

BURP NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the
BREWERS UNITED FOR REAL POTABLES

*"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."
~ Benjamin Franklin*



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July 2007

4305 Vermont Ave
Alexandria, VA 22304



July Meeting
Light Lager Competition
At the Bennett-Cosier Residence
Nokesville, VA
Saturday, 21 July, 2007
1:00-6:00 PM

August Meeting - MASHOUT
American Wheat and Rye and
Weizen/Weissbier Competition
At Popenoe Mountain
Cumberland, MD
17-19 August, 2007
Details Inside

September Meeting - Oktoberfest
All German Styles
At the Rorick Residence
Upper Marlboro, MD
TBD September, 2007
1:00-6:00 PM

Everybody Into The Pool!

By Kathy Koch, Fearless Leader

What a great thought in light of the super hot weather we've been having. Thanks to the hospitality of **Bruce Bennett and Nancy Cosier**, that's what we'll be saying at our next meeting on July 21st.

Our June gathering on the lovely lawn at **Rod Rydlun's** included a challenge set up by **Wendy Aaronson** to find the most "stylish" BURPer. She set up a tasting of Spirit of Free Beer (SOFB) entries and we tried to identify the BJCP style categories the brewers claimed their beers were. Those of us at the bottom of the style-o-meter could only find solace in the fact that we had lots of company. **Craig Somers** was the stylin' winner in the effort. Everybody at the meeting ended up winners as well, as we enjoyed the FREE, leftover SOFB entries.

We also celebrated the successes of our brewers who garnered prize recognition at the May SOFB competition. Prize coordinator **Trish Koch** doled out the ribbons and accompanying loot to the happy brewers.

There was another crowd of happy brewers gathered on July 8 at the Washington Nationals baseball game, and it wasn't the losing team from Milwaukee. Thanks to the organizational efforts of **Steve Marler**, 41 BURP members as well as a ballpark of baseball fans saw our group's name in lights. The event began with a tailgate coordinated by **Bill and Beth Madden** which included burgers and hot dogs and lots of yummy beer and food contributions by all in attendance. The Nats' won big, as did the homebrewers in the upper deck.



T'is the Season for Saison

*By Jamie Langlie and Jeanie Osburn,
Co-Ministers of Culture*

The purpose of BURP's 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.

With summer nearly half over; it's time to think about MASHout in August and our celebration of all beers German in September. I hope to see around the pool on the 21st and hear about your current batches of homebrew in the fermenter or the lagering tank.

Cheers to our winners of Junel's Belgian Style Ales competition; Saison and Biere de Garde. Our winners are:

1st Place- **Jim Busch**, Category 16C (Saison) Beer name – no name

2nd Place- **Paul Langlie**, Category 16C (Saison) Beer name – no name

3rd Place- **Mel Thompson**, Category 16D (Biere de Garde), Beer name- no name

Thanks to all who entered, and a big thanks to our judges, **Dave Pyle**, **Mike Neith**, **Craig Somers**, and **Don Kaliher**.

July finds us pool-side enjoying something on the summery side; Light Lagers, Category 1 all styles; 1A- Lite American Lager, 1B-Standard American Lager, 1C-Premium American Lager, 1D-Munich Helles, and 1E-Dortmunder Export. Details on each of the styles are available at

<http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/Category1.html>. And for those who like to plan ahead, we'll be jammin' and campin' at MASHOUT. The August competition feature wheat beers; specifically Category 6D American Wheat

<http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/Category6.html#style6D> and 15A Bavarian Weizen

<http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/Category15.html#style15A>. While the July competition counts toward BOTY, August's MASHOUT competition includes entries from other clubs and does not count toward BOTY. Remember, 1 entry per subcategory, 2 plain, brown, 12-oz bottles with plain cap, a removable paper lable identifying the brewer's name, beer style & category number, and the beer name. We've been missing those catchy names lately and are hoping we get some good, reprintable names for July's competition.

Desperately Seeking Judges

BURP has a fair number of BJCP-qualified judges, and we need your help at the monthly competitions. If you'd like to help judge the July competition, please contact your Ministers of Culture. We also encourage novices to judge with our BJCP judges. It's a great learning experience.

2007 BOTY Competition Heats Up! Ed & Mel Lead the Pack!

The competition for BURP's 2007 Brewer of the Year has developed into a head-to-head contest between **Ed Bielaus** and defending 2006 champ

Mel Thompson. With an especially strong showing at SoFB (9 total medals), where his Koelsch and Premium American Lager took 2nd and 3rd in Best of Show, **Ed** pulled ahead of **Mel** by a whisker. **Mel** has done well in the monthly club competitions this year and also garnered 4 medals at SoFB. Now, with **Mel's** Biere de Garde winning 3rd place in the June competition, these two mighty brewers are tied at 17 BOTY points each! **Christine Johnbrier** and **Rick Garvin**, each with 11 points, also are within striking distance of **Ed** and **Mel**.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding brewers! We're looking forward to a spirited joust for the rest of our 2007 season.

Recipe Corner

*By Tom Cannon
Co-Minister of Enlightenment*

In what we hope will become a monthly fixture in the newsletter, this month we feature the recipe for the Best of Show beer at BURP's 2007 Spirit of Free Beer (SOFB).

Brewed by **Ken Gillespie**, here is his ***Northern English Brown Ale***

8.5# English Pale Malt
1# Carmel/Crystal Malt (60 L)
1# Victory Malt
0.25# Chocolate Malt

Mashed at 154 degrees F for one hour with 13.5 quarts of water.
Mashed out with an additional 7.5 quarts of water.

Sparged with 2.3 gallons of water to an initial 6 gallons.

One hour boil.

1 oz 4.7AA Fuggles for 60 minutes
0.5 oz 4.7AA Fuggles for 20 minutes
1 oz 4.7AA Fuggles for 5 minutes

White Labs WLP002 English Ale yeast

The beer was brewed on December 2, 2006 and kegged two weeks later. Note that the 2007 Spirit of Free beer was five months later!

Original gravity: 1.050
 Final gravity: 1.010
 ABV: 5.2%
 Bitterness: 25.5 IBU

Thanks to Ken for sharing his award winning recipe. Please note that in the future, we will be requesting winners of our monthly competition to provide their winning recipes to the newsletter.

BURP Letter to the Editor

I just wanted to say thanks to our "Neighbors to the north". I am sorry I wasn't able to get up for the competition, and based on the word around CASK, I missed out. According to our president, "it was probably the best organized and run competition I have attended, other than the AHA nationals." The fact that I was fortunate enough to win a very respectable and large competition makes this a sweet success. For at least a week, I was like a new father wanting to tell the world and hand out cigars. Again, thanks to the organizers, and you can be sure that "I'll be back".

Cheers,

Ken Gillespie

Volunteers and Entries Needed for Montgomery County Fair Homebrew Competition Aug 4, 2007

By Bill Ridgely, Competition Organizer

The annual Montgomery County Fair Homebrew Competition, to be held on the morning of Sat, Aug 4, 2007 at the fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD, is still in need of judges, stewards, and, of course, your entries. The competition is open to all home brewers and is sanctioned by the BJCP. Both judges and stewards will receive free admittance to the fair (which officially opens on Aug 10) and free parking as well as a free breakfast and lunch at the competition. The entry fee for the competition is a

very reasonable \$5, and only 2 bottles are required for each entry.

Best of Show Judging will be held on the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug 11, 2007 and will be open to the public. Several very experienced BURP judges have volunteered to serve on the BOS panel.

Please visit the Gaithersburg Area Brewers Society (GABS) homepage at http://g_a_b_s.tripod.com/ for full details and judge, steward, and beer entry registration forms (Click on the "MCAF Competition" link).

I will be happy to collect all BURP competition entries at the July BURP meeting to be held on July 21st. If you can't make the meeting, entries are being accepted at three local homebrew supply shops (*My Local Homebrew Shop* in Falls Church, *The Flying Barrel* in Frederick, and *Maryland Homebrew* in Columbia) until Jul 28. I'll also be happy to accept entries at my home in Rockville.

Thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you!

The June Meeting Report

By Alison Skeel

The severe thunderstorms of the night before cleared the heat and humidity and we had a pleasant sunny day in **Rod Rydlun's** huge backyard. There was plenty of parking down below for those setting up early for the contests and the refreshments – and for the Cool Transportation Vehicle of the Month (CTVM), **Craig Somers'** motorized, recumbent, tandem bicycle – one head-turning machine. I can tell you from my two rides as the recumbent front passenger, downtown and around the monuments.

The shady area expanded in the afternoon to accommodate the Growing Crowd of BURPers (GCB) and the Groaning Board (GB). **Rod** ingeniously assembled a Long Board on a Ladder on Top of Cinder Blocks (LBLTCB). Plenty of space for all the food that just kept coming! Notable among the goodies were **John Gardiner's** smoked pork tenderloin and home-cured pastrami.

He didn't say what it was cured of. Nothing serious, we hope. **Becky & Dave Pyle** brought us a huge fruit platter, and there was a wonderful assortment of healthy salads. FREE BEER left over from Spirit of Free Beer (SOFB) XV flowed abundantly. Even so, some folks brought their own homebrew for evaluation and appreciation. New BURPer **Bob Foulke** was pouring some tasty samples, and **Yancy Bodenstein** was sharing his yummy pear and heather mead.

Minister of Enlightenment (MOE) **Wendy Aaronson** set up The Enlightenment portion of the meeting -The Ben Dare. This was a challenge issued to **Ben Schwalb** by *The Frugal Brewer (TFB)*. It was a parody based on **Ben's "Style, Shmyle"** article. Prizes were provided by **John Gardiner**. This contest determined who is "The Most Stylish BURPer (TMSB)". MOE **Wendy** pulled it off without a hitch; which was quite a feat considering many BURPers had no idea there was a contest. Unfortunately, neither **John's** TBF column nor **Wendy's** MOE column appeared in BURP NEWS. It was a big Situation Normal All Fouled Up (SNAFU). But it turned out fine and everyone loved it. It was a little embarrassing how un-style conscious we were. Participants filled in a Day-Glo green score sheet with the Category (1 point) and Sub-Category (2 points) of each of 9 beers from SoFB. There were more than 20 entries, and out of a possible 27 points, no one scored more than 10 points. It was really hard -- too hard for me; I gave up after two tastes... The winner and (TMSB) was **Craig Somers** -- not surprising, since he has copious notes on every beer he's ever drunk, going back *years*. Way to go **Craig**. Other winners included **Ed Bielhaus** 2nd, **Scott Roberts** 3rd and **Trish Koch** and **Mike Neith** Honorable Mention.

Meanwhile, Minister of Culture (MOC) **Jeanie Osburn** was running her first Club Competition -- Saison (5 entries) and Biere de Garde (1 entry) -- all by herself. And she did great! Judging were **Dave Pyle, Mike Neith, Don Kaliher** and **Craig Somers**. And they did great too! Thanks much, guys. We really appreciate the judges who take time out from the meeting/party to give our brewers some valuable feedback. Winners were **Jim Busch** 1st, **Paul Langlie** 2nd and **Mel Thompson** 3rd. Congratulations one and all.

One main attraction of this meeting, right after SoFB -- besides the Free Beer which we were drinking, of course -- is the handing out of the prizes for SoFB. BURP is known nationally for giving out fantastic prizes to all winners: "Our third prizes are better than most others' first prizes." And Prize Coordinator (PC) **Trish Koch** carried on the tradition, obtaining a fantastic collection of prizes. Helping **Trish** hand out the prizes and ribbons were **Jude Wang** and **Ann-Marie Dittman**. Thanks to a BURP NEWS mention and an email campaign, most of the winners (or their representatives) were there to claim their loot. Too bad, though, Best of Show winner **Ken Gillespie** (with a Northern English Brown Ale) lives in Williamsburg VA, and couldn't be there. His Best Of Show (BOS) prize is a day with **Bill Madden** at Vintage 50 in Leesburg VA. Cool.

Finally, the Raffle. The Grand Prize (GP) was a big Pete's Wicked Ale mirror and the winner was really happy. Things were winding down, but many folks seemed reluctant to leave, just hanging around, talking and relaxing.

Thanks, **Rod**, for hosting another wonderful BURP meeting.

20th Anniversary MASHOUT Update

By Bill Ridgely, MASHOUT Coordinator

Registration is now open for the gala 20th anniversary Mid-Atlantic States Homebrewers CampOUT, better known as MASHOUT. The dates are Friday, Aug 17 through Sunday, Aug 19. Lots of good information (including special activities planned for the anniversary) can be found on the MASHOUT "Frequently Asked Questions" page. The MASHOUT website can be accessed through the BURP website (just click on "Events" and then "MASHOUT 2007") or directly at <http://burp.burp.org:80/Default.aspx?tabid=840>. A downloadable registration form is available on the site. Just fill in the info and send it in, along with your check payable to BURP. Online registration is not possible at this time but may be available for

future events. MASHOUT is expected to be an early sellout this year, and the event is limited to 200 attendees, so don't lose out. Send your registration in as soon as possible.

Here is an update on some of the planning and activities ongoing for MASHOUT:

Site Preparation – Fresh gravel needs to be spread on the driveway leading to the MASHOUT campground. Plans are currently in place to spread this gravel on Thursday, Aug 16, the day before the official start of MASHOUT. If you plan to attend and would be willing to help with the work, please let me know. Rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows will be needed in addition to some strong arms.

Cooking Teams – BURPer **Rick Garvin** will be serving as our "Barbeque King" again this year. He will need help preparing the meats for the grill (both beef and pork this year in a throwback to earlier times) as well as pulling the meats on Saturday. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Rick at rgarvin@garvin.us. We are also in need of homemade barbeque sauces, so if you have a special sauce recipe, and you'd like to see it featured at MASHOUT, please let Rick know. We'll also need help shucking corn on the cob and preparing potatoes for baking. BURPer **Wendy Aaronson** will be seeking volunteers for the Sunday pancake breakfast. If you can provide a camp stove and are willing to help with breakfast preparation, please contact Wendy at aaronson@burp.org. Of course, we'll also need as many tables in the pavilion area as possible, so if you can bring one or more along, please help us out.

Check-In – BURPers **Bob & Kathleen Warriner** are signing up volunteers to work at the check-in table. Please consider volunteering an hour or two to check in attendees as they arrive. The job will be easier with many people helping out. If you are willing to contribute to the effort, please contact Bob & Kathleen at bkwarriner@aol.com or phone 301-588-3037. A signup sheet will also be available at the July BURP meeting. A keg of beer will be provided at the check-in table for the enjoyment of volunteers.

Ice – Once again, there will be onsite delivery of ice twice daily on Friday and Saturday. Both block and cube ice will be available at very reasonable prices (\$1.00 for either a 6 lb bag of cubes or a 10 lb block). Please support our ice vendor by buying as much as you need.

Homebrew Competition – As always, a homebrew competition will be featured at the event open to all MASHOUT attendees. The Minister of Culture column (as well as the MASHOUT website) has full details about the annual competition and the requirements to enter.

Entertainment - Great bands have been a tradition at MASHOUT for a number of years, but for this gala 20th anniversary event, something truly special will be happening on Popenoe Mountain. On Sat, Aug 18, Powerhouse Records recording artist Tom Principato (<http://www.tomprincipato.com/>) will perform at the MASHOUT barn between 8:00 PM and midnight. Tom Principato is the legendary "Master of the Telecaster", one of the finest blues guitarists (and blues vocalists) in the country and winner of multiple awards for his albums and live performances. Don't miss this opportunity to see a true blues legend (backed by his virtuoso band) performing just for the MASHOUT crowd.

In addition to the band, this year's MASHOUT will feature the 3rd Annual Popenoe Mtn. Pub Quiz. The Quiz will be held during the day Saturday, and winning teams will be announced after dinner Saturday evening. This venerable trivia game is a staple in pubs across the British Isles. Teams of 3 – 5 contestants will have a go at answering beer-related questions. The team with the most points for correct responses will win glory and some great prizes donated by generous MASHOUT sponsors. **Mac & Diana McEwen**, together with **Paul & Jamie Langlie**, are our Pub Quiz Publicans – and they've vowed to divulge neither categories nor questions prior to the big event. Registration forms and rules for Quiz teams will be available at the MASHOUT check-in station. Good Luck to All!!

Saturday Bike Ride - Several MASHOUT attendees are planning to ride the newly opened 16 mile section of the Great Allegheny Passage rail trail (<http://www.atatrail.org/>) from Cumberland to

Frostburg and back on Saturday. Details will be forthcoming. The trip will include a stop at the Draft Zone in Frostburg for lunch and beer. This popular stop features great pub food and 22 beers on tap.

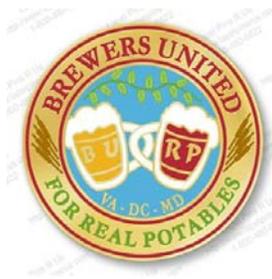
A couple of things are still needed for MASHOUT. If you can help out with either of these, please contact the MASHOUT coordinator:

- Jockey boxes for serving donated beer
- Sankey taps for use with donated beer kegs

Please check the MASHOUT site regularly for updates. I hope to see all of you at MASHOUT 2007, the best outdoor homebrewer's gathering in the nation!



2006 MASHOUT, Camp Belch. (l-r) **Gail Matt, Brian Matt, Jeff Chen, John Esparolini, Scott Schablon, Bill Prewitt.** Photo courtesy of **John Esparolini.**



BURP Lapel Pins Are Again On Sale

They're back! The club has just received a new order of 200 beautiful BURP lapel pins, suitable for wear at all beer functions as well as great gifts for the beer traveler (They were very popular at this year's National Homebrewer's Conference in Denver). The pins are 1" in diameter, gold plated,

and have a butterfly clutch on the back. Each comes in its own poly bag. The final pin design is reproduced above.

Pins are being sold for \$3.00 each. Just bring cash or a check payable to BURP to the next BURP meeting. If you can not make the meeting but would like to purchase one or more pins, please contact **Bill Ridgely** at ridgely@burp.org or 301-762-6523. The pins will also be for sale at MASHOUT in August.

Great Fun ??? Great Taste !!!!

By Woody Lee



20th Great Taste of the Midwest Beer Festival. Photo courtesy of **Woody Lee**

The 21st annual Great Taste of the Midwest beer festival will be held on Saturday, August 11 on the shores of Lake Monona in beautiful Madison, WI. Once again, an intrepid group of BURPers has already made plans to attend, and will enjoy as many of the 400+ beers as is humanly possible during the five hour event.

If you'd like to join the festivities, there may still be hotel rooms available at the Concourse Hotel (www.concoursehotel.com). Call the hotel at 800-356-8293, and ask for group reservations. The rooms are held in the name "BURP" for the nights of August 10 and 11. All rooms are on the "Governors Club" level for a rate of \$164/night for double occupancy, and include some great amenities, including continental breakfast, afternoon snacks, evening desserts, and an open

bar. If that's not enough, the hotel is just a few minutes walk from both the Great Dane Brewing Company, and Angelic Brewing Company.

You're on your own for travel arrangements, and you'll also have to get your own Great Taste tickets. "What?" you say!!! "How come you're not getting group tickets like you used to?" The answer is that due to unprecedented demand and an attendance cap of 5,000, group sales were restricted by the organizers to last year's level. We successfully appealed that decision to provide enough tickets for those who have already committed to the trip, but anybody else who wants to attend will have to purchase their tickets per the guidance of the Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild website [<http://mhtg.org/>]. If this works for you, and you lock in your travel arrangements, please notify me at dnwlee@comcast.net so I can include you in our group's rendezvous plans in Madison.

Trivial Beer-Suits The Founding Brew-fathers

By Charlie Pavitt

In his history of beer, Gregg Smith relates quite a bit of information about beer around the Revolutionary War, and everything here is ripped off from his book "Beer". Beer was of course one of the rations that the Continental Congress intended the soldiers to receive, and George Washington did his best to keep the supply coming. Washington's friend and personal physician Dr. Benjamin Rush believed beer to be part of a healthy diet, and Washington tried to ban whiskey from his soldiers' camps, as he believed it to be ruinous to the health, while promoting beer to combat illness and drunkenness. Further, in a humanitarian gesture, six glasses of beer a week were supplied to prisoners of war. Unfortunately, raw supplies were hard to get, and Benjamin Franklin suggested the following recipe of available ingredients:

For a Cask containing 80 bottles, take one pot of essence and 13 pounds of molasses-or the same amount of unrefined Sugar; mix them well together in 20 Pints of hot water; Stir together until they

make a foam, and then pour it into the Cask you will then fill with water: add a pint of good yeast, stir it well together and let stand 2 or 3 days it will be ready to be put into bottles, that must be tightly corked. Leave them 10 or 12 days in a cool cellar after which the beer will be good to drink.

Ben himself was a teetotaler in his youth who could not understand his coworkers wasting their precious pay on beer, but his mind changed when he became wealthy. He left us with the following verse:

"The antediluvians were all very sober
For they had no wine and brewed no October;
All wicked, bad livers, on mischief still thinking,
For there can't be good living where there is no
good drinking."

Getting back to the Father himself, Washington's homebrewed small beer followed this recipe:

Take a large Stiffer full of Bran Hops to your taste-Boil these 3 hours then strain out 30 Gallons into a cooler put in 3 Gallons molasses while the beer is scolding hot or rather draw the molasses into the cooler & strain the beer on it while boiling hot. Let this stand till it is little more than Blood warm then put into a quart of yeast if the weather is very cold cover it over with a blanket & let it warm in the cooler 24 hours then put it into the cask-leave the bung open till it is almost done working-bottle it that day week it was brewed.

Thomas Jefferson agreed with Washington about the virtues of beer rather than whiskey, the latter of which he credited with killing one-third of early American citizens, and during his presidency brought in brewers from Bohemia to teach their skills on this side of the big pond. His wife Martha was the brewmaster at Monticello, brewing her first 15 gallon batch shortly after her arrival and 170 gallons in her first year. Unfortunately, Thomas mentioned in writing that they did not have enough bottles to keep up with her work.

Finally, according to Wikipedia, Samuel Adams did partner with his father in a family-owned brewery but it was eventually unsuccessful.

On a note that is irrelevant except for the time in history, I leave you with this poem from 1764, an epitaph from a churchyard in Winchester, England:

"Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire grenadier,
Who caught his death by drinking cold small beer;
Soldiers, take heed from his untimely fall,
And when you're hot, drink strong, or not at all."

BURP 10 and 20 Years Ago

Compiled By Bill Ridgely

20 Years Ago, July 1987

The July 1987 BURP meeting, held at the home of **Bill Ridgely & Cindy Sabo** in Springfield on July 18, boasted an early Halloween theme. Dubbed the "Frank N' Stein" meeting, the beer style of the month was "Strange & Weird Beer". Twelve beers were entered in the club competition, and prizes were awarded for weirdest/most depraved brew, most educational brew, and best all around brew. **Ralph Bucca** stole the show by taking a prize in every category. He won best all around beer with his Clambake Doppelbock (not particularly weird but brewed at the April BURP clambake meeting). He also took runner up in the weirdest category with his smoked beer (made with Wright's Liquid Smoke) and runner up in the educational category (with a style not reported in the newsletter). **Phil Hugill** won the weirdest category with his Cascade Spruce Summer Beer (yes, brewed with Cascade hops and spruce boughs), and club Secretary **John Gardiner** won the educational category with his split batch dry hop beer (5 gal dry hopped with Kent Goldings and 5 gal dry hopped with Hallertau). The awards consisted of beer steins purchased at the Weeping Radish Brewpub in NC. Fruit and spice beers appeared to dominate the table, although none won awards. There was a cherry beer, a cranberry beer, a honey beer, and even a cinnamon beer. Food at the meeting consisted of (naturally) hot dogs, expertly cooked by President **Rod Rydlun**. BURPers contributed a fine array of other foods as usual. The meeting finished with an auction of donated equipment and supplies to raise funds for the club. The total raised was \$69, which may be small by today's BURP raffle standards but was a significant amount of money at the time.

The July BURP News was again filled with editor **John Gardiner's** wonderfully creative writing. John was writing all club meeting reports at this time, and members eagerly looked forward to their names being mentioned (and often skewered) in print. The July "Recipe of the Month" was for a Tulip Poplar mead made by **Dick Roepke, Linda Sweeting, & Tom Campbell** (The meadmakers even included the recipe for a hopped variation). **Ralph Bucca** announced his 14th annual Wine Time tasting of homemade wines (hard to believe it had been ongoing for 14 years 20 years ago), and he also contributed an article on a commercial microbrew tasting he attended in DC. Finally, a plea was made for volunteers to work at a large beer festival being planned by **Bob Frank** (representing the homebrew community) and **Jack Erickson** (representing commercial breweries). Homebrew clubs being solicited for volunteers included not only BURP, BURP North (now FOAM), and BURP Burke (BANOVA) but also the CRABS club in Baltimore and the HOPS club in Philadelphia.

10 Years Ago, July 1997

The July 1997 BURP meeting, featuring crabs and extract beers, was held at the home of **John Esparolini** in Vienna, VA. Several bushels of plump steamed crabs were consumed by the sizeable crowd, along with copious quantities of homebrew. Lots of other great food contributions made their way to the tables, including some wonderful homemade salsas and several excellent pies for dessert. A popular novelty item on the homebrew side was **Gordon Goeke's** Sahti, a concoction of Finnish origin made with juniper boughs and served from a two-handled wooden vessel. Several musicians attended the meeting and played for the crowd, always a nice touch and a good lead-in for MASHOUT, which was the featured event the following month. The extract beer competition, judged by **Tom Cannon, Don Kaliher, Barb Stevens, & Bret Wortman** featured 18 entries in a variety of styles. The winner (who would represent BURP at the upcoming AHA Club Only competition) was **Bob Kulawiec** for his California Common. Second place went to **Josh Bourdrez** for his Porter, and third went to **Dave Fothergill** (who was appearing at his last BURP meeting

before moving to New England) with his Russian Imperial Stout.

July's BURP News lead off with a call for volunteers for the gala 10th anniversary MASHOUT to be held on Popenoe Mtn Aug 22-24. Fearless Leader **Tom Cannon** followed with his announcement of several upcoming events to include the club's first Real Ale Competition to be held in October and the 3rd Spirit of Belgium, which was just entering the planning stages. All three Best of Show recipes from the recent Spirit of Free Beer competition were published in the issue, including **Alan Folsom's** Mild (1st place BOS), **Jim & Linda Rorick's** Weizen (2nd place), and **Scott Bickham's** Barleywine (3rd place). Minister of Culture **Mark Stevens** contributed two excellent articles, one about India Pale Ale (the beer style for the upcoming MASHOUT competition) and a second about a recent yeast workshop he attended (sponsored by the American Type Culture Collection). **Jonathan Feist** wrote about a new beer venue he had recently discovered, the Courtyard Concert Café in Falls Church, Va. Finally, **Jim Dorsch** provided his usual wealth of information in his "Whole BURP Catalog". Featured in this month's column was the announcement of the special release of four new seasonals to mark the 15th anniversary of **Bert Grant's** Yakima Brewing and Malting Co, each beer showcasing a different Yakima Valley hop. The first release, in Autumn, would feature fresh-picked Cascades. Following this would be Winter Ale (Mt Hood), Spring Bock (Willamette), and Summer Ale (Chinook). All were to be available in the DC area.

BURP Prosperity Report

By Larry Koch, Minister of Prosperity

Current Financial Position

BURP Treasury Summary

As of 1 June, 2007	\$20,782
New receipts	\$341
New expenses	\$1,025
As of 16 July, 2007	\$20,098

BURP members are reminded that all expense submissions must include details. Required details are date, exact amount, detailed description of the item, any special circumstances, and name of person to be reimbursed. Event coordinators should maintain a spreadsheet for their project.

Spreadsheets and other financial data are available on the BURP website to registered users at <http://www.burp.org>.

Mem-beer-sip Update

By Christine Johnbrier, Ministrix of Propaganda

This month we welcome new members **John Foulke** of Arlington, VA; **Tim Osumi** of Chevy Chase, MD; and **Gregg Wiggins** of Arlington, VA.

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, and I'll see that your info is updated.

CURRENT MEM-BEER-SIP STATS:

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: 256
 FAMILY: 74 (x2) 148
 INDIVIDUAL: 84
 HONORARY: 24

Hop Notes from the Libeery

By Mel Thompson, Minister of History

The BURP Libeery is open 24/7 for your reading and research needs. If you wish to check out a book, contact Mel Thompson at sonofthomp@comcast.net prior to the monthly meeting and your request, if available, will be delivered.

If you don't see what you want in the Libeery list, let me know what you are looking for and I will try to locate it for you.

Cheers, Mel

Editor's Corner

By Beth Madden, Minister of Truth

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this month's 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. Your fellow BURPers and I are looking forward to hearing from you!

Cheers – T.I.W.

The 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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"Give it up, Frank. I don't think you'll ever find your contact lens."