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**November Meeting  
Real Ale Competition  
Rockville, MD  
Saturday, 15 November, 2008  
12:00-6:00 PM**  
*Please see information regarding crowd control*

**December Meeting – Holiday Party  
Winter Warmer Competition  
Arlington, VA  
Wednesday, 17 December, 2008  
6:00-9:00 PM**

**January Meeting  
IPA Competition  
Gaithersburg, MD  
Saturday, 24 January, 2009  
1:00-6:00 PM**

## **November On Tap!**

*By Jamie Langlie & Alan Hew  
Co-Fearless Leaders*

Onward and upward! Wow -- In the brief time since our October newsletter, Club activities have been moving along a brisk pace. Thanks to all of the officers and volunteers who have pitched in "for the good of the order." We appreciate your service immensely. Now is the time to be thinking about "kicking it up a notch" for you, our fellow members, to consider running for a BURP office. More on the elections later in this newsletter.

### Real Ale

Be there ... or be square. Looking forward to quaffing more than a few real ales on Bill and Wendy's porch next week! More detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter. We do ask you that you please honor our hosts' request that you limit the number of non-BURP guests that you bring to this popular event – we're trying to keep the size manageable and enjoyable for all concerned. Thanks, in advance, from all of us.

### Hop Buy Happening

Hot off the press – BURP is arranging a hop buy in the very near future. Stay tuned for more details via the BURPlist and the November meeting announcement.

### October Meeting and Mead Mania

Thanks to **Jay and Gretchen Nogle** for hosting the October meeting! They have an awesome space for group gatherings, and we're hoping that they'll consider inviting BURP back again in 2009. Also, it was great that some of our colleagues from the Worthogs dropped by to share in the fun.

Our resident Mead Meisters **Yancy Bodenstein** and **Lyle Brown** did a marvelous session on mead making – if you weren't there, you missed something special. **John Syms** also contributed mead and commentary. This workshop was the kick-off for what we hope will be an on-going series of education activities, leading to more BURPers brewing mead and preparing for the new BJCP mead exam. It was especially fun to try all of the home-brewed meads and honey samples that the guys had arrayed for comparison tastings. The variation among the honeys was astounding! Yancy's imported Scottish heather variety was to die for. There was even a bottle of banana mead from a 1996 BURP mead session by Alan and **Bob Dawson**. We expect to have more detailed overview of the session in an up-coming newsletter. In the meantime, thanks again to **Yancy, Lyle, Tim Artz, Wendy Aaronson (and Jamie)** for pulling the workshop together.

### A.J. DeLange's Brewing Water Workshop

You know that BURP has some pretty serious brewers when 22 of them commit to spending nearly 4 hours on a beautiful fall afternoon, completely immersed in the subject of "Brewing Water." Many thanks to **A.J. DeLange** for sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of the topic with our Club members! We doubt that students at such renowned brewing schools as Siebel and Weihenstephan could get a more thorough overview of the subject. It's also safe to conclude that almost everyone in attendance went home with a serious case of "brewery envy" after touring A.J.'s beautiful lab and equipment. A footnote of thanks to **Jane DeLange** for graciously hosting and providing snacks, as well as to **Bill and Christie Newman**, who came by to help pour samples and set out food. A highlight of the class was getting to do a side-by-side comparison of two ales Bill and A.J. brewed from the same recipe; one using well-water and the other Burtonized-water. (Most participants preferred the untreated water version to the Burtonized.)

### New BURP Hats

BURP's new hats made their debut at the October meeting to positive acclaim. Hats are available in two different styles and cost but \$13.50. We'll be selling them at the Real Ale Meeting– bring cash so you don't

miss out on this great opportunity. (They'll also make super holiday gifts for hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives.)

### December Meeting

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for the annual BURP holiday party to be held on Wednesday, December 17, in Arlington, VA. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Please let us know if you're willing to assist.

## **From the Ministry of Culture**

*By Wendy Schmidt and Bruce Bennett  
Co-Ministers of Culture*

*The purpose of BURP monthly competitions is to further the art and science of homebrewing by providing thoughtful feedback to Club brewers and by developing a cadre of well-qualified, educated judges.*

The October monthly competitions were reduced to one competition, the Smoked and Wood Aged Ales. First place with a Classic Rauchbier went to **Mel Thompson**; second place with a Wood Aged Burbon Imperial Stout went to **Mike McGuire**; and third place with a Wood Aged Wee Heavy went to **Bill Ridgely and Wendy Aaronson**.

### Brewer of the Year (BoTY)

**Mel Thompson** continues his overwhelming lead now with a total of 40 points, **Ed Bielaus** continues in second place with 21 points. Third place is currently held by **Jamie and Paul Langlie**, and **Mike McGuire** with 12 points each, followed closely by the **Aaronridge Brewery, Wendy and Bill**, at 11 points. The November (Real Ale) competition counts towards BoTY, so right now third place is too close to call and could come down to this month's competition.

### Upcoming Monthly Competitions

The last competition in 2008, the December monthly competition, will be a popular vote contest for Winter Warmers and will not count toward BoTY. By tradition, the January 2009 competition was selected by last year's BoTY co-winners (**Mel Thompson and Ed Bielaus**) and will be IPA; this will count towards next year's (2009) BoTY competition.

## BURP Real Ale Competition 2008

*By Tom Cannon  
Co-Minister of Enlightenment*

Just a reminder that the November meeting will be in conjunction with BURP's 12th Real Ale Competition. Because of the massive number of beers we are expecting and the fact that all of the brewers would like them to be drunk (the beers, not the BURPers!), the meeting will start at 12:00 Noon. We will endeavor to have half of the kegs on from 12:00 until 2:30 and the other half from 2:45 to 5:00. The winning beers will be announced at 2:45, after the beers have been changed over.

For the competition, kegs are being accepted at Bill and Wendy's house beginning Sunday, 9 November. Please contact Bill if you are planning on dropping off a keg. Understanding that Rockville is a bit of a schlep for those of us that live in Virginia, I will be happy to transport kegs up for entries from Virginia on Tuesday evening, 11 November. Give me a call (703) 204-2256 or drop me an e-mail if you want me to take your keg up for you. **Andy Anderson** will be going up on Thursday evening and is also willing to take up kegs, but you have to drop off your keg(s) with Andy no later than Wednesday evening. You can contact him at (703) 549-7224 or [robert.w.anderson1@navy.mil](mailto:robert.w.anderson1@navy.mil). For all entries, please provide a gas-in fitting attached to each entry (unless you have a keg that can be vented without a fitting). If the fitting is attached, at the end of a piece of string, there's a much better chance that it won't disappear during the meeting. Also, please provide the style category for your beer(s) (acceptable style guidelines are on the BURP Real Ale Page <http://burp.burp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=390>), along with your estimated starting and finishing gravity and, if you have one, a clever name for your beer. All of these will be posted on the beer engine while your beer is being served at the Saturday meeting.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** The Real Ale Competition, on the Friday before the BURP meeting is a closed competition for judges and stewards only. If **Bill Ridgely** or I have not contacted you to either judge or steward, please don't show up Friday night. Don't worry, though. There will be plenty of Real Ale to drink at the meeting Saturday, and we'll make sure every entry is on for at least two and a half hours during the meeting.

Also, since we'll have plenty of Real Ale, November is a no beer meeting; that is, you don't need to bring any beer to the November meeting, unless, for some weird reason, you don't like British Style Ales!

After the meeting has started and we are confident the beer is pouring smoothly, **Andy Anderson** and I will be holding a Real Ale educational session. If you want to learn more about this distinctive style, including what is and what is not Cask Conditioned Real Ale, plan on being at the meeting at 12:00.

One final note - We are asking everyone attending this great BURP event to please respect our members' property, which are the beautiful beer engines out on Bill and Wendy's deck. Understand that these pumps are a significant investment for their owners, and, if their owners are anything like me, love them like they are one of our children. Everyone is encouraged to pull their own pints at the meeting, but please don't mess with any of the fittings, and if you think there is anything wrong with the engines, let Bill, Andy, or Tom know so we can straighten it out. We've already lost one beer engine (and a nice one) to this meeting because someone did not respect that person's property. We don't want to lose any more.

See you all at the Aaronridge Pub!

## Real Ale Festival Crowd Control

BURP's upcoming Real Ale Festival has become one of the club's premier events, and attendance has grown exponentially over the last couple of years. Last year's estimated crowd was over 150, quite a few of which were non-BURP members. The hosts would like to remind those attending that this is primarily a BURP event for BURP members. While bringing guests is not discouraged (and attendance by potential new members is greatly encouraged), the hosts would very much appreciate being contacted beforehand by all those who wish to bring guests to the event. They would also like to request that everyone attending wear a name tag this year and indicate on the tag whether they are a club member or a guest. Guests will be approached by club officers and encouraged to join the club. After all, a public Real Ale Festival such as the one held in Baltimore last month requires a fairly significant outlay of money (\$35-45 per person for the Baltimore event). A BURP membership costs only \$15 (\$20 for couples) and provides a full year of great activities outside of Real Ale (not to mention excellent educational opportunities). It's not too much to ask of those who are not already members.

Thank you all in advance for helping to keep this primarily a club event for enthusiastic real ale aficionados and not just an opportunity to consume mass quantities of free beer.

## The BURP Li-Beery Book Sale!

*By Bill Ridgely, Minister of History*

Some time ago, I announced my intention to purge older and less useful materials from the BURP li-beery by holding a book sale open to all club members. Well, the sale is finally going to happen at the BURP Real Ale Festival this month. I can still use some additional books for the sale table, so if you have any beer-related books you no longer want or need, please bring them to the meeting. All proceeds of the sale will go to the club treasury.

Briefly, here is how I plan to conduct the sale. Tables will be located in our carport with books divided by paperback and hardback. If I have time and inclination, I may do some organizing by subject area, but I can't promise. It'll be easy enough to browse and pick what you want. I'll have a bucket or basket set up to deposit money for purchases (honor system - no one will be monitoring this sale). Cash or checks (payable to BURP) will be accepted. Prices will be:

- \* Paperback books - \$0.50
- \* Hardback books - \$2.00
- \* Magazines/Periodicals - Free

There are some inscribed books in the collection I may add to the sale (mostly older editions signed by Michael Jackson). If I make these available, I'll mark them in some way and ask a bit more - \$3.00 - \$5.00 depending on condition and author.

Just to give you an idea of what will be for sale (and giveaway), here are some examples:

- \* Out of print homebrewing books (mostly English origin) and older editions of homebrewing books in print (if we have the most recent editions already in the collection).
- \* Older editions of beer travel books (such as the CAMRA "Good Beer Guides")
- \* Older issues of Zymurgy (My intention is to keep the most recent two years plus all of the "special issues")
- \* Old issues of many other beer and brewing periodicals, such as Home Fermenters Digest (an early homebrewing magazine).

Please help the club and pick up a book or two at the meeting. Anything not sold will be given to charity (except periodicals, which will go to the recycle bin). After the sale, I'll update the li-beery page on the BURP website with a listing of all current materials.

I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Cheers.

## BURP Lapel Pins and Titanium Bottle Openers Available

The club received an order of 200 beautiful BURP lapel pins, suitable for wear at all beer functions (and, they make great gifts for beer travelers). The pins are 1" in diameter, gold plated, and have a butterfly clutch on the back. Each comes in its own poly bag. Pins are being sold for \$3.00 each.

In addition to the lapel pins, the club is also selling BURP titanium bottle openers. The openers are the small "claw" style, designed for easy attachment to a key ring. We guarantee this opener will last a lifetime. The price of \$8.50 per opener is very reasonable considering the cost of titanium has skyrocketed over the last year.

Just bring cash or a check payable to BURP to the next BURP meeting for the pins and openers you would like to purchase.

## BURP Election 2008 Call for Nominations *November 15 - 30*

Our country just participated in one of the most rousing election seasons in recent memory, with thousands of candidates, volunteers and voters energized to go to bat for the greater good of our country. Whatever your party affiliation, it would be difficult not to be heartened by such an out-pouring of caring by citizens from across the political spectrum. Now, as your Fearless Leaders, we urge you to rouse yourselves from post-presidential campaign burnout and come forward to run for a BURP office. Active officers and other volunteers are crucial to the continued success of Club. Please step up to the plate and do your part to make a positive difference in the life of BURP.

***Nominations will open at the November Real Ale meeting on Saturday, November 15, and will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, November 30.***

Voting will be on-line from Wednesday, December 3 through Tuesday, December 16. Members also will have the option of casting a vote using a paper ballot at the December meeting on Wednesday, December 17.

BURP offices are:

- Fearless Leader (President)
- Minister of Culture (Competition Organizer)

- Minister of Education (Organizes Seminars, Classes, Workshops)
- Minister of History/Libeerian (Manages the Club Library and Historical Records)
- Minister of Finance (Treasurer)
- Minister of Truth (BURP Newsletter Editor)
- Minister of Propaganda (Membership)
- Minister of the Web (Manages Web Content)

Please contact Alan, Jamie, or any of the other officers, if you have questions regarding the day-to-day duties of these positions.

The BURP Officer position descriptions are as follows:

#### **Fearless Leader** (President)

**Duties:** Coordinates BURP activities with other officers. Makes announcements at meetings. Represents BURP to the public. (Which means that you can send articles to your relatives, who will do almost anything to avoid telling their neighbors what you do for fun). Initiates and coordinates major BURP activities (conferences, festival participation, etc).

#### **Minister of Culture** (Competitions)

**Duties:** Runs monthly club competitions and writes articles about styles for the BURP News. Orders awards for contests. Recruits the competition organizer for the Spirit of Free Beer or does it himself/herself. May organize trouble-shooting corner at meetings.

#### **Minister of Enlightenment** (Education)

**Duties:** Organizes educational sessions about brewing techniques or particular styles. Sets up yearly preparation courses for the BJCP exams. Holds pre-meeting commercial beer tastings to assist club members in honing style recognition skills.

#### **Minister of History** (Libeerian/Historian)

**Duties:** Maintains the BURP Libeery, a great resource, which is underutilized. Sends the BURP goon squad after people who have not returned Libeery material. Writes interesting articles based on libeery resources for BURP newsletter. Maintains the club archives and serves as de facto club historian.

#### **Minister of Finance** (Treasurer)

**Duties:** Knows where the money comes from and where it goes. Maintains the BURP bank account. Participates heavily in financial forecasting issues, such as "can we afford to front the money for club memorabilia". Makes reimbursements when presented with appropriate receipts.

#### **Minister of Propaganda** (Membership)

**Duties:** Serves as BURP'S point of contact with folks who are interested in joining. Maintains the club membership database and electronic newsletter notification e-mail list. Prints the membership cards. Sends out renewal notices.

#### **Minister of Truth** (Newsletter)

**Duties:** Edits the BURP News and gets it to you in time for you to know when and where the next meeting is. Solicits articles and people to be meeting reporters. Serves as BURP's Secretary for its official functions.

#### **Minister of the Web** (Web Page)

**Duties:** Administers burp.org. Maintains the web site. Creates new pages for upcoming BURP events and updates the web pages. Keeps the BURP Calendar current. Custodian for BurpList and BURP's administrative internet mailing lists. Maintains the @burp.org email aliases.



## Trivial Beer-Suits

*By Charlie Pavitt*

Is it really illegal to disseminate information about homebrewing in Germany? That's the claim in the first chapter of Clive La Pensee's The Historical Companion to House-Brewing, one of several books I have borrowed from **Bill Ridgely** in order to gain knowledge and wisdom on matters relevant to this column. In other words, you can't buy a book about homebrewing in the world capital of lager. I found this interesting, but couldn't find any verification on the Web. I did find the German Beer Purity and Tax Laws at <http://members.aol.com/carlaac1/private/victor/viti4.html> and learned, incidentally, that the purity law is specifically for lagers, whereas grains other than barley and additional sugars are okay for ales (I have long suspected some wording along those lines given the various wheat beers), and that the purity law is specifically stated as irrelevant to homebrewing.

But this is one of several instances of what the author paints as attempts to suppress homebrewing as commercial brewing grew through the ages. For example, a William Cobbet is credited as arguing in 1834 for the repeal of the British malt tax that is said to have taken nine million pounds from working class folks who wanted to brew their own and given four million of it to the maltsters. This led me to some very neat material through googleing "British malt tax." According to the History Channel's on-line encyclopedia, it was first imposed in 1697. Google Books has uploaded material from [British Farmer's Magazine](#) reporting on a "Meeting at Hayward's Heath, Sussex, in favour of a repeal of the malt-tax" in which a hundred tenant farmers met sometime during 1847 to discuss the resolution "that the tax upon malt is impolitic, unjust, and oppressive, in as much as it is a peculiar burden imposed upon the labouring classes, depriving them of the means to obtain sufficient necessities, restricting the cultivation of the soil, and the employment of labourers." The meeting chair, a Mr. Ellman, talked at great length about the issue, the gist of which was that the tax had been imposed to raise funds during war, and, with the war long over, it had outlived its purpose. He was followed by the proposal of two additional resolutions on the matter, the third demanding a repeal. All attending voted unanimously in favor of these resolutions, after which "the parties separated." That was certainly not the end of it, because I found an essay called "why the malt tax should be repealed"; I could not find a date on it, but relevant data included in the essay implies a mid-1860s authorship. The History Channel site concludes that the malt tax was replaced by a tax on drinking beer (??? – what if it's your own homebrew?) in 1880.

Another example La Pensee presents is a book by a Johann Gottfried Hahn, originally published in 1804 and entitled [House-Brewing, complete with a description of a Brewing Machine](#) in which Hahn rails against the discouragement of home brewing given that commercial beers were not only of poor quality but included the addition of "poisons and narcotics" to provide the appearance of drunkenness "without having to make relatively expensive alcohol," along with the bribery and complacency of law officers. Homebrewing is portrayed as producing a far more wholesome product. Incidentally, La Pensee has a drawing of the "Brewing Machine" in the title, which is an ingenious device for mashing. I couldn't find out much about the author, but it appears that the book was reprinted for its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004 and is available at on-line bookstores.

## BURP 10 and 20 Years Ago

*Compiled By Bill Ridgely*

### 20 Years Ago, Nov 1988

November's BURP meeting, held at the Oxon Hill Jaycee Center in Ft Washington, MD, was the second gathering of 1988 to feature commercial beers. The theme of this "Winter Solstice Commercial Tasting" was dark beers (befitting the reduced daylight hours of the season), although the color range of beers presented actually fell anywhere from amber to dark. BURP's primary commercial beer purveyor, **Mark Weiner** of *Berose Liquors* in the District, provided the majority of the potables, although there were a few commercial examples brought by other club members. While Mark could not make it to the meeting, he sent one of his beer experts, **Randy Mandel**, to represent him. The meeting report, contributed by **Helen Popenoe** (writing under the pen name Rhoda Roach), provided an extensive list of the beers tasted. As with the club's Summer Solstice tasting held in June, the mix included several beers that are no longer available (ex, Kenosha Dark, Albany Amber) as well as a fair number of craft brands that have survived to the current day (such as Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale). Several homebrews also graced the meeting. One in particular mentioned as a standout was **Dan Allers'** Licorice Raspberry Stout. The crowd was small at the beginning. As has been noted in past columns, depending on weather and beltway traffic, it was often difficult for club members to get to Ft Washington for a 7:00 start time on a week night (rental of the hall on a weekend was well out of the club's budget). As **John Gardiner** noted in his annual review of club activities, this meeting was a perfect example. At 7:00, perhaps 15 people had arrived, and only a couple of bags of potato chips graced the food table. By 8:00, however, the crowd had quadrupled, and the food table was laden with goodies. At least there was no ice storm on this night, as there was for one BURP holiday banquet held at this venue, when fewer than 25 people made it to the event.

The contents of the combined Oct-Nov 1988 [BURP News](#) were fully covered in last month's column. However, one brief note of historical interest - the editor had just converted to Word Perfect as the software for creating the newsletter, and two versions of the Oct-Nov newsletter were actually created - one in column format and one in the format used up to that time without columns. The version mailed out to members had no columns, but the Oct-Nov issue was still the first in which the column format was attempted. Columns were used exclusively in the Dec 1988 issue, and subsequent editors never returned to the earlier formatting.

## 10 Years Ago, Nov 1998

BURP's 2nd Real Ale Competition and Festival was held in Nov 1998 at the **Aaronridge** residence in Rockville. The club's "engineer extraordinaire" **Bob Dawson** built and installed special racks on the back deck to hold the donated beer engines. The format begun a year earlier at **Andy Anderson's** house was again followed, with closed judging of the beers on Friday night and the festival, open to all club members, on Saturday. Club members were given the enviable task of finishing the beer in all of the competition kegs. By happenstance this year, the *Brickskeller's* monthly beer tasting led by **Bob Tupper** was held the week before and featured English Cask Ale, so those BURPers who attended Bob's tasting were given a great opportunity to sample some genuine English examples flown in just for the occasion. There was no meeting report on BURP's event published in the newsletter, but luckily, a nice set of annotated photos was posted to the BURP website at <http://burp.org/meetings/199811.htm>. I'll use these to provide a brief review and include my own reminiscences. There were a total of 29 beers in the competition. Judging was done by 12 people, including professional brewer (from *Old Dominion*) **John Mallett**. The BOS judges were **Tim Artz**, **Jim Busch**, **John Mallett**, and **Bill Newman**. At the end of the evening, winners were announced (although awards were not given out until the following day) - 1st place and Champion Real Ale, **Keith Chamberlin** (ESB); 2nd place, **Bob Dawson** (Brown Porter), and 3rd place **Steve Marler** (Strong Ale). Following the announcements, a nice photo of all participants was taken by **Ken Graham** on the back deck. **Colleen Cannon** is particularly fetching stretched out in the front row of the group.

At the Festival the following day, a large and lively crowd enjoyed pulling their own pints through the beer engines loaned by BURP members, and the food tables were piled high with good eats. The weather was cool but not frigid. Your humble compiler's primary recollection of the day, however (borne out from the photos), is negligence in not raking the leaves in the backyard prior to the event. By the end of the day, the inside of the house was literally carpeted with dead leaves. Luckily, overnight guest **Al Lowry** graciously swept up the leaves while the hosts relaxed outside in the hot tub. They remain forever grateful to Al for his hard work that night on their behalf. And at subsequent real ale events, the back yard has been thoroughly cleaned of leaves prior to the arrival of the masses.

As mentioned in last month's column, there was no BURP News published in Nov 1998, so there are no contents to report. However, I did recently rediscover a

copy of the Dec 1998 issue, and I'll cover that one in next month's column.

## Mem-beer-sip Update

*By Christine Johnbrier, Ministrix of Propaganda*

Please keep your contact information up-to-date...most importantly, your email address. If you are not receiving an electronic notification each month with the newsletter link, that means I don't have your current email address! Send your contact information to [membership@burp.org](mailto:membership@burp.org) and I'll see that your info is updated.

CURRENT MEM-BEER-SIP STATS:

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: 278  
 FAMILY: 83 (x2) 166  
 INDIVIDUAL: 88  
 HONORARY: 24

## Hop Notes from the Li-Beery

*By Bill Ridgely, Minister of History*

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, the long awaited BURP book sale will take place at the Nov meeting. In this column, I'd like to bring you up to date on new acquisitions as well as other news on where I hope to take the li-beery in the near future.

Once the book sale is over, I'll update the website to include all materials that will remain in the collection. In addition to books, the li-beery currently receives a free subscription to Zymurgy, and I have asked the officers to approve the purchase of an annual subscription to Brew Your Own, the other periodical that I consider invaluable to homebrewers. While I certainly encourage all BURPers to join the AHA, for those of you who are not inclined or able to join, I will provide the link for the table of contents of each current issue of Zymurgy ([http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/zymurgy\\_magazine/current\\_issue.html](http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/zymurgy_magazine/current_issue.html)) as well as the table of contents of the current issue of Brew Your Own (<http://byo.com/>). If you see an article of interest, simply contact me at [ridgely@burp.org](mailto:ridgely@burp.org) (or call 301-762-6523), and I'll make a copy of your requested article and bring it to the next BURP meeting. Also, note that both the Zymurgy and BYO websites have fairly sophisticated search engines, so you can find info from past issues. I'll also be happy to make copies from older issues since I intend to keep at least 2 years of both publications (and all of the past special issues of Zymurgy). In addition to these periodicals, the club owns a number of issues of the now defunct Brewing Techniques magazine. These

still contain a lot of great brewing info. While the full text of some articles is available for free on the [Brewing Techniques](http://www.brewingtechniques.com/) archival site (<http://www.brewingtechniques.com/>), not all articles are available. If you see an article on the site that looks interesting, but the full text is not provided online, just contact me. We may have that issue in our collection, and I'll make a copy for you.

#### New Items in the Li-Beery:

These books are currently on order and will be available in the library shortly:

CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2009  
 CAMRA Good Beer Guide to Germany  
 CAMRA Good Beer Guide to Prague and the Czech Republic  
 Great Beers of Belgium, 6th Ed (Michael Jackson) - Possibly the last edition of this book as it was just being completed at the time of Jackson's passing

I have several more books I plan to request budgetary approval for and will have an update in my next column.

Remember, you can check out the BURP li-beery listing at any time at <http://burp.burp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=414>. If you would like a book loaned to you, just let me know, and it will be delivered to you at the next BURP meeting. And, as always, if there is a book that you feel should be added to the collection, please contact me at the address above.

If you are planning to brew a specific beer style and need some guidance, I may be able to help you with an appropriate publication. Just contact me at the e-mail address or phone number above.

And thanks, as always, for your support.

Cheers, Bill

### **Editor's Corner**

*By Beth Madden, Minister of Truth*

Thanks to the BURP membership for their contributions to this newsletter. As always, I invite anyone interested in submitting anything from a feature or general interest articles to travelogues, recipes, etc. to do so. Please send to [madfox@comcast.net](mailto:madfox@comcast.net).

Cheers – T.I.W.

## ***BURP Doxology***

*Praise BURP from whom beer blessings flow,  
 Praise BURP ye brewers here below,  
 Praise BURP above ye heavenly hosts,  
 Praise barley, hops and yeast the most  
 Aaaaaaaaaaaa, Drink!  
 (Al Lowry, 1994)*

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