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BURP NEWS

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BREWERS UNITED FOR REAL POTABLES

I was at a bar nursing a beer. My nipple was getting quite soggy.
Emo Philips



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**May Meeting
Chili Cook-off
Fairfax, VA
May 7, 2011**

**SoFB
Falls Church, VA
May 14, 2011**

**June Meeting, SoFB leftovers
Gaithersburg, MD
June 11, 2011**

**July Meeting, Meads
Nokesville, VA
July 16, 2011**

**MASHOUT
Rocky Gap, MD
Fri-Sun, Aug 19-21, 2011**

Mel's Meanderings

By Mel Thompson, Fearless Leader



Whew! BURP dodged a bullet on Saturday, April 16th! The weather report kept getting worse as we closed in on the scheduled day and we finally made the decision to postpone the meeting until Sunday.

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As it turned out, Saturday was as bad as the most severe local weather prediction and Sunday was beautiful. We were concerned that the turnout would be light with the last minute change, but the meeting was very well attended. I'm sure the beautiful weather had a lot to do with it, but maybe we need to schedule another Sunday meeting to see if occasionally meeting on Sunday's works for the majority. What do you think?

OK, so attendance was good considering, but also, the food and especially the beer contributions were not bad either. **Eric Wolfe** had 4 different Belgian styles that were excellent, including the presentation in corked bottles. **Chris Sowell**, who can't drink for a little while longer due to some medical issues (I can relate to that Chris – thank God my required abstinence from beer was for a short duration), brought several of his very hoppy beers and I hope everyone got a chance to eat his beer marinated chicken wings and pork. Delicious! Fairly new member, **Sheldon Greenberg**, had a tasty Belgian ale of about 8% abv and proceeded to take a ribbon home in the Belgian Strong Ale Competition. New members keep showing up with very tasty beer. It's very heartening to see the number of actual brewers in BURP increasing at such a rate. I wish I could remember everyone's name to mention who brought delicious homebrew and food to share. All of your fellow BURPers sincerely thank you.

We did lose several "regulars" due to the meeting change. To name a few, **Mark Hogenmiller** was unable to attend because it was his spouse's birthday. Hey Mark, what better way to celebrate her birthday than to bring her to a BURP meeting? Yeah, right. Mark did get to the meeting early and set up the raffle. More on that later. **The Cannons**, I'm sure, were at the Nationals double header and **Janet Crowe, Dave and Becky Pyle**, and a number of others who rarely miss a meeting were not in attendance. We apologize for having to make the change but didn't feel we had much of a choice.

In trying to get the word out on the meeting change, I discovered that BURP, unbeknownst to many BURPers including myself, has two Facebook pages – a Facebook page and a Facebook Group. I hope that there is some way to consolidate them to

eliminate the redundancy in the near future. But then, I don't know s*** about Facebook and cuss myself every time I check out my page over all the time I waste. I know that it is important to many of you and you don't feel that you are wasting your time. So, it's appropriate that BURP has embraced this important form of communication – I think. Check them out. **Eric Wolfe** is the administrator for the Facebook Page, and **Mike Reinitz** and **John Foulke** administer the Group.

The raffle was another big success with \$254 in ticket sales resulting in \$127 donated in BURP's name to the Arlington Free Clinic, the charity selected by our meeting hosts, **Bud and Helen Hensgen**. Thanks for your generosity! Though Mark, your Minister of Prosperity, couldn't attend, he brought all the prizes prior to the meeting and turned over the job to new member, **Eric Hedge** who proved to be quite the salesman. The "big" prizes consisted of a Guinness bar mirror for second place and the grand prize of a \$35 gift certificate to My Local Homebrew Store. In addition, Mark set up the 3 PM early bird case of beer prize. Even in his absence, Mark comes through for BURP. It's a difficult and time consuming job both before and during the meetings. Give him some kudos next time you see him.

The May meeting is one of BURP's best - the annual Chili Competition. If I could only pick 2 or 3 meetings of the year to attend, this would be on that list. BURP has some extraordinary cooks along with incredible beer makers. You will get to sample some of both at this annual event. Don't miss it. If you want to participate in the chili or "best beer with chili" competitions, the rules are in this newsletter. If you don't compete, remember to bring a contribution of beer and food to compliment the chili theme. Oh, and you might bring some Tums for dessert. **Bob and Kathleen Warriner** are your Chili Commissioners and will run the competition. They will be watching for ballot box stuffers. And, don't forget to thank the chili makers. They invest a lot of time and their own \$ into providing you with some of the best chili you will ever have the opportunity to sample.

Entries for Spirit of Free Beer will be collected at the May meeting for those who have not previously

submitted them. This is the last chance to get your entries in. If you haven't signed up to judge or steward, sign up on the BURP website.

I sign off with the BURP mantra: "Bring more beer than you will drink and more food than you will eat".

Cheers

BURP 10 and 20 Years Ago

Compiled By Bill Ridgely

20 Years Ago, May 1991

The May 1991 BURP meeting featured the 7th annual BURP Chili Cook-off, hosted this year by **Emil & Ruth Markulis** at their home in Lanham, MD. Prizes were donated once again by the *Hard Times Café* in Alexandria and included gift certificates for free meals, chili aprons, and lots of other fine chili-appropriate swag. The weather was on the cool side, so the heat generated by the chili stoves (and the chilis themselves) was greatly appreciated. There were 11 entries in the competition, and as the cooks did their work, BURPers enjoyed a fine spread of other edibles along with some excellent brews. On the homebrew side, "Brewer of the Month" **Dick Roepke** provided an excellent English Mild Ale made from the club-provided ingredients kit. This was a style new to many members, especially those who had never been to the UK, and Dick's interpretation was wonderfully drinkable for a low-gravity ale. On the commercial side, *Virginia Brewing Co* donated a keg of Gold Cup Pilsner for the 2nd year in a row. This crisp and hoppy lager also went very, very well with the heat of the chilis - at least until the CO2 ran out. Fortunately, as mentioned in Prez **Ralph Bucca's** column in the next newsletter, "some quick thinking and a bicycle pump kept the beer flowing". A number of other beers, both homebrewed and commercial, were made available by the large crowd of attendees.

And for the first time, a keg of non-alcoholic soda was contributed to the meeting, courtesy of **Jim Dorsch** (who came up with the idea of having something non-alcoholic - and preferably homemade - available at every meeting). At the end of the afternoon, the competition winners were announced: **Al Lowry** took 1st prize, **Bill Ridgely** took 2nd, and **Erik & Laraine Henchal** took 3rd. The styles and names of the winning chilis were unfortunately not mentioned in the newsletter, but it was generally acknowledged that, had there been a separate vote for "hottest chili" (which there wasn't at that time), **Al's** recipe would have taken that prize as well. And speaking of the **Henchal's** - they took four more prizes in the monthly raffle. **Erik** explained it best - "Nine tickets seems to do the trick. Try it yourself at the next meeting!"

On a side note, on May 17, I received notice that one of my entries had moved into the 2nd (and final) round of the 1991 National Homebrew Competition. It was noted on the letter that there had been over 1,600 entries in the 1st round, judged at 3 separate judging sites. The finals were to be judged at the National Homebrew Conference scheduled for Manchester, NH on June 19 (and therein lies a future story for these archives).

The May 1991 issue of *BURP News* kicked off with my article "Driving Mr Jackson". My reminiscences about transporting the Bard of Beer to the BURP reception held at **Chuck & Helen Popenoe's** the previous month also made it into *Barleycorn*, the regional brewspaper. This was followed by a cornucopia of great writing from the very prolific **Jim Dorsch**, including a nice overview of the Burton Union fermentation system, reports on both the April BURP meeting and a "competitive beer tasting" held at *Hard Times Café* that month, and a nice story (in honor of BURP's 10th anniversary) on the first homebrew recipe used by the aforementioned **Chuck Popenoe** in the early 50's. Chuck's recipe consisted of 1 can of malt extract (which could be found in any grocery store at the time), 12 cups of cane sugar, 2 lbs of honey, and 2 cakes of baking yeast (since there was no genuine brewing yeast available). Jim also contributed his regular "Whole BURP Catalog" and completed the issue with a great overview of the various Bock Beer styles.

10 Years Ago, May 2001

As had now become a club tradition, two big events occupied the BURP Club's May calendar - the Chili Cook-off followed immediately by the Spirit of Free Beer Homebrew Competition. This was an especially poignant cook-off meeting because it was the final one to take place at the Vienna, VA home of longtime BURPer **John Esparolini**. The owner of the house planned on demolishing it, and John (who rented the house with its beautiful shaded lawn) was being forced to move elsewhere. It was nice to reminisce about the many excellent meetings that had taken place on the site over the years. A goodly crowd showed up early to fire up their chili pots, and the smell of the fine concoctions soon wafted over the neighborhood. As the chefs prepared their masterpieces, Spirit of Free Beer organizer **Andy Anderson** and his staff set up shop in the driveway, collecting entries for the big competition scheduled one week later. In another part of the yard, Culture Minister **Alison Skeel** organized a special judging of homebrewed saison-style beers to select the club's entry in the Hennepin clone competition scheduled for June at *Brewery Ommegang* in Cooperstown, NY. Entrants had all been given vials of the exact yeast used to ferment Hennepin and a few guidelines provided by Ommegang head brewer **Randy Thiel**. It was a fun experiment. BURPer **John Dittmann** came away with the winning beer. He planned to represent the club at the event and invited all interested BURPERs to join him at the brewery on June 2 for the multi-club finals.

At 2:00, voting began for the best (and hottest) chili. Winners were announced at close of balloting at 4:00. The team of **Dona Lee** and **Beth Fox** (with helpers **Woody Lee**, **Bill Madden**, and **Johnnie & Peggy Hood**) took 1st place with their "Bison Bite Chili". The team of **Tom & Colleen Cannon**, **Pat & Janet Crowe**, and **Steve Marler** took 2nd with their "Jackelope Chili", and the team of **Paul Fiorino** and **Jennifer Beer** took 3rd with their "Planet of the Apes Chili". Voted hottest (in 2001 and nearly all subsequent years) was "Satan's Sphincter" from **Rick Garvin & Christine Lewis** (now **Johnbrier**).

The 9th annual Spirit of Free Beer Competition took place at *Old Dominion Brewing Co.* on May 19 & 20, 2001. The full list of winners and participants can be viewed at <http://www.burp.org/events/sofb/results/win2001.asp>. **Ed Bielaus & Mark Polnasek** took Best of Show with their Kolsch (always nice to see one of the lighter, more delicate styles win a major competition). Second and third place both went to **Andy Anderson** for his Belgian Tripel and Scotch Wee Heavy Ale respectively. A couple of other names of note - the late **George Fix** took a 2nd place in Light Lager (with his Dortmunder Export), and the late **Bill Moe** took a 1st in Belgian & French Ales with his all-extract Witbier. Spirit of Free Beer now awards a prize each year for the best extract beer in the competition in honor of **Bill Moe**, who sadly died of cancer in Oct 2001.

The May 2001 issue of *BURP News* featured teasers for both Spirit of Free Beer and the upcoming Hennepin Clone competition (the latter from **Brett Schneider** of the sponsoring club, the Boston Wort Processors). Most of the remainder of the newsletter was comprised of announcements for other upcoming events - a Southern Belgium bike tour (Oct), Virginia wine country bike tour (May), annual homemade wine tasting at **Ralph Bucca's** (Jun), and the Free State Homebrew Club Guild's annual picnic at Patapsco Park (Jun). Your humble compiler also contributed a review of the *Abbey Brewing Co* in Miami Beach, FL. On a sad note, this newsletter also announced the closing of the iconic Brew & Wine Masters homebrew supply shop in Rockville, MD. **Reuben & Judi Rudd** had opened the shop in 1981, and it had been a major part of the local homebrewing community for 20 years. Bad economic conditions finally forced closure of the shop, and Reuben & Judi subsequently moved to California.

From the Ministry of Culture

By Wendy Aaronson and Mike Evans, Co-Ministers of Culture



A purpose of BURP monthly competitions is to encourage a brewer to advance their brewing skills either by improving recipe formulation and technique based on objective feedback from score sheets or by experimenting with styles they have never brewed. A competition promotes education and the availability of great tasting home-brewed beer at meetings.

April 2011 Belgian Strong Ale Competition Results

We had 13 smooth, but powerful kick-butt Belgian strong ales brewed by eight brewers and one brewing team. For three of the brewers, this was the first time they entered beers in a monthly competition. Many thanks to the entrants for sharing their exceptionally tasty products: **Eric Wolfe** (Tripel, Dubbel, and Dark Strong), **Mike Evans** (Golden Strong and Dark Strong), **Team Langlie** (Dark Strong), **Chris Sowell** (2 different Tripels), **Bud Hensgen** (Dark Strong), **Aaron Share** (Tripel), **Mark Hogenmiller & Dave Pyle** (Belgian Blonde), **Tim Artz** (Dark Strong), and **Sheldon Greenberg** (Dark Strong). Also, many thanks to our outstanding panel of judges: **Andy Anderson**, **Matt Pyle**, **Chris Mitchel**, **Craig Somers**, **Christie Newman**, **Jude Wang**, and **Steve Marler**. Four beers were sent to a BOS round. The debate lasted almost 30 min until they

knocked out Chris's Tripel Number 2. They had a tough decision. They eventually agreed about the top three. Mike Evans took first and second with his Golden Strong named, "What is this?" and Dark Strong named, "Impending Hangover"; respectively. Sheldon Greenberg who is new to competitions took third with his Dark Strong named, "Hey Abbott". All entrants should be congratulated for the high quality of their beers. This is a style that can easily have fusel alcohols and other unpleasant fermentation by-products present. I tried each beer and not one of them gave me a punch between the eyes. Check out the recipe below from Eric Wolfe for his Dark Strong. I particularly enjoyed this complex beer.

Brewer of the Year

There are now 33 brewers on the BOTY spreadsheet! The last month's leaders, Team Aaronridge (11) didn't compete this month so Mike Evans (14) overtook them after winning first and second and Chris Sowell (11) is tied with them. It's still real early in the game. **Team Langlie** (7), **Steve Marler** (5), and **Tim Artz** (5) are not far behind.

Upcoming Competitions:

In May: This is the Best Beer with Chili competition. Everyone has one of these in storage. It is judged by the consumers in the same way as the chili; that is, by popular accord measured by secret ballot. So bring a keg or case of whatever you think goes with spicy food. Entrants with a keg or other large quantity (e.g., 12 bottles) will receive 1 BOTY point. Because this is a popular vote competition, BOTY points will not be awarded for placing; however there are ribbons and bragging rights. Entries can be in any form of container (kegs, growlers, bottles, party pigs, etc.). Please pre-register so we can create a beer label. Send us an email to Culture@burp.org with the following information by Thursday, May 5: Brewer Name(s), Division (Individual, Team, New Brewer/Extract), Category and Subcategory, Beer Name (optional).

In July: We will have a Mead competition in July. Please refer to the BJCP style guidelines <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/meadintro.php>. This includes BJCP styles Traditional mead

([category 24](#)) Melomel or fruit mead ([category 25](#)) and Other Mead such as metheglin and braggot ([category 26](#)).

In August: We will have two competitions, American Lager ([Cat 1A-C](#))/California Common ([Cat 7B](#)) and Specialty/Experimental/Historical ([Cat 23](#)) which is an AHA Club-Only Competition.

For recipe ideas, there are several books in the BURP library. Contact **Bill Ridgely**, and he will bring these to the May meeting.

Spirit of Free Beer on Saturday May 14: It is hard to believe, but SOFB is only a few weeks away and a lot of folks are working hard to register entries, get great prizes, find stewards and judges, collect beers and promote the competition. BURP is recognized as a club that can organize and conduct a high quality competition and as a result, we are the only MCAB qualifying competition in the Mid-Atlantic region. **Team Aaronridge** has fifteen entries. How many do you have?

Full competition rules and registration information are available on the BURP webpage at: <http://brew.burp.org/Events/SpiritofFreeBeer2011.aspx>. You must use the online registration. After creating a registration profile, you may login to the site throughout the registration period to manage your beer entry info. Registration fees can be paid using PayPal, cash or checks made payable to BURP. Also, although you may drop off entries at the May 7 BURP meeting, we request that you register by May 6. By doing so, the registrar (**Mike Evans**), Cooler Guy (**Mitch Pilchuk**), and volunteers will have more time to organize entries and enjoy the chili cook-off.

If you can't make it to the May 7 BURP meeting, there are 4 drop off locations: MyLHBS in Falls Church, VA; MD Homebrew in Columbia, MD; Flying Barrel in Frederick, MD and Cairo Wine & Liquor in DC.

Check the SOFB sponsor page daily and watch the prize commitments roll in. Tom Cannon, the judge coordinator, has a solid team of BJCP judges. At last count he has 3 BJCP judges per table. Terri Fischer, the steward coordinator, also has a long list of stewards. However, we still may need help

organizing entries at the BURP meeting and at Chris Sowell's house on Sunday, May 8. We know it's Mother's Day. That's why we are getting an early start at 9 on Sunday morning. We should be done by early afternoon. Join in the fun and contact us at culture@burp.org if you can help organize on Sunday morning. We look forward to having one of the best SoFB's yet!

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Recipe Corner

#33 Krak / Belgian Dark Strong

By Eric Wolfe

Batch size is 16 gal.

OG: 1.073

FG: 1.012

30 lb Maris Otter

4.0 lb Munich malt

1.0 lb Special B

4.0 lb Jaggery (palm sugar)

1.0 lb Molasses

2.0 oz Challenger (7.5%) for 60 min

1.0 oz East Kent Goldings (5%) for 30 min

1.0 oz Saaz (3.3%) for 60 min

1.0 oz East Kent Goldings (5%) for 15 min

2 tablespoon Gypsum in the mash

3 Whirlfloc tablets in the last 15 min of boil

1 pkg Belgian Ardennes yeast (Wyeast labs #3522)

Contact Eric for the mash and fermentation specifics.

Get Ready for the 26th Annual BURP Chili Cook-Off!



Fire up the cook stoves! Tweak those recipes! The 2011 quest for BURP's best chili is upon us.

The 26th annual BURP Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the home of **Dan Allers & Christina Wren** in Fairfax, VA. If you like chili, this is the place for you. In the past we have had hot, sweet, weird and even vegetarian chili. **Jim & Fred Parker** of *Hard Times Café* will once again be sponsoring the cook-off. This will be their 25th year supporting the event.

Last year, the team of **Dona Lee, Beth Madden,** and **Danger Korabik** took top honors for their chorizo, bacon, and smoked turkey-based "Hog Cabin Chili". I'm sure these folks will be back again this year to defend their title. We even had a fish chili last year (**Bags & Mark Howard's** "Holy Mackerel Kingfish Chili") which took 2nd place in the competition.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three chili's plus a special prize for the hottest chili. Winning recipes will appear in an upcoming issue of BURP News.

The meeting will start at 1:00 PM, with tasting and judging from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Chili cooks may arrive as early as 9:00 AM to set up their tables. Light off time is 10:00 AM. Chili chefs are encouraged to use the driveway for unloading and loading. Driveway parking is reserved for Spirit of Free Beer organizers' vehicles for checking in entries.

Here are the rules. These will be strictly enforced by this year's Chili Commissioners, **Bob & Kathleen Warriner**.

* Chili must be prepared on site. All ingredients must be combined and cooked at the meeting, although materials may be cut and prepared beforehand. No pre-cooking of any ingredients is permitted.

* The recipe must include at least one bottle of beer - Homebrew is best.

* Sabotage of other contestants' chili will not be permitted.



* Voting will be conducted by all attending. Votes will be for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place chili plus hottest chili. Chili cooking teams will be allowed one (and only one) team vote to assure voting fairness.

Ballots will be distributed, controlled, and counted by the Commissioners.

* Chili recipes must be provided to BURP on request.

Participants should bring their own stove and table to cook and serve chili. If you do not have this, please make arrangements to share with someone. If you plan to cool hot pots or pans on the ground or are placing a burner/grill directly on the grass, you must bring a heat shield to protect the grass (a thick newspaper, blanket, or pad will work). A portable awning is also useful for protection from the elements. Bribing of judges is frowned upon, but the Commissioner appreciates attempts to influence him. Use of road kill and other "exotic" meats is encouraged.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, while chili is being prepared, there will be an ongoing "Best Beer with Chili" competition (judged by all present). And entries for the upcoming BURP Spirit of Free Beer homebrew competition will be accepted throughout the meeting.

NOTE – A container and trash cans will be provided for discard of used cooking oil, fat, scraps, and all refuse. Please do not toss these on the ground. Please stay out of herb gardens, vegetable gardens and other plantings.

BEER YE, BEER YE!!! BEER DINNER AT MAD FOX SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The BURP officers cordially invite you to join the membership in a Private dinner to be held at the Mad Fox Brewing Company, Sunday June 5, 2011. There will be a five course dinner featuring the beers of Bill Madden, executive brewer, paired with menu selections from Russel Cunningham, executive chef at Mad Fox Brewing Company. That's great news in itself, but it gets even better. The cost of the dinner is \$65, including tax and tip, but for ACTIVE BURP MEMBERS ONLY, THE COST OF THE DINNER IS ONLY \$55. This is being subsidized by BURP to show appreciation to its members for their support of events and fundraising throughout the year.

When: June 5, 2011
Time: 5 P.M.
Where: Mad Fox Brewing Company
444 West Broad Street, Suite I (eye)
Falls Church, VA 22046

RSVP with Payment no later than May 27, 2011:
Bud Hensgen
1327 N. Vernon St.
Arlington, VA 22201-4836

Questions?: beerdinner@burp.org

The fine print: There is room for only 65 people. Bottom Line: get your check, payable to BURP, with list of guest names, to Bud Hensgen by the cut-off date, Friday May 27th. The last event BURP hosted sold out, so orders will be filled on first come first serve basis. This is a Members-only private event; non-members will need to be sponsored by a member. Single members are eligible for one ticket at the \$55 rate, Family members are eligible for two tickets at the \$55 rate; honorary members and guest of members-- \$65. We ask members to limit initial orders to 4 tickets, if you require additional tickets e-mail beerdinner@burp.org for availability.

See you there!

be limited. Instead, we encourage you to hang out afterward.

From the Ministry of Culture

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Important Reminders for Spirit of Free Beer, Saturday, May 14th

1. All BURP members, please bring empty six-pack holders and cases to the May BURP meeting. We need these to organize and transport the competition beers.
2. All entrants please register your beers on-line via the SOFB Registration page by Friday, May 6th at midnight. This will allow us to have complete entry information, labels, and numbers assigned, at the May meeting. The entry preparation process will be smoother and faster for the Registrars. Even if you are dropping off or bringing entries to the May meeting, we would like you to register on-line ahead of time. BURP members who are participating in the competition are not allowed to hand-carry their entries to the competition. The BURP meeting is your final opportunity to bring beers for entry.
3. If you are planning to drop off your beer at one of our drop-off sites, please get your beer there by Friday evening, 6 p.m. This will allow us to ensure your beer is included in the sorting and delivery of beers to Mad Fox on the day after the BURP meeting.
4. Please comply with the standard 12 oz. bottle size. All beers will be transported in standard 4x6-pack case boxes. Irregular shaped bottles require special handling and increase the risk of accidental mishandling.
5. Volunteers are still needed to help with the sorting and transport of beers during and after the May BURP meeting. A sorting party will convene at Chris Sowell's house on Sunday, May 8th, to organize the bottles and transport them to Mad Fox. Contact Mike Evans (sofb_registrar@burp.org) if you can help.
6. Mad Fox Brewing will be open to the public for dining so it is extremely important that we keep the competition moving so we are finished with the afternoon session by 3:30 and Best of Show can commence immediately afterward. To accomplish this, stewards will keep the facility organized and clean. Also, socializing time will

Hop Notes from the Li-Beery

By Bill Ridgely, Minister of History



The new issue of Brew Your Own (May-Jun 2011) has arrived in the li-beery. The full contents of the issue as well as full text versions of several of the articles will eventually be available on the BYO website at <http://www.byo.com>. The lead article is "Brew Like a Viking!", with good tips and clone recipes for several beers from the Scandinavian craft beer revolution. My favorite article, however, is on "Gose", the obscure lambic-like wheat beer style from Leipzig, Germany now making a comeback. The author provides a good history of the style as well as two Gose recipes (an all grain recipe plus an extract with added grains recipe). Finally, there's a good comparative review of five recipe formulation software tools (including a relatively new smartphone app called "Brew Pal").

The latest April-May issue of the Mid-Atlantic Brewing News is now available online in full text. Check it out on the MABN website at <http://www.brewingnews.com/mid-atlantic/>. Just click on the link for the "online edition".

As always, the contents of the BURP li-beery are available anytime for your perusal at <http://brew.burp.org/Brewing/ClubLiBeery.aspx>. 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. And 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.

Cheers, Bill

BURP Prosperity Report

By Mark E. Hogenmiller Minister of Prosperity



Raffle News – Early Bird Special – For those that were at the meeting, they may have noticed that we again had a special raffle at 3:00PM for a case of beer. This next meeting will be the last one in which we do this, in order to encourage early participation in the raffle. So make sure you see the raffle ticket seller before 2:59 PM to be included in the early bird draw.

Thanks to my ticket seller **Eric Hedge** for helping out in the raffle sales this month.

Charity of the Month - The charity for April was the Arlington Free Clinic (AFC). Since 1993, AFC has been filling the gap in access to medical care for Arlington's underserved population. They do not receive federal or county funding and continue to be our community's only free medical safety net for adults. Last year, their team of over 700 volunteers, including 170 physicians, made a significant difference in the lives of over 1,600 individuals and their families.

\$127 was donated to the Arlington Free Clinic on behalf of BURP. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Merchandise News - We still have the following available:

BURP Lapel Pins - \$3 (make great exchange gifts while pub crawling)

BURP Titanium Bottle Openers (last a lifetime) - \$8.50

BURP Baseball Caps (Blue or Tan) - ~~\$13.50~~

CLEARANCE SALE now \$10

See me at the next meeting to purchase merchandise.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Treasury reports and the newsletter being in the public domain, Treasury Reports are now posted at the member's only [BURP financial page](#) on the club's web site

BURP members are reminded that all expense submissions must include details. Required details are date, exact amount, detailed item description, any special circumstances, and name of person to be reimbursed. Event coordinators should maintain a spreadsheet for their project. Correspondence can be sent to me at prosperity@burp.org.

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<i>BURP Doxology</i>
<p><i>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 Aaaaaaaaaa, Drink!</i></p> <p>Al Lowry, 1994</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Designated Driver Program</p> <p>In its quest to promote the safe and responsible enjoyment of homebrewed beer, BURP is pleased to offer its Designated Driver Program. If you are a designated driver, you will receive complimentary door prize tickets. Note: Non-alcoholic beverages are not provided by the club. Please bring your own supply to club events.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guide for New Members</p> <p>Bring more beer than you drink; bring more food than you eat. Find the nametags and put one on. Sample (i.e., drink a small quantity of) other people's beers and make constructive comments. Give other people samples of your beer. Chat freely with the first stranger you meet; that person won't be a stranger for long. Don't drive while intoxicated.</p>
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