

Washington Beer News

WABL 3rd Anniversary Party this weekend

The WABL Anniversary Party is just around the corner so I hope you got your tickets already. Because if you haven't you only have a few more days to mail in your check! We have to receive your checks by Wednesday the latest. If you want to purchase tickets please mail a check to P.O. Box 20014, Seattle, WA 98102.

The beer list is ever evolving but we're hoping this is going to be it. So take a good look! The giveaway gift list is also growing so many of you will be taking some goodies home. The glasses, food and cake have been ordered and there will be a few dozens brewers in attendance as well. We've been counting the days for so long... can't wait!

WABL 3rd Anniversary Party

Date: Saturday, November 8th, 4-8pm
Location: Seattle Center Rainier Room
Admission: WABL-- \$30
Non-WABL-- \$40 (limit to one non-WABL guest per member)
Admission includes 12+ tasting tokens (each taste is 6oz) and food
Beer: Very special, hard-to-find beers by over a dozen WA breweries. See the list below.
Food: Pizza bar (salad, pizzas & meatballs)
More fun stuff: Meet Washington brewers
Lots of giveaways. See the list below.
Birthday cake

Beer list (subject to change)

Anacortes Brewery	Anacortes Bourbon Barrel-aged Stout
Big Al Brewing Co.	Dark Roast (Tropical Stout)
Big Time Brewery	Frosty's European Holiday
Black Raven/Hale's Ales collaboration	Southern Mystery Monster
Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen	Festbier
Elliott Bay Brewing Co.	Blended Brett Beer (09.2007-09.2008)
Harmon Brewery & Restaurant	One Hop Wonder
Issaquah Brewhouse	QuadFrog Oak Aged
Laht Neppur Brewing Co.	Whiskey Creek Wild Hop Ale
Lazy Boy Brewing Co.	Nacho Pils
Northgate Ram	Saison
Pike Brewing Co.	Pike Entire (Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout)
Redhook Brewery	Dopplebock
Scuttlebutt/McMenamin's/Diamond Knot collaboration	WABLation (Wet Hop Wheatwine)
Silver City Brewery	Sasquatch Stout
Skookum Brewery	Hooscal Stout
Snipes Mountain Brewery	Porter w/sweet orange peel
Walla Walla Brewers	CitralisciousÉ(Fresh Hop IPA)
Water Street Brewing Co.	Chocolate Oatmeal Stout

Giveaway list (subject to change)

A breweriana gift basket & a \$10 gift card	99 Bottles
4 t-shirts and a brewery tour/tasting for 4	Anacortes Brewery
Two \$25 gift certificates	Beveridge Place Pub
A t-shirt, 2 mugs, 2 growlers + fills	Big Al Brewing Co.
T-shirts, growler, pint glasses & golden tix	Big Time Brewery
TBA	Boundary Bay Brewery
A private tour & tasting for a group of 8	Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen
Two \$25 gift certificates	Cooper's Alehouse
T-shirts, hats & a beer card	Georgetown Brewing Co.
TBA	Harmon Brewery & Restaurant
A t-shirt & growler	Laughing Buddha Brewing Co.
A t-shirt, cap, pint glasses & \$25 gift certificate	Maritime Pacific Brewing Co.
Party pumps and couplers	Micro Matic
T-shirts, growlers, tacker signs, a gift card	Pike Brewing Co.
TBA	Scuttlebutt Brewing Co.
A gift basket	Snoqualmie Falls Brewing Co.
A pair of tickets to the Winter Beer Festival	
Invitation to 2009 Herbert's Legendary Cask Beer Ale brewing session	
Free WABL membership for one year	

2008 Winter Beer Fest

As announced in the last month's newsletter the Winter Beer Festival will return to the Hale's Palladium on December 5th & 6th. More and more brewery registrations are coming in right now and the beer list is looking pretty good! This year breweries are invited to bring multiple styles of beer so you can expect to see a bigger beer lineup. We are also partnering with **Chocolate Box**, a premier purveyor of all things chocolate located in downtown Seattle. Imagine how good the pairings of dark malty beers and bittersweet chocolate will be!

Don't forget we're reserving the first one hour on both days as **WABL Hour** and will be open exclusively for you WABLers. This will be a great chance to meet and chat with the brewers and try some limited quantity beers before it gets crowded and some beers start to run out.

WABL exclusive offers

Y WABL Hour: Friday, 4-5pm & Saturday, 12-1pm—the event will open exclusively to WABL members

Y 2 bonus tokens (pick up at the Holiday Gift Shop)

Y WABL Beer- **WABLation** by **McMenamin's/Scuttlebutt/Diamond Knot** collaboration (available while supply lasts. A token required for each taste)

Sorry, no special WABL glass at this event. As always, please bring your WABL passport to take advantage of these offers.

www.washingtonbeer.com/wbf.htm

2008 Winter Beer Festival

Friday, December 5th, 5-10pm (WABL Hour: 4-5pm)

Saturday, December 6th, 1-10pm (WABL Hour: 1-2pm)

Hale's Palladium @ Hale's Ales Brewery
4301 Leary Way, NW Seattle, WA 98107

Advance tickets are \$23 (\$25 day of) and are available online at www.washingtonbeer.com/wbf.htm and at local ticket outlets. Designated driver admission is \$5 and available at the door only. Online advance ticket sales will end at 5am on Friday, December 5th.

Volunteers needed for the Winter Beer Festival

We are looking for a handful of volunteers to help during the event and you guys are getting an advance notice about the volunteer opportunities. All volunteers will receive free admission to the event (a tasting cup & six tokens) AFTER your shift. And please note that if you volunteer for the last shift of the day you'll have to come back on the other day. And these are NOT beer pouring positions (mostly ticket booth and Holiday Gift Shop). If you are interested please send me an email at and@washingtonbeer.com and let me know which shift you'd like to volunteer. It's first come, first serve and we'll start recruiting non-WABL volunteers in about a week.

Volunteer shifts

Friday	Shift 1	1:30-5:30pm
	Shift 2	5:30-9:30pm
Saturday	Shift 1	11:30am-3:30pm
	Shift 2	3:00-7:00pm
	Shift 3	6:30-10:00pm

2009 WABL Event schedule

For 2 years in a row you guys requested more WABL activities in the south sound area based on the anniversary survey results. So we're starting the 2009 with a WABL event at Fish Brewing Co. in Olympia, WA! The event will be Saturday, January 17th and starts at 1:30pm. More details to follow soon. Then after Fish we're going to visit one of Seattle's newest breweries, Big Al Brewing in February. More information to come later once we firm up the details so stay tuned!

January WABL Event @ Fish Brewing Co./Fish Tale Brewpub

Saturday, October 17th, 1:30pm-

515 Jefferson Street SE

Olympia WA 98501

(360) 943-3650

www.fishbrewing.com

February WABL Event @ Big Al Brewing

Date TBA

9832 14th Ave. SW

Seattle, WA 98106

(206) 453-4487

www.bigalbrewing.com

Great American Beer Festival winners

Congratulations to all the Washington breweries who won medals at this year's Great American Beer Festival! Several Washington breweries were honored at the nation's most prestigious beer competition. The results are as follow...

Category: Other Strong Beer

Silver: Imperial Oatmeal Stout, Boundary Bay Brewery, Bellingham, WA

Category: Robust Porter

Bronze: Pacemaker Porter, Flyers Restaurant & Brewery, Oak Harbor, WA

Category: Fruit or Vegetable Beer

Gold: Pyramid Apricot Ale, Pyramid Breweries, Inc., Seattle, WA

Category: Brown Porter

Gold: BlackWatch Cream Porter, Pyramid Breweries, Inc., Seattle, WA

Category: American-Style Wheat Beer

Gold: Pyramid Crystal Wheat Ale, Pyramid Breweries, Inc., Seattle, WA

Category: Old Ale or Strong Ale

Gold: Old Scrooge, Silver City Restaurant & Brewery, Silverdale, WA

Category: Pro-Am

Gold: Barking Dog Scottish Ale, Big Time Brewery, Seattle, WA

Big Time Brewery 20th Anniversary Celebrations

While WABL is celebrating the big 0-3 someone else is celebrating an even bigger milestone. Big Time Brewery is the U-District is turning 20 this December and a series of events are being planned and here's what we know so far:

Monday, 12/1
Wednesday, 12/3

Old Woolly Barleywine Release Party Cellar Night

Some of the bottles and kegs that have been accumulating in the Big Time cellar for several years will be released for one night only. There should be lots of rare and interesting gems!

Thursday, 12/4

Cask Night

There will be a cask keg (served on the bar) from the current breweries of each of the brewers that worked at Big Time throughout the years: Dick Cantwell (Elysian), Kevin Forhan (Northgate Ram), Drew Cluley (Pike), Skip Madsen (Water Street), and Carter Camp (Port Townsend) and possibly more.

Friday, 12/5

Old Timers Night

Big Time will bring back several of the old bar staff to work the taps once again.

Saturday, 12/6

80's Dance Party

There will be a disco ball and 80's wear is encouraged!

Sunday, 12/7

Anniversary Party

Big Time officially turns 20. There will be a happy hour where they go back to the 1988 prices- \$1.75 a pint!

Naked City Taphouse now open

Local homebrewers Don Webb and Donald Averill's new venture, Naked City Taphouse finally opened its doors on October 22nd. The Taphouse boasts 24 taps and carries over 60 bottles. The brewery itself is still under construction but they are hoping to start brewing by the end of the year. If you are anxious to try a Naked City brew then you're in luck. They brewed a batch of their first beer, Naked City Dubbel at their friend Lazy Boy and the beer is debuting on November 4th at the Taphouse.

Naked City Taphouse
Hours: 4pm to Close
8564 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle WA 98103
(206) 838-6299
www.nakedcitybrewing.com

WABL Exclusive Offers

Every month, WABL members enjoy a number of exciting offers from Washington Brewers Guild, Guild member breweries, and sponsors. This month's offers are:

ÿ **WABL Anniversary Party** It's the party of the year for all the beer geeks in Washington! There will 15+ very special beers by breweries from all over Washington State for WABL's big 0-3 birthday. This is a private WABL event so you must be a WABL member or a "plus one" guest of a member to attend.

ÿ **Winter Beer Fest** The Beer Commission's annual Winter Beer Fest is happening on December 5 & 6 in the Hale's Palladium again this year. WABL members will get to have the entire event to yourselves during WABL Hour, 4-5pm on Friday and 12-1pm on Saturday. Plus WABLers will receive 2 complementary tokens and will also get to try the WABL Beer (a token required for each taste).

Event Calendar

(Please note that event schedule could change after we receive the information from breweries or after the newsletter is published. It is always a good idea to call and confirm the schedule.)

Naked City Dubbel Release Party (Tuesday, November 4th)

Naked City Taphouse
8564 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle WA 98103
(206) 838-6299
www.nakedcitybrewing.com

IPA Cask-O-Rama @ Beveridge Place Pub (Thursday, November 6th, 6 p.m.-)

Beveridge Place Pub
6413 California Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98136
www.beveridgeplacepub.com

The event hop-heads put on their calendars a year in advance has arrived! Twenty four cask-conditioned IPAs in Firkins and Golden Gate kegs served from the bartop the way nature intended. Cask beer is a time-honored brewer's art, and Washington brewers are The Masters! Leonardo Cantwell, Raphael Ringe, Michealangelo Madsen, Donatello Jenkins, and many others have put the last brush strokes in place, now it's time to appreciate the results. What's on tap? Glad you asked. How about... *Anacortes, Big Time, Boundary Bay, Diamond Knot, Dicks, Elliott Bay, Elysian, Fish, Hale's, Harmon, Iron Horse, Lazy Boy, Leavenworth, Maritime, Northern Lights, Pike, Schooner Exact, Scuttlebutt, Skagit River, Snipes Mt, Snoqualmie, Water Street, and ?*. We guarantee you won't find more hops in one place out side of Yakima!

Cask Night @ Diamond Knot (Thursday, November 6th, 5 p.m. -)

Diamond Knot Brewing Co.

621 A Front St.

Mukilteo, WA 98275

www.diamondknot.com

Featured cask: Honey Chamomile Golden

New Brew Tapping at Rock Bottom Seattle (Thursday, November 6th, 5:30-8 p.m.)

Rock Bottom Brewery

1333 Fifth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98101

www.rockbottom.com

Rock Bottom Seattle and the Rock Bottom Foundation have donated 3 kegs of Trouble! Belgian Trippel To benefit the Alpentel Volunteer Ski Patrol (avsp.org). Pints of Trouble! will be available at \$2.00 from 5:30~8:00pm November 6th with all proceeds to benefit the AVSP. Volunteer ski patrols are made up of individuals dedicated to maintaining safe winter recreational environments and make it possible for the smaller ski resorts to stay operating. Come show your support for AVSP and gear up for the coming ski season - November 6th at Rock Bottom Seattle!

WSU Brewfest (Friday, November 7th)

SEL Event Center

1825 Schweitzer Drive

Pullman, WA 99163

www.brewfest.wsu.edu

Brewfest 2008 will be held on November 7th, at the SEL Event Center in Pullman, and will be a great way to kick off a very busy Dad's Weekend at WSU. There will be two tasting sessions, the first running from 5-7pm and the second from 8-10pm. The cost is \$30 per person and you must be 21 years old to attend. Admission to the event includes a catered hearty hors d'oeuvres buffet, a commemorative tasting glass, and ten tasting tickets. Additional tasting tickets and a Silent Auction will be available for purchase at the event.

WABL 3rd Anniversary Party (Saturday, November 8th, 4-8 p.m.)

Seattle Center Rainier Room

305 Harrison St.

Seattle, WA 98109

www.washingtonbeer.com

PNA Beer Taste (Saturday, November 8th, 7-10 p.m.)

Phinney Neighborhood Association

6532 Phinney Ave. N

Seattle WA 98103

www.phinneycenter.org

Autumn Beer Dinner @ Chuckanut (Monday, November 10th, 6 p.m.-)

Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen

601 W. Holly St.

Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 752-3377

www.chuckanutbreweryandkitchen.com

Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen will be offering a gourmet four course dinner paired with four distinctive Chuckanut Brewery Beers with each course. The dinner will include talks about the beers and food by the Brewmaster and Chef.

A Kolsch, German Ale, will be the welcome beer and once everyone has been seated the first course, a Warm Spinach Salad topped with crisp bacon, soft goat cheese, fresh balsamic dressing garnished with dried beer marinated tomatoes, will be served with Chuckanut Brewery's crisp, clean and refreshing European Pilsner. A Roasted Butternut Squash & Beer Soup with a sage infused creme fraiche will follow next paired alongside the Dortmunder, a full bodied, rich Lager with a malty presence and soft hop aromas. The main course will be a Duck Confit with pistachio spatzle, and a bleu cheese and beer fig compote. The Chuckanut Brewery Autumn beer, a Fest Marzen, will be the featured accompaniment for this special main dish. The evening will finish with a special Rustic Fruit Tart and Ginger Dortmunder Ice Cream paired with Chuckanut Brewery Schwartz Lager.

Tickets are \$45 dollars per person plus tip + tax, and must be purchased in advance beginning October 21 at the brewery.

Georgetown Beer Dinner (Wednesday, November 12th, 6 p.m.-)

Circa Neighborhood Grill and Alehouse

2605 California Ave. S.W.

Seattle, WA 98116

(206) 923-1102

Have you eaten at Circa? If you have, then you know you won't want to miss this. If you haven't, then this is a great reason to break out of whatever shell you might be in. Georgetown is making the beer, of course, and they're pairing each of four courses with one of GT brews. Call Circa for details and reservations: 206-923-1102

Georgetown @ Bumpy's (Thursday, November 13th, 7-9 p.m.)

Bumpy's

116 E Main Ave.

Puyallup, WA

(253) 841-2931

Cask Night @ Diamond Knot (Thursday, November 13th, 5 p.m.-)

Diamond Knot Brewing Co.

621 A Front St.

Mukilteo, WA 98275

www.diamondknot.com

Featured cask: XIPA with vanilla beans and oak

Beginning Homebrewing Bottling Class (Thursday, November 13th, 6-7:30 p.m.)

Ice Harbor Brewing Co.

Kennewick, WA

www.iceharbor.com

This is the followup class that will demonstrate how to properly bottle the beer brewed at the first homebrewing class. The class is free. To sign up for the class call: (509) 582-5340.

Spokane Cork & Keg Festival (Friday, November 14th, 7-10 p.m.)

Mirabeau Park Hotel

North 1100 Sullivan Road

Spokane Valley, WA 99037

www.spokanecorkandkeg.com

In its 15th year, this popular event put on by the Washington Restaurant Association features over 50 breweries & wineries sampling hundreds of their great flavors, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres by the Inland Northwest Culinary Academy, a discount wine store, live music by the Martini Brothers, and a silent auction. Check out the event website for ticket locations and other information: www.spokanecorkandkeg.com or call (509) 467-7744.

Beer Church's 10th Annual Turkey Bowl (Saturday, November 15th, 5:30-9 p.m.)

West Seattle Bowl

4505 39th Ave. SW

Seattle, WA 98116

www.beerchurch.com

A bowling party, food drive and charity fundraiser for the West Seattle Food Bank. All skill levels welcome, even those with no skill at all. It's a party, not a tournament. Entrance fee is \$25 - (gets you three games, shoes, and tons of fun). Bring a group or just bring yourself. Sign up in advance at . Bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. The more you bring, the better your chance of winning raffle prizes.

Beer Church is a Seattle-based social group that has been organizing a minimum of two charity fundraisers each year for the past 10 years. They donate their time and effort organizing and running the events so that ALL of the proceeds get to the beneficiary.

Beer Church's goal is to provide fun and affordable ways for people to get involved in their community and support worthy causes.

Georgetown Brewers Dinner (Thursday, November 20th, 6 p.m.-)

The Copper Hog Gastropub

1327 N. State St.

Bellingham, WA 98225

<http://thecopperhog.com>

Cask Night @ Diamond Knot (Thursday, November 20th, 5 p.m.-)

Diamond Knot Brewing Co.

621 A Front St.

Mukilteo, WA 98275

www.diamondknot.com

Featured cask: Holiday spiced Brown Ale

Old Wooly Release Party (Monday, December 1st)

Big Time Brewery

4133 University Ave. NE

Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 545-4509

www.bigtimebrewery.com

Cellar Night (Wednesday, December 3rd)

Big Time Brewery

4133 University Ave. NE

Seattle, WA 98105

Cask Night (Thursday, December 4th)

Big Time Brewery

4133 University Ave. NE

Seattle, WA 98105

Winter Beer Festival (December 5th & 6th)

Hale's Palladium @ Hale's Ales Brewery

4301 Leary Way, NW

Seattle, WA 98107

www.washingtonbeer.com/wbf.htm

Old Timers Night (Friday, December 5th)

Big Time Brewery
4133 University Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

80's Dance Party (Saturday, December 6th)

Big Time Brewery
4133 University Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

Big Time 20th Anniversary (Sunday, December 7th)

Big Time Brewery
4133 University Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

12 Ales of Christmas (Saturday, December 13th, 3-8 p.m.)

RiverShark Pub
201 West Montmorency Blvd.
George, WA 98824
www.riversharkpub.com

Local and National brewers bring there winter offerings to sample. \$15 per person for 10 drink chips. Featuring beers from Cashmere, Roslyn, Rocky Coulee, Redhook, Iron Horse, Georgetown, Pyramid, Dick's and more.

New and Seasonal Releases

Smoked Porter, *Big Al Brewing Co.*, www.bigalbrewing.com

Full bodied roasty black malt flavors with a smoky peasted malt finish. 5.5%ABV

666, *Big Time Brewery*, www.bigtimebrewery.com

A strong dark Belgian ale.

Hop de Mensonge, *Big Time Brewery*, www.bigtimebrewery.com

A Belgian-style IPA.

Novemberfest, *Big Time Brewery*, www.bigtimebrewery.com

A stronger version of the Octoberfest Harvest Ale with lots of Simcoe Hops accented with Amarillo Hops. Original Gravity 18 plato (1.027) Finishing Gravity 4.6 plato (1.018), 5.6% ABV.

1492, *Elliott Bay Brewing Co.*, www.elliottbaybrewing.com

Red-ish IPA brewed with 100% Columbus hops.

Noale Holiday Ale, *Elliott Bay Brewing Co.*, www.elliottbaybrewing.com

Dark wheat beer brewed to bock strength in celebration of the season.

Smoked Porter, *Elliott Bay Brewing Co.*, www.elliottbaybrewing.com

Alder-smoked malt added to our Dark Star Porter recipe.

Bifrost Winter Ale, *Elysian Brewing Co.*, www.elysianbrewing.com

Warming, hoppy and smooth. Brewed with Pale malt and small amounts of Munich and Crystal malts. Bittered with Centennial, finished with Amarillo and Styrian Goldings hops.

Winterfish Ale, *Fish Brewing Co.*, www.fishbrewing.com

This is the Cascadian ale brewed for the season of celebrations. Very pale and full bodied with a rich flavor imparted by Pale and Honey malt and assertively friendly hop character, Winterfish will put a glow in your cheeks and warmth in your heart. The hop profile is quite distinct, featuring 100% Yakima Chinook hops in the kettle for bittering, flavor and aroma. In fact, this is the hoppiest beer yet from the Mighty Fish Brewers, and perhaps the hoppiest Winter seasonal you'll have the pleasure to taste this year. 7.0% ABV / 1.072 OG / 18.0° Plato

Troll Porter, *Hale's Ales Brewery*, www.halesales.com

Troll Porter pushes the porter category to a new edge--big, complex, quite black with herbal hop influences--enough to keep that grouchy old troll off your back, at least for a while...

Mistletoe Bliss, *Lazy Boy Brewing Co.*, www.lazyboybrewing.com

A brown ale on steroids. Kissed with hints of cinnamon, spice and oranges to warm those cold winter nights. 7.5% ABV.

Jolly Roger Christmas Ale, *Maritime Pacific Brewing Co.*, www.maritimebrewery.yppguies.net

2007 Jolly Roger Christmas Ale is back to bring out the true pirate in all of us for the holiday season! Visit the Taproom for a pint or bottles to go. Also, you can check out the new Jolly themed wearables for sale!

Auld Acquaintance, *Pike Brewing Co.*, www.pikebrewing.com

A winter treat infused with orange peel, cinnamon, nutmeg, hops and coriander. Festive and flavorful with subtle spices on the nose and palate that marry perfectly with holiday foods.

Port Townsend Winter Ale, *Port Townsend Brewing Co.*, www.porttownsendbrewing.com

Made from a blend of Pale and Crystal malts. A longer aging time adds further complexity to this old ale style. 7.5% ABV.

Snow Cap Ale, *Pyramid Breweries*, www.pyramidbrew.com

A rich, full bodied winter warmer crafted in British tradition of holiday beers. This deep mahogany colored brew balances complex flavors with refreshingly smooth texture. 7.0% ABV.

Double Black Stout, *Redhook Ale Brewery*, www.redhook.com

A smooth, imperial stout enhanced by the addition of rich, flavorful coffee and dark malts to create a big, roasted flavor. Available in 22oz bottle.

Frostbite Strong Ale, *Rock Bottom Brewery*, www.rockbottom.com

A strong amber ale, rich and malty, with floral, citrus, and pine hop aromas. Brewed with Simcoe, Sterling, Mt. Hood, Hallertau and Amarillo hops. Dry-hopped with Amarillo and Hallertau. 7.6% ABV.

10 Below, *Scuttlebutt Brewing Co.*, www.scuttlebuttbrewing.com

An Imperial Dunkelweiss. Medium body with a rich chocolate finish and crisp citrus aroma.

Trumpeter Stout, *Skagit River Brewery*, www.skagitbrew.com

A "Big Bird" by any measure! This years Trumpeter is a huge beer with rich layers of smoke, chocolate, roast, caramel, jet fuel, motor oil and hops. Blowing above 10% ABV.

Avalanche Winter Ale, *Snoqualmie Falls Brewing Co.*, www.fallsbrew.com

Avalanche Ale is a northwest-styled winter ale designed to take the chill off the stormy Northwest winter weather! Deep ruby red when held to the light, full bodied complex malt flavors dominate, with perfect balance provided by distinctive Yakima Chinook and Cascade hops. Big, rich, smooth and satisfying yet drinkable enough to enjoy more than just one, this winter ale is destined to become a Northwest classic! 6.8% ABV.