
THE HOPLINE

Crescent City HomeBrewers

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MEETING LOCATION

Deutsches (Half-Way) Haus
1023 Ridgewood Street
Metairie, LA
March 7, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

The 2012 Club Officers are:

Keith St. Pierre – President
Perry Soniat – Vice President
Greg Hackenberg – Secretary
Monk Dauenhauer – Treasurer
Ryan Casteix – Quartermaster
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all,

Welcome to the first edition (which was supposed to be the third edition) of the president's corner! I'll be including this in every hopline this year, and hopefully this will continue with each successor. First, I would like to thank everyone for making our meetings more and more exciting every month. The turnouts have been incredible, and the amount (and quality) of homebrew increases every month. Let's keep it up, and let's try to advertise the club and get more new members to attend and join.

Another thing worth mentioning...brew offs. The last two or three that I have attended have been fantastic. Everyone is pitching in and working (which is the goal), and the days have been nothing short of enjoyable. From what I hear, the sausage making brewoff was a rousing success, and a great time was had by all. I'm just sorry I couldn't be there. For all of our new members, please throw your hat in the ring. Sign up for a brewoff and get involved in the all grain process. It's a great way to learn and a great way to meet new and old brewers.

On March 24th, the New Orleans International Beer Festival will take place at Champion's Square next to the Superdome. Taylor is working on securing a booth for us to showcase our brewing talents in a large scale arena. I would imagine this will be similar to WYES, except that this is purely for profit. We are trying to find out how many tickets we will receive in lieu of 5 gallons of beer. If you would like to participate, contact me

at kmsnola@yahoo.com, or Taylor Weidman at nolasaintsman@gmail.com.

That's all I have for this month...until next time...

See you at the meeting.

Keith St.Pierre

SHARING BEER



Bring your brew to the meeting. Last month we had beers from:

Byron Toules Robust Porter

Bob Anonni ??????

Neil Barnett Belgian Brown, Trappist & Imperial IPA

and a couple of others who did not sign in so their names were not recorded.

When you bring your creation to the meeting, please give to Greg or Monk a slip of paper with your name and the style(s) you bring. We would like this to be published monthly. Also include any particulars you want mentioned.

BONUS: Get a FREE 50/50 ticket for your generosity.

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Upcoming Events for 2012

Gals & Guys,

For the **PrezDome BrewOff** (Prez Keith St. Pierre's home), 400 Cressionne Dr, Harahan, Sat, 70123, 3/31/12, 8 am:

[1] **NEED BrewMeister.** The brewmeister can choose the beer that he wishes to brew. It can be high-gravity or normal-gravity as he sees fit.

[2] **NEED Two Equipment Movers with a pickup truck.** As usual, the equipment movers need only move the equipment to & from the PrezDome as the host (Keith), brewmeister, & equipment movers decide.

[3] **NEED Chef.** The chef can choose what he wishes to cook.

[4] **Wort Receivers/Worker.** As usual, those, who are not the host, the brewmeister, or equipment movers & who receive wort, must arrive at 8:00 am, must handle all brewoff related tasks as the brewmeister directs, and must appropriately work until the equipment is cleaned, packed, and ready for the equipment movers.

[5] **Everyone is invited** to this brewoff to "party like it's 1799."

[6] **Costs:**

Wort: pro rata of grain/yeast/ propane bill, probably about \$25-30.

Food & refreshments: approx \$8 to \$10 per person, depending on food/refreshments bill.

[7] [a] Persons interested in any of the brewoff positions, contact me, ASAP.

[b] Persons interested in being a 1799 partier, please, contact me via email or phone, as soon as reasonable. I'll have a sign-up list at the upcoming March CCH general membership meeting.

Everyone, please, come to the brewoff. You'll have fun. ☺

Cheers, **Richard Cuccia**, Metairie, LA 70006; richardcuccia@cox.net, richardcuccia@hotmail.com; 504-454-3847 – h, 504-454-3847 – fax, 504-512-2814 – mp

Please, only leave messages on my home (h) phone, or call me until you contact me. I don't check messages on my mobile phone (mp).

Thanks. ☺

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BET YOU DID NOT KNOW:

It is impossible to lick your elbows!

Coca-Cola was originally green!
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CRAWFISH BOIL:

The 2012 Annual Crescent City Homebrewers' Crawfish Boil will be held at the new (temporary) Deutsches Haus in Metairie LA on Saturday, April 28th; from 11:00am - 3:00 pm. The Haus will remain open afterwards for further embellishment if desired.

--- This is the first weekend of Jazz Fest---
--- some of the your visitors may want to combine the Crawfish Boil with Jazz Fest---

This is a family event!

In addition to crawfish there will be crawfish boiled potatoes and sausage and garlic, etc.

Also, hot dogs and burgers. A "space-walk" type of inflatable amusement for the kids is planned.

Beer will be provided: Homebrew, possibly a G-B beer, Abita and some other good local beers.

For those that prefer it, there will be some brand of American light beer.

Soft drinks (soda pop) and water will be provided.

There will be a large tent outside for gathering as well as inside of the Deutsches Haus in case of inclement weather.

For tickets or information, contact Frank directly: 504 452-1743. More details to come.
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Hank Speaks... So Listen

This month's message will be brief do to the Lenten season, a time of reflection about whatever...past mishaps, plans for the future whether of a spiritual or a brewing nature.

I want to follow the example of Doctor Smith. He was a distinguished proctologist and for those afflicted with rectal conditions so severe as to need surgery, he was a blessing. He would make his post op rounds always dressed in finery. stopping at each bedside and asking 2 questions-how happy were they and he would always have something cheerful and profound to lift the spirit and secondly whether they had had their first bowel movement post hemorrhoidectomy which is an important milestone after that procedure.

If they were constipated he would reach inside his coat and pull out a large bar of Octagon laundry soap and with an expensive horn handled pocket knife would slice of a chunk that he would quickly and expertly carve into a suppository which always got good results. A fine man and when he passed on a few years ago, his obituary ended with

"Dr. Smith ,a great surgeon and a great man-always mindful of the patients-he filled their souls with hope and filled their holes with soap"



And in that spirit, while on my Lenten break I will continue working on my special project for CCH, a popcorn popper so we can have snacks at CCH meetings... the top is already finished

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THNX
Hank

Louisiana Homebrew Competition!!!

The Dead Yeast Society homebrew club will be hosting the 2012 Louisiana Homebrew Club's brewing competition. The competition will be held on March 31st at Cajun Brewing in Lafayette. The competition is open to any member of a Louisiana-based homebrew club.

In order to make this competition accessible to the largest amount of brewers, we have limited our style selections to only ale categories. With the large selection of quality malt extracts, we feel that any of these styles can be successfully brewed as extract beers to be competitive in this event.

The categories for the 2012 competition are:
Belgian Golden Strong Ale - BJCP Category 18D
American Pale Ale - BJCP Category 10A
Southern English Brown Ale - BJCP Category

11B

Weizen/Weissbier - BJCP Category 15A
American Style Black Ale - Brewer's Association Guidelines

Here is the entry process:

1. Contestants must submit three (3) samples of each beer that is being entered. The samples should be in plain, unmarked, brown 12 oz. longneck bottles with a plain bottle cap. Printed bottle caps should be blacked out with a permanent marker to ensure anonymity.

Samples should be sent to:
(to be announced)

2. Entries will be accepted beginning Friday, February 24th. The deadline for your submissions is Monday, March 26th.

3. There is a \$5 entry fee for each beer submission. Contestants are not limited to the number of categories entered.

4. Each submission should have an official Bottle Identification Form attached to the bottle via a rubber band. The form should be filled in, and a corresponding Entry/Recipe Form should be included in the packaging. A check or money order should also be included. Total your entry fees and make the check or money order for that amount. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Awards

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place awards will be issued for each category.

Packing and Shipping hints:

1. Carefully pack your entries in a sturdy box. Line the inside of your carton with a plastic trash bag. Partition and pack each bottle with adequate packaging material. Do not over pack! Write clearly: "Fragile. This Side Up." on the package. Your package should weigh less than 25 pounds. Please refrain from using messy packaging materials such as Styrofoam peanuts or pellets; please use packaging material such as bubble wrap.
2. Place entry forms and payment in a sealed

zip-top bag. Additionally, enclose each of your bottle labels in a small zip-top bag before attaching to their respective bottles. This way it makes it possible for the organizer to identify specifically which beer has broken if there is damage during shipment.

3. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have broken to make arrangements for sending replacement bottles.

4. It is not against any Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) regulations or federal laws to ship your entries via privately owned shipping company for analytical purposes. However, IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHIP ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. Private shipping companies have the right to refuse your shipment if they are informed that the package contains glass and/or alcoholic beverages. It is solely the entrant's responsibility to follow all applicable laws and regulations.

Useless Facts

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.

Tegestology is the official term for the collection of beer coasters/mats.

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Web Site Links to Some of Our Sponsors

- [Deutsches Haus](#)
- [Southern Brewing News](#)
- [New Orleans Brewing Company](#)
- [Heiner Brau](#)
- [Stein's Market and Deli](#)
- [Abita Brewery](#)
- [Crescent City Brewhouse](#)
- [Gordon Biersch](#)
- [NOLA Brewing Company](#)
- [BrewStock](#)
- [BR club-Brasseurs a la maison](#)
- [Dead Yeast Society - Lafayette](#)



**HOW DO WE GET NEW MEMBERS?
BY ASKING OUR FRIENDS NOW,
NOT TOMORROW**

DUES-R-DO

Same cost as last year - \$30.00

CASH OR CHECK

March is the last month before the "dead head" list is published. You have been forewarned!



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2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Dues: \$30.00

Mission Statement and Purpose

To promote Homebrewing within the club; through public awareness and appreciation of the quality and variety of homebrew; through education and research; and through the collection and dissemination of information. To serve as a forum for technological and cross-cultural aspects of the Art of Homebrewing. Most importantly, to encourage responsible alcohol consumption.

New Member Returning Member (joined CCH in _____)

Name:

Home Telephone:

Home Address:

Cellular Telephone:

City, State, ZIP

e-mail Address

Date of Birth:

Spouse:

Occupation

Employer:

Work Telephone:

Homebrewing Experience: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Beer Judging Experience:

BJCP Ranking: # Apprentice Recognized

Certified National Master

Non-BJCP: None Experienced Professional Brewer

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT: My participation in the Crescent City Homebrewers is entirely voluntary. I know that alcoholic beverages are offered at various functions, and that my consumption of these beverages may affect my perceptions and reactions. I accept full responsibility for my self, and absolve the CRESCENT CITY HOMEBREWERS, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND FELLOW MEMBERS of any responsibility for my conduct, behavior, and actions.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____, 2012

Paid: \$ Cash Check #

For the responsible drinker, there is always another party.

Schedule of Events 2012 CALENDAR

January

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	4	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Brew Off – Greg Hackenberg	Sat	28	7:00 am	4:00 pm
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	21	9:00 am	12:00 pm

February

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	1	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Brew Off – Monk's Haus	Sat	25	7:00 am	4:00 pm
Sausage Making – Monk's Haus	Sat	25	9:00 am	4:00 pm
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	11	7:00 am	4:00 pm

March

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	7	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	10	9:00 am	12:00 pm
Brew Off	Sat	31	7:00 am	4:00 pm

April

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	4	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Brew Off	Sat	14	7:00 am	4:00 pm
Brew Off	Sat	28	7:00 am	4:00 pm
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	21	9:00 am	12:00 pm

May

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	2	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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June

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	6	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Crawfish Boil	Sat	9		
WYES Beer Tasting	Sat	2	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
http://www.wyes.org/events/beer.shtml				
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	19	9:00 am	12:00 pm

July

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	11	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
CCH Beer School Continues	Sat	21	9:00 am	12:00 pm

August

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	1	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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September

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	5	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Fri	7	TBA	TBA
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Sat	8	TBA	TBA
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Sun	9	TBA	TBA

October

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	3	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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November

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	7	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
CCH Winterfest @ Deutsches Haus	Sat	10	6:00 pm	11:00 pm

December

CCH General Membership Meeting, Nominees from Floor, Election and Christmas Party Location Pending	Fri	7	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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