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Congratulations on making it through a crazy spring. BJCP exams, huge competition after huge competition, and events all over. Thanks to everyone who helped with all of the events. Time to get ready for the summer starting with...

GEBL Hop Madness IPA Challenge

Coming up on May 22nd the Greater Everett Brewers League in Everett, WA will be hosting the Hop Madness IPA Challenge. Beers will be placed in one of 4 brackets (American IPA 14a, European IPA 14b Imperial IPA 14c and Experimental IPA 23a.) and will be evaluated in a head-to-head fashion.

The winner of each bracket will advance to a final Best of Show round, and the best beer will be crowned the winner. This is a BJCP certified competition as well as Washington Homebrewer of the Year qualifier. Participants will be allowed to enter as many different IPA beers as they wish. Please don't enter the same beer twice.

Entries will be accepted May 7th-May 18th.

For more information go to: www.gebl.org

Judges on the 22nd are also a necessity. If you are available to judge that day please contact: Will Fredin

Brewer's Classic Golf Tournament - POSTPONED TO JULY 10TH

The Washington Homebrewers Association is proud to announce a new event on July 10th- The Brewer's Classic Golf Tournament. We'll have a couple rounds of golf, some great BBQ provided by Mop, Sauce, and Two Smoking Barrels, and there will be homebrew on every hole.

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It's \$25 per person and all proceeds go to helping share our hobby with others. Plus, it's a great excuse to get out and have some fun with a bunch of fellow brewers. We're going to have this at the same location as the Lakewood Rotary Homebrew Festival which is Ski Park Lake, near Orting, WA. The event will run 10am - 5pm.

Friends and family are welcome but every foursome needs at least one pro or homebrewer. We're also asking that each team brings some homebrew to share, preferably in kegs so we can avoid having glass on the golf course.

Go to www.brewersclassic.com for more information or email info@brewersclassic.com if you have any questions or to RSVP. We're planning on limiting the number of golfers to 50 since we don't really know how to run a golf tournament. But it'll be a great time regardless.

And don't worry - we're all pretty bad at golf. Range balls will be provided!

Beerstock 5060-2 - July 24th

After last year's resounding success of Beerstock 5060, Beerstock 5060-2 is coming up soon! Last year's festival featured about 100 people in attendance serving close to 70 beers. This year's festival will be held up in Arlington on July 24th and is limited to homebrew club members.

Each club is invited to host a table/tent and serve their club members' beers. Each club is responsible for their own jockey boxes and/or dispensing set-ups, signs, table and sun shield. Set-up begins at 1:00pm and the main event starts at 2.

Beerstock will feature:

- Sample other brew club member's beer in a Beerstock taster glass & talk with brewers.
- Bring a bottle of your home brew or pour off your tap to sit down with a BJCP beer judge and discuss its merits and brewing techniques.
 - Beer games, raffles and a beer quiz available with prizes awarded.

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- Play horseshoes, listen to live music, play croquet or walk thru the maze
- Smell and compare various hops and grains.
- Brewing demonstration
- A pot luck dinner will be held around the bon-fire. (Extra bonus points for bringing a dish made with beer.)
 - Brewing equipment garage sale

Each attendee must be a club member or club member's spouse or partner and be at least 21 years of age. All attendees will need to bring a pot-luck dish (main course provided) and any non-alcoholic beverages they would like to consume. Sorry, no dogs allowed this year. Chairs and camping gear are welcomed. Please carpool!

Each club needs to arrange their attendance and member participating through the organizers. Start brewing now for a great festival!

The Lakewood Rotary Homebrew Festival - Saturday August 14th, 2010

We're excited to be back for our second year. We had over 40 beers on tap last year and are hoping to double that this year, if not hit 100! We're lowering the volume requirement from five gallons to two gallons so bring out all your half-full kegs. The majority of the competition will take place Friday night. We'll wrap up the rest Saturday morning and play a little golf before the festival gets going on Saturday. Everyone is free to camp one or both nights. There will be \$1000 in cash prizes and tons of donated prizes as well. If you have any questions or want to let us know you're coming, email Brandon Horn. Hope to see you out there! Details will be posted at http://www.lakewoodrotaryhomebre

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