

### [Legislative Effort](#)

The Washington Homebrewers Association is working to change our homemade beer and wine transportation laws in Washington. As it is right now, you can't take homebrew outside of your house except for competitions! We have drafted legislation to allow more communal celebration of the hobby and support the future professional beer and wine makers in Washington. We are proud to announce that Senator Ken Jacobsen has agreed to sponsor our bill ( [Senate Bill 5060](#) ).

We need you to get involved and contact your legislators asking them to support [Senate Bill 5060](#) . It is easy and will greatly increase our chances of getting the bill passed. For more information on how you can help, please check our legislative section at [www.wahomebrewers.org/legal](http://www.wahomebrewers.org/legal)

**UPDATE: Senate Bill 5060 was supported unanimously by the Senate Labor, Commerce, and Consumer Protection Committee thanks to testimony from Mark Emiley, Alejandro Brown, Bob Edmiston, and Ken Reister! It now moves on to the Senate Rules Committee. We need everyone to call up the members of that committee and ask to quickly move Senate Bill 5060 to a floor vote. Check the [Legal Section](#) for the list! The contacts have been working incredibly well! Keep them coming!**

### [BJCP Exam & Study Groups](#)

There is a Beer Judge Certification Program test taking place in Washington on February 28th. Several local clubs have organized study groups to help prepare. If you are interested in taking the test or would like to find more information on the classes, [read this article](#) .

### [Educational Speaker - March 27th&nbsp;- Wyeast](#)

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The Washington Homebrewers Association is hosting Brian Perkey from Wyeast Laboratories as the third speaker in our Educational Speaker Program. He will be coming to Big Al Brewing on March 27th to talk all about yeast.

### **Event Details:**

Date: Friday, March 27th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Big Al Brewery

9832 14th Ave SW

Seattle, WA 98106

(206) 453-4487

[RSVP HERE!](#)

[Click here for more details](#) .

### [Bert Grant Competition - March 7th](#)

For those individuals who qualified for the Bert Grant Competition, details are available in the Awards section.

### [2009 WHOTY Qualifying Competitions](#)

We are putting together the list of the 2009 WHOTY Qualifying Competitions. Here is the current list:

[Cascade Brewers Cup](#)

[Puget Sound Pro-Am](#)

[Evergreen State Fair](#)

[Novembeerfest](#)

Make sure to enter these and all other competitions in Washington!

### [NHC Attendees Yahoo Group](#)

For people planning to attend the [2009 National Homebrewers Conference](#) in Oakland, California this June, a Yahoo Group of Washington homebrewers has been formed to prepare for the conference. The WAHA will have a table at the Homebrewer's Night event so we'll be putting together a booth and bar, organizing transportation of beers, and figuring out other details like themes and beer styles. If you are going to be attending the conference, please go get registered on our Yahoo Group site (WAHAAHACnf2009) at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WAHAAHACnf2009/>

### [Washington Homebrewers Association Facebook Site](#)

The Washington Homebrewers Association is launching a [Facebook site](#). You can become a fan and receive updates on WAHA happenings. We'll use it to post photos from events as well as meeting information and anything else from our events. The wahomebrewers.org website will continue to be the central repository, but we will use this as another way to keep in touch with Washington homebrewers.