

WITH BREWERIES

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Another idea for the future is to make Pouring at the Coast a two-day tasting festival, which could affect the re-appearance of the Brewer's Dinner.

"All those things are on the table," Owen said.

The Home Brew Competition also will be absent this year. Because Pouring at the Coast overlaps with the first round of judging for the National Homebrew Competition, organizers knew it would be difficult to find an adequate number of certified judges to adjudicate the event correctly.

"If we couldn't do it right, we didn't want to do it," Griffin said.

However, many homebrew competitors in the past did not actually attend the event, but rather sent in or dropped off their submissions.

"They weren't necessarily active within the event itself," Owen said, adding the lack of the competition — which was conducted upstairs, behind closed doors — should not affect the experience for those who attend the festival.

Like the Brewer's Dinner, the Homebrew Competition may return to future events. Regardless, the organizers are optimistic about what Pouring at the Coast is and can continue to offer locals and tourists alike.

"With the additional growth opportunities we're looking," such as adding a second tasting day or changing the dinner, Owen said, "we'll continue this event to be a wonderful asset for Seaside and for our visiting population."

As Griffin puts it, "Everyone is looking for an excuse to go to the coast. You throw 40 breweries on top of that, and it makes it really hard for people to say 'no.'"

The River Inn at Seaside, the official Pouring at the Coast hotel, also is a sponsor for the event. Attendees can get 15 percent reduced rates by mentioning "Pouring at the Coast" while booking rooms.

Concession-style pub fare from Oregon Fine Foods will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets at the door are \$20, which includes a souvenir pouring glass and five tastings. Additional tastings are available for \$1 each.

For more information, visit pouringatthecoast.com or call 503-738-6391.



Attendees get to keep their Pouring at the Coast commemorative glass.



Fort George Brewery of Astoria will be at the festival, with brewers and beer-knowledgeable representatives to pour tastes for attendees.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Try tastes from Astoria's Buoy Beer Co. during Pouring at the Coast.



Participants can travel among the breweries, sampling what catches their eye and discussing the drinks.



Enjoy live music as you taste different brews from Northwest breweries.