

Another Round: More Words of Wisdom About Beer



By Scott Laird

Featured Seasonal - I came across Portage Porter from New Belgium Brewing while relaxing at the coast last month and was not disappointed. In fact, I would say I was rather pleased. I thought we might have found a winner from the first pour—it was dark, very dark, like almost black dark, which for me is always a good sign with a porter. The head was a light creamy tan color. The taste was delicious—very smooth, with hints of caramel, coffee and chocolate. At 6% ABV this wasn't overpowering, but just a really nice, drinkable ale. I found it similar in style and character to Deschutes Brewery's Black Butte Porter,



which from me is the highest of compliments. I liked this ale, it isn't over the top with too much coffee or chocolate, it's just a well-balanced dark beer, great for a committed dark beer drinker. Find it and enjoy!

Speaking of Seasonals - McMenamins has released their enchanting Sleepy Hollow Nut Brown Ale. Make sure to stop by the Cornelius Pass Roadhouse to check it out before the end of February when it will be gone. Featuring subtle flavors of toffee and roasted malt, this is a great winter treat this month.

Also at the Cornelius Pass

Roadhouse this month:

The Cornelius Pass Winter Roadhouse Invitational on February 25 a special beer tasting of big, hoppy double India Pale Ales, featuring four of McMenamins best: Prize Rooster Double IPA, Battlestar Hoptactica DIPA, Meridian Monster, Centennial SmaSH DIPA.

Taps Round Town - The Bear Creek Pub, the tiny bar attached to the Black Iron Grill on Bridge Street in Vernonia has four taps and several nice selections, including regulars Sierra Nevada Pale Ale and Widmer Hefeweizen. Currently Bear Creek is also serving Emily's Ember from Seven Brides Brewing in Silverton—an amber ale with just a bit more than a hint of hops. Also on tap is Pelican Brewing's Red Lantern IPA, a hoppy, medium bodied red ale. Enjoy one out on the patio or in the yard around the fire pit if the weather's right, or snuggle into the pub with a few close friends.

CASA Volunteers Needed to Meet Urgent Demand in Columbia County

CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties has an urgent and immediate need for more CASA volunteers (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Today, Columbia County has 286 children in foster care, all of whom are entitled to and in need of a CASA. Currently, we are serving 36 children with 16 CASAs.

A CASA advocate is the tireless and passionate protector of a child who has been abused or neglected and is going through the trauma of the foster care system. They are adult volunteers who are trained, appointed by the court, and are committed to ensuring each individual child's needs remain a priority in an over-burdened child welfare system.

CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties is among the state and the nation's largest and longest serving CASA organization—we are responsible for serving 29% of Oregon's children in foster care. In 2015 we plan to serve 1,100 children in foster care with 481 CASAs.

We know that children in foster care face a difficult

future if they are not able to get to a safe and loving home. CASA programs are highly effective at improving outcomes, and, at the same time, engaging the community in helping children.

A CASA volunteer must be at least 21 years of age and be able to pass reference checks and a Child Protective Services and criminal background check before becoming a child advocate. Volunteers may not be current foster parents or be in the process of adopting a child from Child Protective Services. CASA volunteers need to be willing to dedicate 35 hours to training, and commit to seeing their cases through to the final resolution – of a safe and permanent home for the child(ren) involved.

If you are interested in joining in this important work as a CASA volunteer, please contact our Recruitment Coordinator, Kristen Freund at kfreund@casahelpskids.org or by calling 503-988-4178.

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