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The Official Newsletter of the Hampton Roads Brewing and Tasting Society

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The President's Corner – *Mike Pensinger*

Well it was a pretty good month for beer. Porter month is usually a good one. It looks like a sweep for the monthly competition but the winners were all VERY good.

One of these days I will get around to brewing... matter of fact I need to brew this week so that I can get my other entry ready for the NHC. Don't forget that the club will be footing the bill for shipping to the competition. I have heard a few people say they are concerned about the results we have had in the Club-Only competitions so far. I think that the NHC should be different and involve far more certified judges that what we have experienced so far. The entry fee is a little steep if you are a non-AHA member (\$12) but I am going to send 3 or 4 off this year. Surf the AHA web page and lets have a great showing this year!

Well that is about it for now... I am looking for some volunteers to do small seminars at the meetings during the summer. Also We need to have another Brew Session and I would like to offer up my house in early April for this event. I will let everyone know a date at the meeting... See you there

The Meeting Place - *Diane Catanzaro*

Hold on to your lederhosen! The April 2 meeting of the HRB&TS will be at the German Pantry in Norfolk. The meeting commences at 7:30, but you may want to get there around 7 to get a head start on sampling some of the awesome German beers and a relaxing dinner.

Wallace and Sieglinde Bow'les are the most hospitable of hosts and are so welcoming to the HRB&TS. Family-run German restaurants like this are few and far between, and we are incredibly lucky to have the German Pantry as a meeting location. The Germany Pantry has 35+ German beers available, and now they have a couple on tap to compliment the extensive bottled offerings! To check out the awesome beer list, go to

<http://luna.affordablehost.com/~germanpantry.com/menu/beer-wine.html>
and drool. Ok, now clean up and check out the dinner menu, at

<http://luna.affordablehost.com/~germanpantry.com/menu/dinner-menu.html>

All the food is made to order in the Pantry's kitchen. Because we typically place a lot of orders at one time, I told Wallace we would be happy to select from 4 entrees. In addition to these entrees there is still a wide selection of sandwiches, appetizers, and 6 kinds of wurst, so

there are lots of choices. So, what to pick??? Democracy rules. So, go to the dinner menu at the website above. Or, check out the menu in the Yellow Pages (page 1224). Then e-mail me at diane.cat@verizon.net by March 27 and give me your top 1 or 2 entree choices. Simple enough!

The location is only a couple of minutes off I-64 and I-264, so it is an easy and convenient drive from anywhere in Hampton Roads or the Peninsula.

Address: 5329 Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk, 461-5100.

Directions:

From the Peninsula: Take I-64 East to Military Highway South exit. Follow Military Highway about a mile or two. Turn right onto Route 58/VA Beach Blvd. The German Pantry is on the left in just a minute.

From Norfolk, VA Beach, Portsmouth, Chesapeake - Take I-264 toward Military Highway. Take Military Highway North exit. About a mile down the road is the big intersection with Route 58/VA Beach Blvd. Take VA Beach Blvd westbound, toward Norfolk. The German Pantry is on the left in about a minute.



Competition Connection - *Tom Byrnes*

This month our contest featured Porter's and we judged 6 entries, 2 brown and 4 robust. The winners are listed below:

BROWN ALES

First Place: CJ & Diane Robust Porter Score 38.0

Second Place: CJ & Diane Robust Porter Score 34.7

Third Place: CJ & Diane Robust Porter Score 34.0

Thanks to all members who entered this contest.

Remember any member is welcome to come to the judging's. This is a way to learn about the styles and help your brewing. Besides you get to drink good homebrew two days per month. We do, however, ask members to be sure their entries conform to the BCJP guidelines. These can be accessed at www.beertown.org. If you would like to hold a judging meeting at your house, please let me know.

Here are the current Briess Cup points.

. BRIESS CUP 2003 STANDINGS

BREWER	CUMULATIVE POINTS
CJ/Diane	17
Rich Sens	15
Victor Perrotti	11
Doug Boyd	9
Tom Byrnes	5
Mike Pensinger	2
Bruce Parker	1
YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE	START BREWING FOR COINTESTS

Our Club contest schedule is listed below along with the AHA Club Only Dates and Club Judging Dates:

Month	Beer of the Month	BCJP Category	Club Only Contest	HBPTS Judging
May	English and Scottish Strong Ales	11	May	April 23
June	Wheat	3B-19-17B		May 21
July	Mead/ Cider	25, 26		June 18
August	European Pale Lager	2	August	July 23
September	Specialty, Experimental Historical	24	Sept/Oct	August 20
October	Octoberfest	9A		Sept, 17
November	Kolsch and Altbier	8	Nov/Dec	Oct 22
December	Barley Wine	12	January 04	November 19
January	Holiday Beers			December 24 <i>This Date will change</i>

We have added a Competitions thread to the discussion board at www.hrbts.org This is where we intend to post information of national or regional contests that maybe of interest. Currently there is information about the Dominion Cup, AHA National First Round and Carolina Brewmasters Us Open. Check it out.

At our last meeting, one of our new members John Mitchell, BCJP Judge, indicated that he might be interested in leading a study group for the BCJP Judge exam. This is a rare opportunity and a good idea for our club. Please see John if you are interested. More details will follow as they develop.

See you at the next meeting



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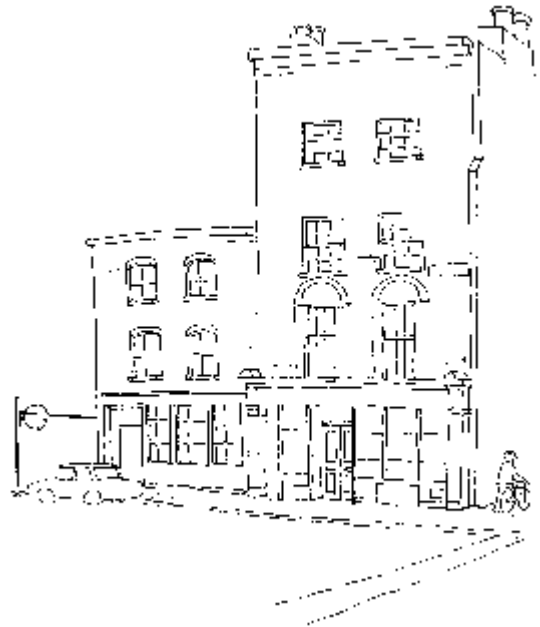
For the first time since its launch in 1997, our website will be sporting an entirely new look. The updated website is scheduled to launch in May and we invite you to visit .

While its appearance will change, the content will remain essentially the same—lots of it! All of the previous issues of Brewing! With Briess will remain on the site; product information will be available for every product in a printable pdf format; and fun features like our photo gallery remain intact.

Editor's Notes – *Pat Dabbs*

We welcome all news items, original articles, business notices, and letters to the editor. Submittals for publication in the Home Imbrowment must be send to us as an e-mail or an e-mail attachment in any version of MS-Word or WordPerfect. Mail to dabbsp@cox.net.

**Deadline for May's Newsletter is Monday
April 30th**



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About the HRB&TS

The Hampton Roads Brewing and Tasting Society is dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of homebrewing. The annual dues are \$15 per individual and \$20 per family. Members are encouraged to support the responsible enjoyment of beer and observe the beverage laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Persons attending HRB&TS meetings and events are solely liable for actions attendant to their participation. HRB&TS Maintains a NO SMOKING policy at all meetings so that members may better enjoy fine beers. Smoking is permitted during restaurant meetings in designated smoking areas.

Visit the HRB&TS on-line at: [**http://hrbts.org**](http://hrbts.org)