

# ★ High Plains Draughters ★ Oklahoma City ★

## THE DRAUGHT CARD

August 3rd, 2005

*The Next Meeting - Annual Mead Clinic:*  
**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, at the Langthorn's house,  
Edmond/Arcadia**

Greetings all. Hope your summers have been fun and beerful! It's time to gather 'round once again and praise the ancient art of mead making. The Langthorns, Jake and Barbara, were kind enough to offer their home for the day so we don't have to try and squeeze all of us into the Trail Boss's apartment this month! Thanks to Michal Carson for providing the following driving directions:

Directions to the Langthorn's at **12222 NE Sorghum Mill Road, Near Arcadia**. Take I-35 to Edmond's 2nd Street exit (marked by water towers and big cross on the east side of the highway). Turn east—away from Edmond—and go five miles. **Very important: Do not drive through Arcadia.** Go around and save yourself the \$200 speeding ticket. Turn left/north at Post or Westminster and turn right/east again on Coffee Creek. Take Coffee Creek to Anderson. Take Anderson one mile left/north to Sorghum Mill. Langthorn's home is on the south side of Sorghum Mill, across from the OKC Gun Club. Veer left as the driveway splits and park along the top of the hill in front of the house. There's also plenty of parking over by the shop. Here are a couple of maps to help:



The pool is fairly large, with an attached hot tub and a 1-foot deep kiddie pool. We also have plenty of shade on the 60-foot veranda. Hope to see everyone there!

## The Last Meeting

Our last meeting was held at the Trail Boss's place, because our primary and backup plans just didn't come together in time. Many thanks to Gary for cleaning the cobwebs for a last-minute meeting! During our meeting we did discuss the Constitution and By-Laws a wee bit; just enough to vote to table any further discussion of said documents until September's meeting. Stan Babb gave a great wall-side presentation on one of the 'big four': barley.

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### ★ HPD Competition Information ★

#### 2005 COC Competition Schedule:

Here is the competition schedule for the coming future. You can get more information at:  
<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

| <u>Type</u>          | <u>Entries Due for Local Judging</u> | <u>BJCP Category</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Belgian & French Ale | <b>August 5, 2005</b>                | 16*                  |
| European Amber Lager | Sept 23, 2005 (estimated)            | 3*                   |
| Baltic Porter        | Oct 14, 2005 (estimated)             | 12C*                 |

\* Note: Under 2004 BJCP guidelines

## The Draughters Need YOU!

We are looking for folks just like you (yes, you) to enter beers and be judges & stewards at the club-only competitions. What better way is there to find out how people like your beers than to share it with friends?

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### ★ Colorado Brewer's Rendezvous 2005 - Trip Report ★

By Marty Thee

Reporting back from a fabulous weekend at the Colorado Brewers Rendezvous (CBR). My Fiancé' Lillian and I took Mike Kiester's offer to stay at their cabin near Westcliffe Colorado over the 4th of July weekend. For those of you who do not know Mike very well, we learned that Mike likes

"Adventures". You know, those events where you just barely make it, and have a blast doing it. Our weekend was full of Adventures. Later on those, for now, here is my report on the CBR.

We arrived early (12:00), so Mike had time to set-up at a table with our HPD sign in the middle of all the activities. Lilly and I wandered around watching the Kayakers in short little Kayaks play in the river. These guys flip over backwards and forwards with their yaks, and a yak course setup in the river right next to the park. At 12:30 they started checking IDs and at 1:00 they let the beer drinking begin. For our \$20 we were issued a nice beer glass appropriately labeled and about 12 drink tickets (very few vendors were taking tickets, so no-one ran out). The glasses were marked with a 4 oz mark (much better than the 2 ounce in my opinion).

The Beers: We started at the left and worked our way to the right trying not to miss any vendors, but skipping some beers (to maintain our composure as experienced beer drinkers).

The first vendor was Amica. I went straight for the Scotch Ale Lilly tried the Robust Porter and Mike went for their IPA. All were excellent.

Next was Phantom Canyon. I tried the Ginger Wheat and did not like it.

Ilvicino (sorry about the spelling, but no-one could give me a list, and I only had 1 small piece of paper to record on) was next with 'El Jeffe' (a lager if I remember correctly) and Slam Dunkel. Both very good and to style. I also have a note here on their Bannark which got a thumbs down. Don't ask me why, I block out unpleasant experiences.

Steamworks had a Heavy Wheat and a Lager which were excellent (maybe that Bannark was from Steamworks, my head was starting to get a little fuzzy at this point, and Lilly's comment was that she was now skunker than a drunk. Not to worry, she snacked on some nuts and crackers and had some water while I waded on to:

CB Potts Pilsner, a very nice light drinkable Pils. They were the first to actually take a ticket, so got a frowny face from me.

Lilly joined me again for RockYards Redhawk ☺ and another Scotch Ale. Both very good. Lilly tried the Dutch Pils and liked it, but Mike gave it the Coors Light label (no thanks).

Gordon Biersch had a very good Hefe Weizen and a Czech. I like them both.

Old Chub had a Scotch Ale that was more caramel flavor than the others that day. I like it, but a little heavy. Chub was the first ones in our list that gave us free stuff. Thanks for the coozies Chub!

Braving on to Ska Brewing! Nice True Blonde and cute stickers to go with it. A refreshing break after all the strong flavors.

Time for a break to stop the world from spinning. Went and listened to the band, played with the hoola-hoop. Wow, I actually got it to work. A first for me! They never worked when I was a kid. Maybe it has to do with my inebriation level? Tried the Spirit sticks to no avail. Lilly had better luck with those than I, and she looks so cute doing the Hoola. We split a huge burrito with everything you could imagine in it and then some.

The food was next to Flying Dog, so we tried the IPA. I don't remember it, but I have a thumbs up mark next to it, so it must have been good. Usually I avoid the hop laden brews to preserve my pallet.

Back to the orderly sampling of brews.

New Belgian Brewery was well represented by their 1554 and Sunshine wheat. They also gave Lilly and I an engagement gift of Lilly's first beer shirt (not swiped from yours truly). It is a nice ladies black shirt with short sleeves and just the fat-tire bike embroidered below the neck. Very subtle and tasteful. If her Baptist friends see it, only the ones in the know will know.

Oh, look at that tattoo on the neck-line of that girl! It's a flying dog tattoo (temp). WE had to have some of those, so back to Flying dog for their Amber ☺.

On the way back to the row, we tried Tommy Knockers ButtHead Doppie. A good example of a Doppie Bock.

Two thumbs up for the Trinidad Indian Summer and ??? what? Last call? It's 4:45 already?

Great Divide gave Lilly a FULL glass of Oak aged Yeti Stout. Two thumbs up, and I filled mine with another round of the Trinidad Indian Summer.

Meanwhile Mike and his buddy have been hitting up everyone and their sister to sign our HPD sign. Why do they keep ending up with the young girls with the tattoos above their low cut tops? Come-on Mike, we have both sides full. Did you get that pound of hops you were promised? Forgot that in favor of a butter-fly tattoo ring around some bosoms? Ok, we understand.

Back to the cabin for some food and what more ail? Try Mikes Scotch Ale? Ok, maybe 1 glass and then zzzzzzzzz.

Lilly and I had a GREAT time, and Mike is an outstanding host. Thanks Mike, and if you-all like this write-up, maybe I'll write about our Jeep adventure to the biggest sand dunes in the west, and Lilly and Marty's trek to the Lakes in the Clouds (5 miles each way and 2000 foot incline), or all the Antelope and Deer we saw driving around, and of course the finer art of grilling hot-dogs on the jeep manifold. Looks like Mike and his nephew Dwight have done that before.

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### ★ Some Thoughts on Legal Liability ★

The "HPD legal team" has come up with some things we can try, that might limit the club's liability in case of a post-meeting incident. Chew on these and think about 'em:

- 1. Have regular meetings with time limits (a specific start and end time), to avoid over imbibing.*
  - 2. Don't take out any insurance policies to protect Club officers - - - it only encourages law suits.*
  - 3. Have members sign a release of liability (rather benign) when they pay dues.*
  - 4. Have meeting guests sign the same release of liability (extremely important) whenever they attend a Club meeting or official function.*
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## ★ Heard Around the Campfire ★

### You Know You're a Beer Geek When...

You see a small bottle with a tree on the label,  
and think that it's a very strange shape  
for Anchor Christmas Ale

You notice a white label of Duvel.

You buy a bottle of Bush beer simply because  
it doesn't say Scaldis.

You despise Jim Koch.

You abhor Adolphus Coors.

You respect Fritz Maytag.

You admire Garret Oliver.

You know who these people are,  
and you've met at least one of them.

You know the difference between winter and  
summer beers.

You remember your first glass of lambic,  
who the brewer was,  
what the flavor was,  
where you were,  
how long ago it was,  
who your companions were,  
and who your waiter was.

You've had Thomas Hardy's Ale,  
aged over one year,  
and you're aging at least one bottle right  
now,  
that's older than one year,  
and you remember where you  
purchased it.

Hercules smiles when you walk into his store.

You've had an empty bottle of beer next to your  
bed,  
and it's been there more than a week

You've had an entire shelf for beer in your  
refrigerator,  
and had to chose which one to drink to  
make room for more beer,  
and forgotten what food looks like on  
that shelf.

Your favorite bottled beer is produced and  
bottled within 100 miles of your door.

Your favorite draught beer is keg-conditioned,  
or Belgian.

You've gone on vacation to drink beer,

and brought back some exotic beers,  
without a license,  
and didn't raise any flags going through  
customs.

You can stumble home from your local pub,  
and it's one of the best in the city,  
and that's why you chose your  
apartment.

You think Irish food tastes better with Guinness  
in the recipe as well.

You've cooked with beer,  
and you've made beer explicitly for that  
purpose.

You've been to more than one beer festival in  
one year where there were more than  
100 beers to taste,  
and you had a free pass.

You remember parties based on what beer you  
had to drink,  
and what you passed up.

You have a bottle opener on your keychain,  
and you use it regularly.

You've had beer for breakfast,  
and not on the weekend,  
and you've made beer explicitly for that  
purpose.

You look forward to going to a bar to see  
what's new on tap  
from England,  
or Belgium,  
or Germany,  
or the West Coast.

A friend calls to tell you he's going on vacation  
to London, and your first thought is, "Ooo,  
ales!"

When people talk about Michael Jackson, you  
always assume for the first split second that  
they're talking about the beer writer.

When a tap system is a NECESSITY and not a  
privilege!

...you put in time in cyberspace composing lists  
of qualities that make one a beer geek.

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## ★ Useful Web Links ★

Here are some links you may find useful in your brewing efforts:

- ★ <http://www.convert-me.com/en/>
- ★ <http://www.beertools.com/>
- ★ <http://www.howtobrew.com/>
- ★ <http://www.beertown.org>
- ★ <http://www.beertown.org/education/styles.html>
- ★ [http://www.maltosefalcons.com/tech/CO2\\_racking](http://www.maltosefalcons.com/tech/CO2_racking) (NEW!)

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## ★ Notes from the Editor ★

**Membership Drive:** We still want more members. If you know someone who's interested, flip them this link, call them, or just bring them to the meeting. New faces mean new ideas, recipes, and good times.

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**Draught Card On-line:** The HPD Draught Card is also, of course, available on-line at [www.draughters.com](http://www.draughters.com). When viewing the on-line version, accessible through a PDF download, you'll be able to see all of the pictures in color, and all of the Internet links are fully operational in this format as well. If you would prefer to only get the on-line version of the newsletter, please send an email to me at [steve.krieske@cox.net](mailto:steve.krieske@cox.net), and I'll make the necessary changes.

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**★ WANTED ★** As always, if you have a story to tell, an article to publish, a question to ask, or a recipe to share, send your postings to me at [steve.krieske@cox.net](mailto:steve.krieske@cox.net). In particular, if you have visited a memorable brewpub we want to know what you thought of it. Been anywhere exciting (or absolutely awful)? Send me a blurb and I'll get it into print.

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