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# Monthly Mash

## March 2017 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events



#### **UNYHA Club Meeting**

Wednesday 2/8/17  
Main Meeting 7:30 pm  
Bathtub Billy's  
630 West Ridge Rd



#### **BJCP Training Session**

American Wild Ales (Category 28)  
Cost: \$10.00  
3/1/17 7:00 pm @ The Old Toad  
277 Alexander St

Rochester, NY



**UNYHA 2016/2017 Membership is now open!**

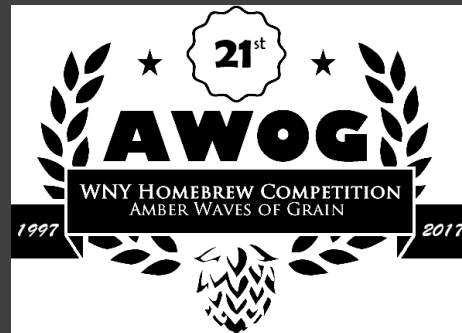
**Membership dues are \$30 per person, and \$50 per couple or household.**

(if you're not getting at least \$30 worth of free beer and brewing education, you're doing it wrong!)

Membership runs until September of each calendar year.

Click the logo above to renew your membership today!

Rochester, NY



**The Western NY Homebrew Competition "Amber Waves of Grain"**

Entry Deadline: 03/11/2017

Competition Date: 03/24/2017

Click the image above for more information



**UNYHA 39th Annual Homebrew Competition  
Saturday 5/6/17**

[Stoneyard American Beer Hall & Grill](#)

Additional information below.

## Meeting Agenda March 2016

UNYHA's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (March 8th 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. 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.

### **Beer Guru**

No Beer Guru this month

### **Pro Brewers Report**

News from our local breweries

### **Program Coordinator Reports**

BJCP Training Report (Thomas Barnes)

**Mailman/Events Report** (Steve Hodos)

### **UNYHA 39th Annual Homebrew Competition Update**

Rich DeTommaso will be asking for volunteers for the 2017 Unyha Hombrew Competition to be held on 5/6/17.

**POTM - Pub of the Month** – Steve Hodos is our pub of the month coordinator! Steve has not chosen a location for this month yet, but rest assured it will be great time as always. More information to follow.

### **Beer Hunter**

No Beer Hunter this month.

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

March 2017 – Marzen (Category 6A)

Bring your Marzen (at least a growler or 6-pack) for entry to the brewer of the month contest.

### **Membership: Join/Renew**

Membership sign-up is now open! Yearly membership runs from September to September. Don't forget to pay your dues!

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## **Meeting Recap - February 2017**

No meeting recap for last month, my recording device seems to have not saved any audio. :( I did however capture the brewer of the month results.

### **Brewer of the Month**

February 2017 – American Amber Ale (Category 19A)

1<sup>st</sup> place – Steve Zoller

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Walter Strassburg and Adam Odegard

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Stan Zawack

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## **UNYHA 39th Annual Homebrew Competition**

UNYHA is proud to announce our 39th Annual Homebrew Competition to be held on May 6th 2017 at [Stoneyard American Beer Hall & Grill](#).

[Click here for the Competition Website](#)

**Account registration is now open!**

**Entry registration will open Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM, EDT.**

**Judge and steward registration is now open! Additional Information below.**

### **Drop-Off Locations**

Entry bottles accepted at our drop-off locations from **Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM, EDT** through **Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM, EDT.**

**\*STONEYARD CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ENTRIES\***

#### **[Southtown Beverages Drive-Thru Inc](#)**

**[2933 W Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623](#)**

585.427.8480

*\*Only Ship-to Location! Entries will be picked up at 6PM on the 26th of April. No entries will be accepted after this time!*

#### **[EJ Wren](#)**

**[209 Oswego St #5, Liverpool, NY 13088](#)**

315.457.2282

*\*Entries will be picked up on the 26th of April, 2017. No entries will be accepted after this date!*

## [Niagara Tradition Home Beer & Wine Supply](#)

[1296 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY 14217](#)

716.877.8767

*\*Entries will be picked up on the 26th of April, 2017. No entries will be accepted after this date!*

## Competition Officials

You can send an email to any of the following individuals via [Contact](#).

- Rich DeTommaso — Competition Coordinator
  - Keith McCullum — UNYHA President
  - Steve Zoller — Price Committee Overlord
  - Craig Zufelt — Registrar Czar
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## Calling all Judges & Stewards!

The 39th Annual UNYHA Homebrew Competition will take place on Saturday, May 9th at Stoneyard Beer Hall & Grill in Webster, NY (A suburb 15 minutes north of downtown Rochester).

This will be a BJCP-Sanctioned event adopting the 2015 style guidelines and points will be awarded accordingly. If you're receiving this email, it's because your name came up as a potential judge.

The Details:

- Date: Saturday, May 6th, 2017 (pre-judging session Wednesday, April 3rd @ 6:00 pm)
- Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Location: Stoneyard Beer Hall & Grill, 1517 Empire Blvd, Webster, NY 14580
- Styles: All BJCP recognized styles of beer, mead, and cider
- Prizes: There will be prizes for entries placing in the top 3 in each category as well as BOS.
- Parking: Plenty!

This note is going out to all the BJCP/prospective/"in training" judges and stewards in the Northeast/Great Lakes area. We are also actively looking for

entries. With roughly 300 entries last year, we are expecting even more this year. As such, we are hoping to get all the help we can. We encourage those of you with limited judging experience, or those of you yet to take the exam to help judge. We will try our best to pair you with at least a Certified BJCP judge in every flight you are assigned, to assure fair judging while at the same time helping to educate and mentor.

This will depend on number of entries we receive, but a pre-judging session has been set for Wednesday, May 3rd at approximately 6:00 in the evening to bang out the smaller categories, so we are hoping our local judges will be able to help with that as well.

\*Please plan on arriving Stoneyard NO LATER than 8:15 am so we can have everyone signed in to hopefully start the morning flight at 9:00 sharp. We will serve lunch at approximately noon or whenever people are done with their morning flights, with whatever necessary mini-BOS flights finishing up no later than 1:00 pm. We anticipate the BOS round to begin no later than 4:30.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all judges, stewards, and volunteers.

All information including judge/steward registration, entry registration, competition rules, and directions to the brewery are at the following link:

<http://www.unyha.com/competition-2017/>

Thank you very much in advance for helping to make our annual competition one of the best competitions in the Northeast - one that could not happen without our talented home brewers, judges, organizers, and volunteers.

If you have any additional questions not answered in this email or on the club/competition website, do not hesitate to contact me at [therichdetommaso@gmail.com](mailto:therichdetommaso@gmail.com) or at 585.260.0048 (within reasonable hours, don't call asking for bedtime stories).

Cheers!

-Rich DeTommaso

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**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 October 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.

### **Current Standings 2016/2017**

Adam Ordegard	25
Sean Harnett	24
Branden Whalen	21
Al Schichler	18
Steve Zoller	17
Walter Strassburg	13
Stan Zawack	9
Corey and Charles Schader	8
Jeremy Buczek	3
Bob and Ray Lewandowski	3

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## **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!

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## **UNYHA Grain Store**

- All members in good standing have the ability to purchase grains directly from the [UNYHA Grain Store](#). 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 [grainstore@unyha.com](mailto:grainstore@unyha.com). 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>

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## UNYHA Event Calendar

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

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

## BJCP National Calendar

Calendar of upcoming BJCP Sanctioned Competitions

[http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp\\_schedule/competition\\_schedule.php](http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php)

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## Contact UNYHA

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