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# August 2016 Newsletter

# **Upcoming Events**





Bathtub Billy's 630 West Ridge Rd Rochester, NY



(Category 31)
Specialty Beer (Category 34), with an emphasis on Historical Beers.
Cost: \$10.00
8/3/16 7:00 pm @ The Old Toad
277 Alexander St
Rochester, NY

# **Meeting Agenda August 2016**

UNYHA's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (Aug 10th this month) at Bathtub Billy's (630 W Ridge Rd # 10, Rochester, NY) in the party room at the back. Come early for dinner and a brew. The main meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Beer Guru Session begins at 7:00 P.M. (There is no Beer Guru this month.)

- Remember to bring your tasting glasses! (Keep them in your glove box!)
- Pick up your name badge from the side table when you come in.

We welcome new members, guests, professional brewers and other professionals in the beer and bar trade. Newbies are encouraged to stand up and introduce themselves and share a little about their brewing experience.

### Monthly Raffle

All members present and in good standing are eligible to win a donated prize! Please pick your name/ticket up off the side table and put it in the drawing bin.

Feel free to bring a prize to donate. Thank you to everyone that donates!

# **Pro Brewers Report**

News from our local breweries

# **Program Coordinator Reports**

BJCP Training Report (Thomas Barnes) - This months report - Historical Beer (Category 27), Alternative Fermentables Beer (Category 31), Specialty Beer (Category 34).

Mailman/Events Report (Steve Hodos)

POTM - Pub of the Month – Call from the UNYHA board for a new POTM coordinator. Special thanks go out to our previous POTM coordinators Jeananne Thomas and Craig Zufelt. If you are interested in coordinating the pub of the month, email board@unyha.com.

#### **Beer Hunter**

No Beer Hunter this month.

#### **Brewer of the Month Contest**

No brewer of the month for July, August and September (these months have traditionally had low meeting attendance). Brewer of the Month begins again starting in October 2016. Awards for the 2015/2016 BOTM will be given during the September Meeting. Current standings for BOTM are listed below.

## Membership: Join/Renew

Membership sign-up has currently been suspended for the year, only one month remains. Starting in September, membership will be open again. Yearly membership runs from September to September. Don't forget to pay your dues!

# Meeting Recap - July 2016

## **Membership Freeze**

Keith McCullum announced that since there is only 1 and half months left in this membership year, new memberships will not be allowed. Membership runs from September to September. 2016/2017 membership will open September 1, 2016.

# **Pro Brewers' Report**

Fairport Brewing – Paul Guarracini announced Fairport is releasing a raspberry sour beer.

Peacemaker Brewing – Todd announced that a new brewery is opening in Canandaigua. Brewing equipment was purchased from Twisted Rail Brewing Co as they are expanding. They are going through the licensing process now. Hopes to be open shortly.

Triphammer Brewing – Andy announced that Triphammer brewing is opening in Fairport. He said they have run into all sorts of issues, but they are hopeful to be opening in the next few months. More to come...

Prison City Brewing – Ben Maeso announced that they are currently in search of a production brewery so they can expand their distribution.

#### Octoberfest

Keith McCullum announced that the annual UNYHA Octoberfest will be held October 8, 2016 at Wadhams Lodge in Powder Mills Park. As always there will be a Chili cook-off and a Informal Beer Contest. More to follow from Deron Weet on this subject as the event approaches.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Howles reported that we still have money...

## Mailman/Membership Report

Steve Hodos reported we now have 125 members!

### **Pub of the Month**

Keith announced that this month's pub of the month will be at 3 Heads brewing Co. UNYHA is also looking for a new POTM coordinator. Email <a href="mailto:board@unyha.com">board@unyha.com</a> if you are interested.

## **Brew-off**

Dave Wurster reported that we had 19 entries for the brew-off, although one was lost due to circumstances beyond his control. 18 entries were available for the club to sample each featuring a different yeast strain.

### **BJCP**

Thomas Barnes announced that July's session was Belgian Ales, and that he had leftover beer from the session. He added the left-over beer into the raffle and encouraged sharing the beers with the group. He also announced that August session would be historical and mixed category beers. He will be holding a BJCP tasting exam in August 2017

# **BOTM - Brewer of the Month**

Sean Harnett is the Brewer of the Month Coordinator for 2016-2017. The Brewer of the Month competition is using the 2015 BJCP style guidelines, and competition will begin in November to give everyone time to get brewing. This year's Brewer of the Month/Brewer of the Year competition schedule is

listed below.

- October 2016 American IPA (Category 21A)
- November 2016 Belgian Pale Ale (Category 24B)
- December 2016 Winter Seasonal (Category 30C)
- January 2017 Imperial Stout (Category 20C)
- February 2017 American Amber Ale (Category 19A)
- March 2017 Marzen (Category 6A)

The rules of the game are as follows.

- Entrants must bring at least a six-pack or equivalent (growler, 2 liter bottle, etc.) of the beer.
- Only one entry per contestant!
- Each entrant's beer is poured into a pitcher. Any bottles, etc. are hidden/suitably anonymized to avoid influencing the judging.
- People attending the meeting buy poker chips, for \$1 each and vote for their favorite beer in the flight by dropping the poker chip into a bag in front of the appropriate pitcher.
- The winner of the brewer of the month is determined by the number of votes received. The winner receives half of the money received from poker chip sales. In the case of a tie, the money is evenly split among the winners. The rest of the money goes into the pot for the Brewer of the Year.

Standings for Brewer of the Year are kept from month to month, with points being awarded as follows:

- 1st place 10 points
- 1st place (tie) 9 points
- 2nd place 8 points
- 2nd place (tie) 7 points
- 3rd place --6 points
- 3rd place (tie) 5 points
- Entering without placing 3 points

At the end of the year, the person with the most points receives the other half of the pot collected over the course of the year, which can be a pretty hefty chunk of change.

The competition is designed to reward people who enter the competition every time, even if they don't win.

# **Beer Hunter**

We have had some excellent beer in the past, and hope to get more in the future. If you're traveling, consider bringing back some strange and delicious liquids for the club to sample.

If you're going on a trip for business or pleasure and plan to visit the local breweries, UNYHA would like you to bring back beer to share at a meeting. UNYHA will reimburse you for it provided ...

- You contact the President in advance to get the OK.
- The beer isn't available locally.
- You bring at least half a case (preferably a case, given our growing membership) of each beer so that everybody can get a taste.

We are always looking for Beer Hunters for upcoming months!

# **UNYHA Grain Store**

- All members in good standing have the ability to purchase grains directly from the <u>UNYHA Grain Store</u>. This is another benefit of being a UNYHA member.
- There are two ways to order from the Grain Store; Online or Offline. Both
  of these will require you to log into the website to get to the Online
  ordering shopping cart or to the spreadsheet for Offline ordering.
- Once you log into the website you will see two new sub-menus under the Grain Store menu; Online Ordering and Offline Ordering.
- Online Ordering requires you to use PayPal for payment.
- The Offline Order form requires you to download a spreadsheet, filling it
  out and sending it to the Grain Store manager at <u>grainstore@unyha.com</u>.
   You can then pay via PayPal, check or cash.

#### UNYHA Grain Store Link:

http://www.unyha.com/index.php/grain-store/unyha-grain-store-info.html

# **UNYHA Event Calendar**

Calendar of upcoming UNYHA and NON-UNYHA Beer releated events is available below:

http://www.unyha.com/index.php/events-calendar

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