

# Another Round: More Words of Wisdom About Beer

By Scott Laird

**“Budmo!”** A Ukrainian toast that means, “Shall we live forever!” Usually, one person says ‘Budmo!’ and then everybody at the table responds “Hey!”

**The Blue House Patio is Open!** The long awaited Beer Garden Patio at the Blue House Mediterranean Cafe is now open. A covered concrete patio and a gravel area under the trees make for a delightful dining and beer drinking experience. Brett’s Blue House Brews created some fantastic summer concoctions including a Raspberry Rye that is both refreshing and flavorful. Our favorite close to home taste of the Mediterranean just got a little bit better.

**Deschutes Brewery Reserve Series - WOW!!** The folks at Deschutes Brewery are at it again. Continuing in the tradition of The Abyss, that wonderfully huge Stout they’ve released the last few years, comes **Black Butte XX**, a tribute to Black Butte Porter. A limited released on June 27th, it is a colossal version of the original, enhanced with chocolate and coffee, then aged in whiskey barrels. At 11% alcohol by volume, this one would have knocked my socks off had I been wearing any. Next up: **The Dissident**, a distinctive Oud Bruin, Flanders-style brown ale, scheduled to be released on September 1st. This one also weighs in at 11% ABV and uses a wild yeast strain called Brettanomyces (also known as Brett) during eighteen months of fermentation. It is also aged in pinot and cabernet barrels for over 3 months and includes Central Washington cherries for flavor. All I can say is WOW!

**Mind Your P’s and Q’s - Q and A with Joel Haugen** - Joel Haugen from Scappoose is running for US Congress as a Republican, intends to vote for Barack Obama, is a self-described “troublemaker”, and enjoys good beer. Vernonia’s Voice sat down to compare notes.

**Vernonia’s Voice:** What is your favorite beer?

**Joel:** “I like IPA’s. My current favorites are Terminal Gravity and Broken Halo from Widmer. I also like Porters. My favorite is Polygamy Porter from Utah. Their motto is ‘Why Have Just One?!’”

**VV:** Where is your favorite place to have a beer?

**Joel:** The Rock Creek Tavern

**VV:** If you could have a pint with any three people, living or dead, who would they be?

**Joel:** “John Glenn, Isaac Newton, and Barack Obama. Although I would like the chance to sit down with George W. Bush and ask him what the hell he’s been thinking!”

**VV:** Where is the most unusual or interesting place you’ve had a beer?

**Joel:** “A little tavern in Viet Nam called Cin Tho. It was a Special Forces bar where all kinds of unusual people would pass through. Plus they had good food and beer. But you just never knew who was going to be in that place.”

**VV:** What is your favorite movie scene that involves beer?

**Joel:** “How about the scene in ‘One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ when they sneak out and go deep sea fishing.”



Joel Haugen - Minding his Ps and Qs

See you next time for Another Round!

# Stargazer

By Esther Arce

With the sun in Virgo the first part of this month, we can find ourselves being or needing to be highly critical and precise. A lot of time can be spent on small details. If you like that sort of thing, you’ll have plenty of it. If not, leave it alone and don’t let it become an obsession or a burden. With Saturn in the picture it can be easy to feel unsatisfied with what is, and our thoughts immediately go to how to fix it. How simple life can be when it becomes less about having or doing and more about being.

Mercury in Libra turns retrograde motion on the 24th. Relationship and contractual talks go back and forth. With Mars and Venus doing their dance for a few weeks, this time period has a way of bringing people back from the past. They may not stick around for long, but at least you got to say hello. Gossip reigns now, and it can be easy to get caught up in all the rumors. Is what is being said helpful or hurtful? Is it making things better or just causing confusion and creating mistrust? As usual, don’t trust everything you hear. This time is better suited for inward thinking. Spend time alone in silence and enjoy the peace. You can reach Esther Arce at info@EstherArce.com, 503.703.0904, or visit www.EstherArce.com

## Aries

It can seem at times as if everything or everyone is working against you, and just when you’re about to give up, all things start to go your way again. Opposition will come when you don’t take others’ needs into consideration. It may help your situation if you stop and listen to what others have to say.

## Taurus

You can get stuck on something for long periods of time and become affected by the habit of role-playing. It’s time to break free and do something you’ve never done before, the more adventurous or daring the better. It doesn’t have to be something big so long as it’s something new. Whether you like it or not remains to be seen, but at least you tried.

## Gemini

If you’re still feeling stuck, just be patient. As quickly as you like to move, there are forces outside of you slowing things down, and there’s really not a lot you can do about it except wait. Where else do you have to be but here? Carry your tasks through to completion, and take time to recognize what’s been accomplished.

## Cancer

It’s time to muster your intuitive faith and overcome fear in order to venture down new pathways or investigate new possibilities. This requires desire and courage on your part, and the confidence will come naturally. Trust your feelings and instincts more than what others think, and you’re sure to be met with success.

## Leo

Have the courage of your convictions and stand strong in the face of opposition. You have to believe in yourself even if it seems that the world is working against you. Persistence furthers, and relief is soon at hand. In the meantime be calm and don’t overreact or dramatize your situation. It will only cause you to lose your nerve or lose control.

## Virgo

There is a lot to get organized, and being professional and organized will bring rewards. This is a time for stepping up, being in charge and taking control. But the question is: are you living your life the way you want? Answering that question honestly will put you on your way to prosperity, healthy relationships and physical well-being.

## Libra

You may be put in a position where you are suddenly tested or taken by surprise. The key is inner strength and stability. With those two firmly in hand, you will not only succeed but learn a lot from the experience. The desire to be independent can be strong, but working well with others is an important part of your life.

## Scorpio

You may be great at keeping secrets, but it can be hard for you to hold back when your emotions are strong. You can’t change people but you can, with time and effort, change your personal circumstances by first changing your attitude. Try using creative visualization with affirmation instead of force, and you just may be surprised at the turn of events.

## Sagittarius

Life will hand you a few challenges that will force you to grow up. Trust that it’s time for you to become a mature thinker. Although your fiery nature is usually ready for action, this is more of a time to ponder, to think things through and find answers from a state of stillness. Not easily accomplished, but you can handle it.

## Capricorn

You are usually a rational and logical person and your purpose and place is important to you. However, don’t expect others or what you do to verify your existence. Otherwise you will always be working to please or to keep or change the status quo. Being self reliant while inviting others into your life is the right balance.

## Aquarius

Although you are a reasonably sympathetic person, some people may not like or want to hear what you have to say. However, no matter how uncomfortable it may be, it is better to bring some issues to light than keep them in the dark. How else is anyone going to know what’s really going on if you don’t let them in?

## Pisces

Be daring and innovative, and you will be led to bigger and better things. By projecting a higher sense of being into the future, you will create for yourself a more successful life. You are a unique individual, so don’t waste your time comparing yourself to others. Instead, be thankful for all the ways in which you are different and others will appreciate you more.

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