



# OBC NEWSLETTER

## The Presidential Pint

By Will Minderhout

Summer is winding down and hops are in harvest. I recently brewed a fresh hop with my crop this year, and hopefully it fares well in the Fall Classic. There are lots of opportunities to be involved with our largest competition of the year. Check out Jim's column for more details.



I want to give a huge Club thank you to the founders of the Portland Craft Beer Festival. We are one of 3 charities that will be receiving a check for \$3000! Chris Rhodes, Joseph Sundberg, and Rodney Woodley will be presenting the check at the September meeting. Thank you to Eric for organizing the volunteers.

This month we have a change to our meeting date. It will be on the 15th, the third Thursday of September. This is to accommodate our special speaker, Jamil Zainasheff. He will impart much knowledge on us as a 2-time AHA Ninkasi winner, co-author of "Brewing Classic Styles" and "Yeast", and founder of Heretic Brewing. I learned a lot about brewing processes through his podcasts "The Jamil Show" and "Brew Strong".

November will be here before you know it and that means Board elections. If you are interested in what Board positions entail, check out the "Board of Directors" link on the OBC webpage. Our September Board meeting is open to anyone interested. It will be held September 26, 7pm, at the Horse Brass Pub. Please join us to ask questions and see your Board in action.

Cheers,

*President Will Minderhout*

## **\*\*\*September Meeting Change\*\*\***

September OBC meeting will be on Thursday the 15th (3rd Thursday) and the guest speaker will be Jamil Zainasheff of Heretic Brewing and The Brewing Network. [Anyone who wishes to serve beer, please coordinate with Brian or Jim \(I'm trying to make sure we feature the best beers possible\).](#)

Jamil Zainasheff is an award-winning homebrewer, author, beer judge, and host of “The Jamil Show” and “Brew Strong” shows on The Brewing Network. A “stylish” guy, Jamil has brewed every style of beer described in the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Style Guidelines.

Jamil has co-authored two books, *Brewing Classic Styles* (Brewer's Publications, 2007) and *Yeast: The Practical Guide to Beer Fermentation* (Brewers Publications, 2010). Jamil most recently opened Heretic Brewing Company, a 30-barrel brewery in the East Bay region of California's San Francisco Bay area. (© Brewers Publications )



## 2016 Oregon Brew Crew Fall Classic

Hosted by Ecliptic Brewing

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

Registration opens August 1st

<http://fallclassic.oregonbrewcrew.org>



It is time again for OBC's largest homebrew competition, and one of the premiere events in the Pacific Northwest! This year's competition is generously sponsored and hosted by **Ecliptic Brewing** and will feature all 2015 Beer, Cider and Mead styles, including "Best New Homebrewer" (first competition entry) and "Northwest Fresh Hop" categories. Also Fall Classic is the FINAL qualifying event for the inaugural "Oregon State Home Brewer Of The Year" (OSHBOTY). Your OBC

Competition Committee will be ramping up

this month to solicit entries, judges, sponsors and prizes for the big show. If you would like to participate as a Judge or Steward, please register on the competition website. If you would like to participate in some other way, please email [competition@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:competition@oregonbrewcrew.org).

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, October 28th at 6pm

**Drop Off Locations:** FH Steinbart Co, Homebrew Exchange (Interstate), Mainbrew (Hillsboro), Above The Rest (Stark), Bader Wine and Beer Supply (Vancouver)

**Judging:** Saturday, November 5th, 9am - 4pm with possible early judging Friday the 4th at 6pm

**Awards:** Saturday, November 5th, 5pm

*Judging and awards will take place at Ecliptic Brewing*

## Learn to Homebrew Day

November 5, 2016

Learn to Homebrew Day (LTHD) was established by the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) in 1999 to encourage homebrewers to introduce their non-brewer friends and family to the most rewarding hobby, obsession and lifestyle since the beginning of time! Through beer making, demonstrations, tastings and other educational efforts, LTHD events around the world are spreading the joy of homebrewing far and wide, so don't miss out!

**Anyone not judging or stewarding at Fall Classic, please contact Brian Haslip or Steinbart's about brewing.**

## Upcoming Regional Competitions

Date	Deadline	Competition	Location	Notes
9/17/16	9/9/16	<a href="#">Rocktoberfest</a>	Redmond, OR	OSHBOTY Qualifier
11/4/16	Oct. 2016	<a href="#">OBC's Fall Classic</a>	Portland, OR	



[Silver Moon - Battle of the Brews](#)

### CALLING ALL HOMEBREWERS!

It's our 4th annual **Battle of the Brews Homebrew Competition** & we're looking at YOU to create the next best **British Style Ale!**

### Prizes go to the top 3 winners:

**GRAND PRIZE:** Homebrewer gets to brew 10 barrels of his/her winning recipe with our brewers in our brewhouse! His/her beer will be available on tap in our Bend pub, PLATYPUS PUB in Bend, & selected THE GROWLER GUYS locations!

## Oregon State Fair Winners!!!

Congratulations to all Oregon Brew Crew winners at the Oregon State Fair. While we didn't take home BoS this year, Rick Burnside did take second place BoS so great job! I was there watching them judge BoS and they had a really hard time picking between 1st and 2nd place. I think it took them a good half hour to finally decided so take pride in the fact that it was that close. (Chris Hummert's Facebook post on OBC)

Here's the rest of the OBC winners:

Standard American Beer:  
1st - Rick Burnside

Strong British Ale  
3rd - Jason Barker

Czech Lager:  
3rd - Roy Schellinger

American Porter and Stout  
3rd - Roy Schellinger

Dark European Lager  
3rd - Lee [ML Hedgmon](#)

Belgian Ale  
3rd - Pat McIllece  
Trapist Ale  
3rd - Jason Barker

Strong European Beer  
1st - Jason Barker  
2nd - [Charles Macaluso](#)  
3rd - Jason Barker

American Wild Ale  
2nd - Jim Thompson  
3rd - Jeff Roth

German Wheat Beer  
1st - Charles Macaluso

Fruit Beer  
3rd - Charles Macaluso

British Beer  
1st - Lee Hedgmon

Spiced Beer  
1st - Jim Thompson

Scottish Ale  
1st - [Jim Thompson](#)

Wood Beer  
2nd - Charles Macaluso

Dark British Beer  
2nd - [Jason Barker](#)  
3rd - Lee Hedgmon

Mead  
3rd - Jim Thompson

## **Member of the Year (MOY) Standings**

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### **MOY Standings (as of September 1)**

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<b>Charles Macaluso</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Alex Brehm</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Michele Lish</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Tom Fentress</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Sean Sanders</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Mike Jackson</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Don Klover</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Corrie Heath</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Tyler Brotherton</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Lee Hedgmon</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Lisa Hinson</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Lisa Barker</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Grace Schrick</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Seth Jacobson</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Russ Eisenberg</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rodney Kibzey</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Keith Orr</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mark Glasby</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Jim Sullins</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Shawn Duffy</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Dave Hamilton</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Carling Kirk</b>	<b>5</b>

## Portland Brewing would like to brew your winter beer!



Time for the 3rd and last installment of the 2016 Homebrewer Series, exclusively for OBC members. So far this year **Sander Hoekstra** has brewed his amazing Belgian Wit and **Alex Brehm's** Best of Show "Red Red Rye" from Heart of Cascadia will be released soon! I know that six weeks is not a lot of notice and I am sorry for that, but in order to get the beer released in December we have to rush the deadline and judging for this last round.

**Entries are due at Portland Brewing Taproom by 5pm October 1st!**

Please submit three (3) bottles of your best winter seasonal beer along with a complete recipe

You can [download a generic entry form here](#). My advice? Stick to a beer in the 6-9% range as anything higher ABV would take extra time to condition and mellow out. Think malt forward, medium to full body, complex (go easy with spices) and restrained use of hops. It does not need to be a dark beer but it should be appropriate for cool weather, rain, sipping (or chugging) by the fire after a long day on the slopes, as you grumble about that ten year old kid who destroyed your run on the green diamond with his snowboard when he... oh sorry about that.

Anyway, if you need tips, recipe ideas or answers to any questions you might have, please email [competition@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:competition@oregonbrewcrew.org). Good luck and let's make OBC proud!

**Education**



From your education department...

Look around at any OBC meeting or event and you will see more than a couple women hanging around, and by "hanging around" I mean "enjoying and making some damn good homebrew." I am proud of our women members because they help show the diversity of this amazing hobby. It's no surprise that many of our best homebrewers are women. They clearly aren't just tagging along with their spouses and tolerating drinking beer... oh no, they're BJCP ranked judges, award-winning brewers, and an integral part of the OBC. (Last year five of the nine board members were women.) I've finished second to women homebrewers in competitions more than once. These women are shattering the stereotype that only men can make and truly enjoy all the nuances of a great beer. Here in the Pacific NW and specifically within the OBC maybe we've known that for quite some time, but the following amusing story from a Denver lady shows that there's still a few men out there that need some help:

*It's rare to have a beer in my hand and simultaneously want to take someone's head off. Usually a beer in hand has the opposite effect. Love! Hugs! But there were two problems.*

1. *The beer wasn't open. I was standing in a liquor store, still choosing from a lovely selection of craft brews.*
2. *The young man whose head was in question, who worked at this store, had just informed me that IPAs are "prehhhh-ty hoppy, so you might not want to try that one."*

*To another person, this might have just looked like a sales clerk helping a customer. But to me, it looked like a man making an assumption about a woman based on an antiquated idea: that men like beer and women like wine, and therefore a woman wouldn't know malt from hops, IPAs from ESBs.*



# Don't forget the OBC Pilot System!

## Fabulous upgrades to the Pilot System!

This year, we decided to spend the full pilot system budget on much needed upgrades and improvements. A Brobdingnagian thank you to Brian Haslip for ordering the parts and assembling/transfiguring the system! Great job!

Some of the improvements include:

- Added a 2nd, better pump on a new stand
- Improved the existing pump
- Added switches to both pumps
- replaced all of the hoses
- Added a sparge arm
- replaced the thermometers with a digital one
- Added a 3rd burner high BTU (Blichmann stand donated by Jim Thompson), that thing is a massive improvement!

Future improvements will include:

- replacing the other burners with high BTU
- etching of the interior of the keggles
- possible new keggles to expand the system
- Others? Your suggestions requested

In addition to the amazing upgrades and improvements, we are also improving the sign-out process.

There are new forms to complete that will allow you to request specific parts instead of the entire thing. This will enable multiple members to utilize the system simultaneously. Look for the new sign-out form online in 2016 to reflect these changes.

Any questions? Send them to [dylan.vandetta@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:dylan.vandetta@oregonbrewcrew.org).

Happy brewing!

Dylan



*I gripped the neck of the bomber I was holding (not the brew in question; I was on a beer shopping spree). "I know IPAs are hoppy," I said icily. "I know beer. I just don't know this brewery well," I said as I flung out my index finger to point at the beer I'd been considering.-  
Jenn Fields*

I am so proud of the diversity within the OBC and hope we continue to reach out to more women and any minority group that shows interest in joining us in this fun and fulfilling hobby. If you know someone who shows even the slightest curiosity towards how you've been making or judging beer, invite them to a meeting. Give them the chance to get involved. Even if they don't end up brewing, some of the best beer judges I know are women. So here's my message, men, don't pre-judge that woman you know when it comes to brewing or judging; and women, invite your lady friends to enjoy this hobby!

Jason Barker, Education Director

The first-ever Oregon State Home Brewer of the Year ([OSHBOTY](#)) will be crowned in just a few months! We only have two sanctioned competitions remaining in this epic battle, [RocktoberFest](#) by the Cascade Fermentation Association in Redmond, and the [Oregon Fall Classic](#) by the Oregon Brew Crew in Portland. The prize pool is building and with a couple of wins YOU could still be crowned state champion! Support these competitions with your entries and especially with your judging. What better way to spend an afternoon than tasting a myriad of home brewed beer styles, eating oyster crackers, and bonding with your fellow beer enthusiast?

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## Volunteers!

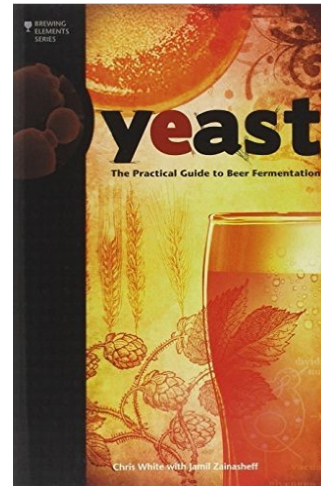
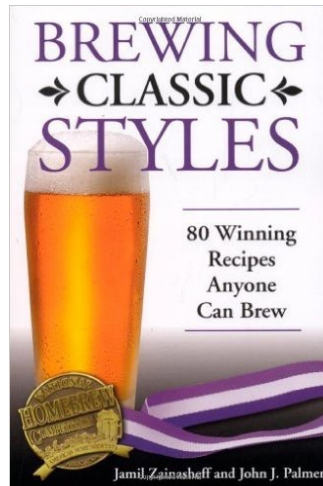
**Thank you for all of your help and dedication! Without you we would not have had such a successful year!**

Eric Hinson  
OBC Volunteer Coordinator



# ~ Bürgermeister News ~

Howdy, brewers! September is here and we have an awesome guest speaker at our next meeting - [Jamil Zainasheff](#)! For everyone who brings food to the meeting, we will raffle off two of Jamil's signed books: ***Brewing Classic Styles*** and ***Yeast***.



## RAFFLE TICKET VALUES

**1 ticket** for small items: chips/dip, breads, package of store bought cookies, candy, etc.

**3 tickets** for medium items: salad, a plate of homemade goodies, a pot of beans, veggies, or a smaller to medium dish of substantial food.

**5 tickets** for large items that feed at least a couple dozen people: lasagna, mac and cheese, sandwiches, BBQ or Smoked meats, or a medium dish with obviously expensive ingredients, or generous portion of time used to prepare it.

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to the participants in the **Spent Grain Baking Contest** at the last meeting! We had six absolutely delicious entries and it was difficult for the judges to decide. I'd like to recognize *Jim Thompson* for **winning** the best entry with his "Homegrown Apple Muffins with a Maple Glaze". (I was not a judge!)

### **Other brewers who participated:**

Dean Ehnes: Ginger Snap Cookies

Felicia Reninger: Bread with Honey Butter

Corrie Heath: Chocolate Walnut Cookies

RJ Stangland: Energy Bars

Meagan Thompson: Pioneer Bread with Honey Butter

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

If you are willing to write up an article for the newsletter please email me @ [jon.campbell@oregonbrewcrew.org](mailto:jon.campbell@oregonbrewcrew.org)

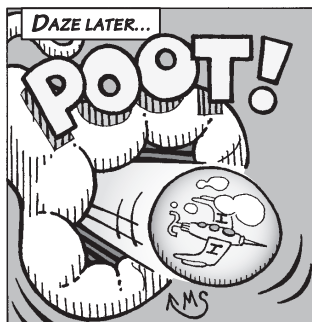
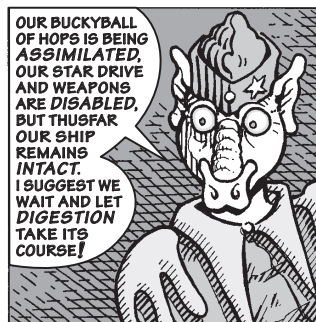
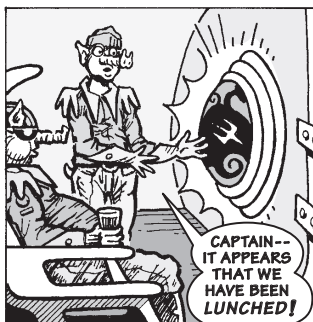
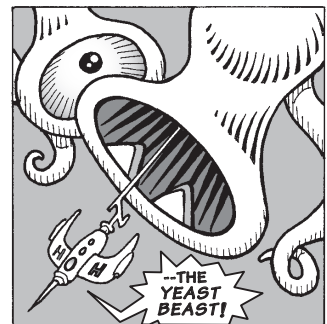
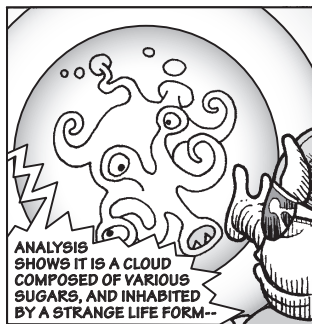
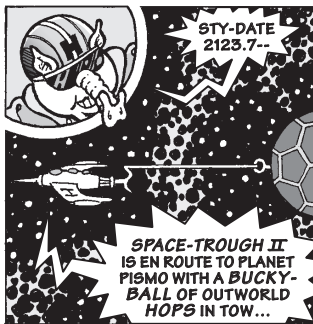
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### OBC Cup Standings (as of September 1)

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<b>Charles Macaluso</b>	<b>529</b>
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<b>Rodney Kibzey</b>	<b>431</b>
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<b>Jim Thompson</b>	<b>388</b>
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<b>Alex Brehm</b>	<b>196</b>
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<b>Jason Barker</b>	<b>165</b>
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<b>Lee Hedgmon</b>	<b>85</b>
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<b>Jenn McPoland</b>	<b>53</b>
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<b>Tim Brinson</b>	<b>48</b>
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<b>Eric Hinson</b>	<b>34</b>
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<b>Jon Campbell</b>	<b>26</b>
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<b>Seth Jacobson</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>Sean Morrison</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>Grace Schrick</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>Dave Hamilton</b>	<b>2</b>
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