As we move halfway through the busy spring brewing season, we've still got plenty of news for you.

Wyeast Educational Speaker - Jess Caudill - March 26th

The WAHA would like to invite all homebrewers and beer lovers to hear the fourth speaker of the WAHA's Educational Speaker Program - Jess Caudill of Wyeast Laboratories . Last year's talk was a great success and Wyeast has agreed to come back and talk some more.

Come to Big Al Brewing on March 26th to hear Jess speak about wild microbes and answer all of your yeast questions and answers. Come ready to learn more about your yeast and get all of your yeast questions answered.

Admission is free and the event is open to all homebrewers and beer lovers. We ask that people RSVP in advance at **http://tinyurl.com/wyeasttalk** .

Event Details:
Date: Friday, March 26th, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Big Al Brewery
9832 14th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98106
(206) 453-4487

National Homebrew Competition Entry Window Open

Seattle is playing host to the Northwest Regionals of the first round of the National Homebrew Competition. This is the largest beer competition in the world and the Northwest geographically is the largest US region in the competition. Since we are the hosts, we want Washington to bring it strong!

In order to advance to the final round of the competition you must place in the top three in the category you are entering. Placing in the second round is one of the top honors that a homebrew can ever attain. So get brewing and bring your A-game beers. Please check the competition website for all of the details and rules.

WE NEED EVERYONE WHO CAN JUDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPETITION!!! Seriously here, we will have a ton of entries to judge! If all of our great BJCP judges as well as non-BJCP brewers who know their beer and want to get some more experience judging can show up on April 10th at Pyramid Brewery to help judge, we will be able to process all of these entries quickly and show the AHA that Washington judges are a force to be recognized. This in turn will help us bring the National Homebrewers Conference to Seattle in the future. Lunch will be provided, we'll have a raffle, and we are working on "after-judging" plans. We are expecting out of state/area judges to come in as well so if you need a place to stay or are willing to offer someone a place to crash, please contact Tim Hayner (please contact Tim as well if you are interested in judging and stewarding). This is a great chance to get exposed to some fantastic beers and judges from around the region.

Details: Comp Website: Click Here Entries Due: April 1st Entry Fee: $9 for AHA member, $14 for non-members

# of bottles: 1

Judging: April 10th, Seattle

Contact:
Tim Hayner

Puget Sound Pro-Am

The last early competition of the year is Washington's largest homebrewing competition, the Puget Sound Pro-Am. This BJCP competition and WHOTY qualifier features up to 15 local breweries who will be coming in to pick homebrew recipes to scale up and brew on their systems. Most of the breweries will be submitting their selected beers to the Great American Beer Festival's Pro-Am competition which we won back in 2008. All throughout the summer you'll see Pro-Am beers popping up throughout the area followed by an AHA Membership Rally where we try to bring in as many of the beers as possible for you to taste before the GABF. Enter for your chance to be one of those brewers! Entries will be due April 20th and anyone interested in judging / stewarding should contact Mark Emiley or register on the website (you get $1 off each of your entries too!)

Details: Comp Website: http://www.bewbc.org/pro-am WHOTY Qualifier Entries Due: April 20th Entry Fee: $6 per entry

# of bottles: 3

Judging: April 24th, Kent

Contact:

Mark Emiley

GEBL Hop Madness Challenge

This is a Head-to-Head competition with 4 brackets (American IPA14a, European IPA 14b Imperial IPA 14c and Experimental IPA 23a.). The winner of each bracket will advance to a final best of show round when the best of each IPA style will be going against the other styles. Enter as many different IPA beers as you wish.

Details:
Comp Website: **Click Here**
WHOTY Qualifier
Entries Due: May 18th
Entry Fee: $6 for the first entry, $4 for each additional entry
# of bottles: 3
Judging: May 22nd, Everett
Contact: Will Fredin

Vote for Tom Schmidlin for the AHA Governing Committee

The Washington Homebrewers Association would like to encourage you to vote for Tom Schmidlin for the American Homebrewers Association Governing Committee. Tom is currently running for one of four positions open on the AHA Governing Committee and would be an excellent advocate for homebrewers across the country and a great representative for Washington. For more information click here.

Cheers, and have a great brewing spring!