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# The Brews Telegram

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 11  
at 7 pm. **NOT** at

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## President's Message

Greetings Fellow Homebrewers!

I hope everyone and their family is safe and healthy!

The August meeting theme is the HBOY competition style of Belgian Tripel. Ray Grace has an entry this month, so Josh Smith has graciously offered to head a panel of three judges to set placing for this month's beers. If you have made a beer to enter, please make sure to enter your beer on the trade cooler spreadsheet and get the beers into the trade cooler by Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> so that they make it into the judging.

The presentation for this month's **virtual club meeting** is about HERMS and RIMS systems. What they are, how they work, and why you may want one. Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey I sent out a couple weeks ago regarding future presentations. It's important to me that we continue to provide information that you want and that helps you grow as homebrewers. Sometimes the subject is outside of my comfort zone or area of expertise. One such time is the September presentation for IIPA. Luckily, resident hop connoisseur Ray Grace has agreed to put together a presentation for the September meeting. I'm looking forward to learning more about the style.

If you haven't seen the Facebook posts, the CHA has recently come up with a BOS competition to take the place of the Bragging Rights Only competition that usually happens at the Fest. Instead of one style they have a handful that can be entered, but only one beer can be entered from a given club. I'm not sure how we are logistically going to choose the beer and/or where we need to deliver 3 bottles of this beer to... but we'll be working that out over the next few weeks as they continue to share details. Here is what they have shared so far:

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CHA is doing a "CHA-toberfest" Fall Best Of Show Club Competition! Just one entry per club, so decent chances of winning, and prizes include yeast from Imperial Yeast and Fermentis, and gift certificates to Tavour (online commercial beer shipped to your house).

Preliminary info below; more detail will be emailed out to clubs via their CHA rep. Feel free to message me or email [cha-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:cha-board@googlegroups.com) with any questions!



Styles:

Munich Helles (4A)

Kolsch (2015 5B)

Hefeweizen (2015 10A)

Amber Lager / Marzen (2015 6A)

German Pilsner (2015 5D)

Competition Rules:

While the judging of the competition will not involve BJCP score sheets, the judges will use the BJCP style guidelines to help assess these beers.

The judges will be CHA Board of Directors members.

Bottle Entry:

Each club can enter only 1 entry. It can be any of the five chosen styles.

The entry must come in three (3) separate 12 oz bottles. No other number of bottles or sizes of bottles will be accepted. Each bottle must be free of distinguishing features. Each bottle must have a rubber-banded identification sheet (to be sent out at a later date), containing the entrant name, entrant club, and the style category chosen.

Bottle Drop-Off:

Drop-offs will be at multiple locations during the week of 9/21. The goal of these drop-off points is to offer refrigerated storage prior to the judging day. We will make these locations known as soon as possible (i.e. homebrew shops, breweries, etc).

We will strive to make accommodations given the current circumstances.

There will be no entries after Sunday, September 27th.

Judging:

Judging will occur in no more than three socially distanced groups (1 bottle per group), with the judges blind to the entrant being judged. The judges will know the style entered.

Winners/Prizes

Judging will occur the weekend of October 3/4.

Winning entrants and clubs will be announced that weekend, and prizes sent out as soon as possible.

The response for our contactless beer exchange and beer evaluation sign-up have continued to be amazing. Almost 200 beers have been exchanged between brewers so far, with many more to come I'm sure. I have enjoyed a number of great beers from fellow club members.

Once again I'd like to give a huge thanks to everyone for making this happen and keeping it active over the past few months.

I know at least a few of you are thinking forward to our Annual Alcoholic Advent Calendar! In fact, one of you already has a case of beer stored in my cellar. There is a sign-up form with all of the dates and information for this year's calendar project. So for those interested in getting into the calendar this year, please use this form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/mn2Wyvero59FTE1u5>

I look forward to talking to those of you who are able to attend the **virtual meeting** on Tuesday. Until then, stay safe and happy brewing!

Jon Silvertooth

## Styles for 2020:

Month	Style or theme	HBOY Month
January	Kviek	
February	ESB (English Style)	HBOY 1
March	Session Beers (Beers under 4% ABV)	
April	SCHF Bragging Rights Style (Kolsch)	
May	Munich Helles (German Style)	HBOY 2
June	Mead, wine, or other fermentable	
July	Anything American	
August	Belgian Tripel (Belgian Style)	HBOY 3
September	Wild Beers	
October	English Beers	
November	IIPA (American Style)	HBOY4
December	Winter Warmers or other seasonal beers	

# August Online Events

By Jon Silvertooth

## Brew with a Veteran Online

I know there were some people who expressed disappointment with the loss of my Annual “Brew with a Veteran” day this year, so I’m going to attempt to stream an entire brew session on Zoom. I’m just going to setup my laptop facing my brew cart and everyone is free to drop in or out as they wish to see what’s happening and/or ask questions about what I’m doing or about my equipment.

I’ll be brewing a Honey Blonde Ale that I’ll likely be sharing in the trade cooler when it’s ready, so you’ll be able to try the beer you watch me make if you want.

- Date: 8/15/2019 (Saturday)
- Time: 10am to 4pm (or whenever the beer is done)
- Location: Zoom

This is an open session, so look for a Zoom meeting link in the member’s email group and/or the private Facebook group on the morning of August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Homebrew Evaluation Group Session

A new idea I had to help us share our beers and receive constructive feedback is a homebrew beer evaluation session. It’ll work like this:

- The first 4 people sign up will bottle/can 4 examples of their beer to share (remember to keep a 5<sup>th</sup> for you if you don’t have the beer on tap). I will be submitting a 5<sup>th</sup> beer to share and round out the group.
- We’ll exchange those beers with each other in the beer cooler prior to the session on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- At 3pm on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the 4 people will join me on a Zoom session and we’ll drink each beer together and critically evaluate each beer.

Look for a sign-up sheet from me soon! I’ll coordinate with people as they sign up to get the beers exchanged and to send out the link to the session.

Don’t worry if you don’t get into this initial group session. If we see sufficient interest, we’ll add more sessions in September! 😊