetings, etc. It was decided that since there were enough members at the meeting that could only make it to one of the two dates suggested, a vote for which date to do the experiment on would be the best solution. June 5th it is!

Rich (Monk) Evans who happens to be hosting the event suggested that people sign up for shifts since a 12-hr brew day is expected. The plan is for the brew day to start at 8 am and finish around 8 pm. Rich emphasized that it is imperative that a number of people to be there at 8 am since it's a long day and more people would tend to come later than sooner. A sign-up sheet was passed around to at least get commitments for each slot. The first 3 time

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slots overlap to ensure coverage and flow to the brew day. The schedule as per the sign-up sheet passed around is as follows:

- 8 am - 12 pm: Anne Whyte, Darell Whitaker, Bob Procter, Erik Sandblom (for the duration), Phil Kaszuba, and Bob Genter.
- 10 am - 2 pm: Darell Whitaker and Bob Proctor
- 12 pm - 4 pm: John McLaughlin and John Leak
- 4 pm - 8 pm: Dave Clark
- Clean-up: Cliff Timpson (5:30 pm on)

As you can see, it would be nice to have more people there, especially later in the day. Monk didn't sign-up for any shifts. I don't know if that means he's just gonna watch or if he figures to be on from dusk to dawn. Anyway, please call Monk to sign-up for a specific shift, especially the afternoon shifts.

Somewhere in the middle of this whole brew experiment deal there was also a discussion involving the serving of the experiment brew at this summer's Vermont Brewers Festival and asking those who try it to evaluate it based on the parameters discussed in the May 99' Barleycorn. A lively discussion ensued mainly surrounding the legality of serving homebrew at a brew fest that is meant to serve commercial craft brew in a VERY controlled environment (Vermont DLC laws are pretty strict). It appeared as though the consensus ended up being that it's probably not a good idea but it wasn't ruled out as an option.

Speaking of the Vermont Brewers Festival, this year it is to be held on July 16-17. Pres. Jer said that the organizer is again looking for mashers to assist with the event. Yet another lively discussion

ensued. This was based on how the Mashers were utilized last year. There were a number of Mashers who were placed on security and ended up being posted at various locations along the fence surrounding the festival. This is particularly a concern because we are not trained for providing security and Mashers were expected to confront people who were jumping the fence and some were faced with non-sober individuals. It was recommended that Mashers be used strictly as pourers since we have pretty good knowledge of beer and beer styles. Jerry stated he would let the organizer know of our opinion in this matter. Jer also informed us that the Mashers were offered a table for a homebrew display at no charge in exchange for our assistance with the festival. There were questions as to whether there would be Mashers available to attend to the display. Additionally, since Anne is going to be there with a display from Vermont Homebrew Supply, this may just end up being a duplication of effort.

Next Mr. President stated that the date for the Green Mountain Mashers Annual Picnic is August 14th. It will be held at Art Herttua's house/farm. Directions will be forthcoming at some point in the future (either the July or August Barleycorn).

Jerry then reminded us that Steve Featherstonhaugh is looking for contributions for the Masher web page he's working on. If you have anything to contribute, please send it to the email address listed in the Staff Box on Page Two.

The Masher's 10th Anniversary is coming up this summer. It would be cool to have a 10th Anniversary glass to commemorate the occasion. Jerry asked for a volunteer to look into glass styles, cost, logo, etc. Unfortunately, no one volunteered at the meeting. If you have any interest in working on this, please contact Jerry at the phone # or email address listed in the Staff Box.

The last order or business was the

Newsletter Contribution Beer Drawing. The way it works is a contributor needs to submit at least one column worth of information to qualify and contributors got one entry for each column worth submitted. Two names are drawn and if the same name is drawn both times, he or she can either take all the beer or defer to the next new name selected. That was not a problem this time around as Dan Marshall was the first name selected and Steven Lefebvre was the second name drawn. Dan selected half of the beers that were available and Steven Lefebvre was left with what was left. Since Steven wasn't at the meeting, I am holding onto the beer until I can get it to him (really, I am). By the way, the beer available for the drawing was from the

Green Mountain Masher Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Information
6/5/99	Green Mountain Masher June Meeting / Club Brew Experiment at Rich Evans' house (Style of the Month - ales)	For information contact Jerry Gormley (hm) (802)658-4038 (email) jgormley@xraylitho.com OR Rich Evans (hm) (802) 899-3006 (email) evansrj@us.ibm.com
7/16 - 7/17/99	The Vermont Brewers Festival at the Waterfront in Burlington	For details on how to volunteer for pouring at brewery booths contact Jerry Gormley - (hm) (802)658-4038 (email) jgormley@xraylitho.com
8/14/99	Green Mountain Mashers Annual Picnic at Art Herttha's Home/Farm in Richmond.	For information contact Jerry Gormley at (hm) (802)658-4038 (email) jgormley@xraylitho.com OR Art Herttha at (hm) (802) 434-4245
9/25/99	Maine Homebrew Competition	Contact Tom O'Connor (hm) (207)236-3527 (wk) (207)596-8900
12/4/99	New England Fall Regional Homemade Beer Competition	Contact Charlie Olchowski (hm) (413)773-5920 (wk) (413)774-2217

Please contact Tim Cropley at (802) 658-4038 or by email at timc@dec.anr.state.vt.us 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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