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Edicts From The Czar

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This is a fantastic month to brew an Oatmeal Stout as Chris and I did on Sunday Nov. 2 to start the month. This was great beer with a starting gravity of 1.070 with all the ingredients coming from Brew It Yourself. So this is bigger than the 1.058 on the recipe sheet. That's what happens when you start grinding your own grains; more stuff just slips into the mill. I may take a few gallons of this tasty stout and make a spiced Christmas ale, as I did a couple of years ago. We are using English Ale yeast to give the ale a true malt character to the true styles of England.

I am going to Malaysia and the Royal Stout will be in the Pubs when I arrive. The Royal Stout was only in cans last time I went to the markets. It seems that Asia is now moving from Pilsners and Lagers to real Ales with traditional taste, aroma and mouthfeel. Southeast Asia is not just colored water using a little hops for flavor. These new ales are full bodied with great hops aroma. They may start a new type of hops that could be only grown in the jungles of Thailand!

Remember to check the dates for the Samichlaus Brew day at HBC Don's house on

December 6th and also check the calendar for the Houston Area Brewers Christmas Pot Luck at St Arnold.

The KGB annual elections will be in November at the Smörgåsbeerd at HBC Don's house so make sure to check the website and there will be nomination from the floor accepted if a few good people want to run. There are some good ideas from Ray at Brew It Yourself about having more KGB meeting at the brew shop so stay tuned to the web page. Ray also has a great idea about KOM that General Secretary Chris will be talking about at the November meeting. Ray wants to enter more beer this next year as a KGB member and has some ideas that will help entries.

Meetings at Brew It Yourself will stimulate new members and help new brewers learn how to brew better beers and ales.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the December Christmas Pot Luck at St. Arnold and enjoying talking good beer making as I do on my travels.



Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: Fall is in the air and I just came back from an Oktoberfest party at Saint Arnold. And on the wall are photos of the expansion of the brewery downtown Houston. They are progressing and it's going to be huge. It'll be nice. The current brewery is looking a little ratty and I guess they are just letting go.

Dixie: A few of us attended the meeting, as I recall there were the Wests, Bill and Kim King, Ed Moore, Chris and Susan, Kendalls and I am sure a few others. In my opinion there were fewer people this year than last. Then again I am probably confusing it with the Blue Bonnet. This is Fred's last year. I do have to admit, I missed Friday's celebration; I totally forgot. But made it to Saturday's rrrrrrr.....affille.

Travel plans: Rhonda and I will be going

to Scotland November 7-13. I am sure we will frequent some of the pubs and take some good pictures. This is our first trip to Scotland; all I know is it will be cold (high temp of 45F) and that the daylight is from 8 am to 4 PM. And it probably will rain! But put a pint in front of me, perhaps a wee heavy, and it'll be fine.

Next meeting is Smörgåsbeerd at Don's place. Not to be missed. My guess is BIG BEERS will be the theme. I wonder if we have any Belgian beers left over? My guess is no but one can only wish. I am hoping I can find some unusual beers in Scotland to share. So don't miss it.

My Comrades: It is late and my glass is empty...time for bed....

RC Phillip



From the Brewski Cellars

Jeff Scheerhorn — CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org

People of the Beer Kingdom,
Now that Halloween and Day of the Dead have passed, let's head over to Don and Roberta's place on the 15th at 5:00 and eat and drink like big bad wolves who wear sheep's wool if the gales of November come early. I call this little ditty – Big Bad Wolf Stalks Smörgåsbeerd.

Hey there scrumptious Smörgåsbeerd,
You sure are looking good.
You're everything this big bad wolf could want.

What big beers you have,
The kind of big beers that drive wolves mad.
So just to see you don't get chased,
How's about you walk away from the beers a ways?

What full German dishes you have,
They're sure to lure someone bad.
So until you get to Don & Roberta's place,
I think you ought to walk your dishes over to me to be safe.

I'm gonna keep my sheep suit on
Until I'm sure that you've been shown
That I can be left with the Smörgåsbeerd alone.
Owoooooooo!

Scrumptious Smörgåsbeerd,
You sure are looking good.
You're everything this big bad wolf could want.
Owoooooooo! I mean baaaaaaa! Baaa?

Just why am I going animalistic about all of this? Three

reasons:

a keg of Christmas Ale from Saint Arnold,
a slew of big beers, and
outstanding cuisine that includes beer brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and etc.

Bring out your inner wolf and see me there..... no, don't see me there, beat me there. Wait, I'm not looking to be clubbed or anything..... that was just an innocent remark aimed at getting us all there earlier rather than later. Call me crazy, but I figured the above-listed three reasons would be motivation enough; y'all are a bunch of sick wolf pups to want to beat me or anyone else. Strangely, I couldn't be more proud. does that make me seem masochistic?

CB Jeff Scheerhorn



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War Room Briefing

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Comrades, the elections in November are nearly here. No I'm not talking about the national elections, I'm referring to the new slate of KGB officers for the upcoming year. This election is what is really important for the direction of the style of beer we will drink. As stated in my earlier campaign speech, I know the membership wants "Big Beers" for the BOM and I am that man. I have both the experience and resources to deliver. In an effort to entice you the voters, I have already picked a full 15½ gallon keg of the famous Saint Arnold Christmas Ale for you to enjoy at our November meeting. Am I trying to buy your vote? Hell yes! A vote for me is a vote for Big Beers!!!!

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The KGB faired well in this the 25th Dixie Cup. Yours truly earned a 1st place for Strong Ale, 2nd place for Russian Imperial Stout, a 3rd place for Fruit Beers and a 3rd place for Smoked beers. In addition, General Secretary Chris Landis earned a 3rd place in American Brown Ale and HBRC Tim White scored a 2nd in Foreign Extra Stout. Great showing guys! In addition, I ended up placing 11th in the standings for the Lone Star Circuit. A respectable showing, indeed.

One of the showcase KGB events of the year will be our 4th Annual Samichlaus Brew In. This legendary beer is only brewed once on year on Saint Claus Day, December 6th. This event keeps growing and, being on a Saturday this year, we expect a big showing. Along with numerous brewers and brewing teams brewing batches of this 1.140 OG beer, we will have 3 years of homebrewed examples, 9 years of commercial examples and a 3 liter bottle of 2007 Samichlaus. It is pot lock so please bring something to help

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Brewing Up A Scandal — Donald Dons Dom Drag

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Look again, comrades. You're not seeing Katie Couric in that photograph. Nope, that dominatrix is none other than Donald Sajda, the man who is vying to be your next commissar brewski.

Comrade Sajda was recently photographed entering a well known Houston den of some mild iniquity, known for its free flowing taps and its dark, damp, dank, industrial dungeon décor. You may have heard of it. They advertise in this very publication (look straight down, comrades).

The obvious question is: Can a person of such proclivities be trusted with the vast KGB coffers?

Detractors say that anyone who can pull off a costume like that one is automatically suspect. They also remind us of the oft-touted New Mexican mountain hideaway that was purportedly financed by Sajda's surreptitious skimming from the KGB's surfeit of rubles.

Those in favor of our current MOW changing offices point to the many years during which comrade Donald served successfully as czar and commissar brewski in the past, not to mention the obvious *ties* (gotta love that dominatrix humor) he obviously has with the proprietors of the aforementioned establishment with the (ironically?) sanctified name. Plus, his legs are baby butt smooth!

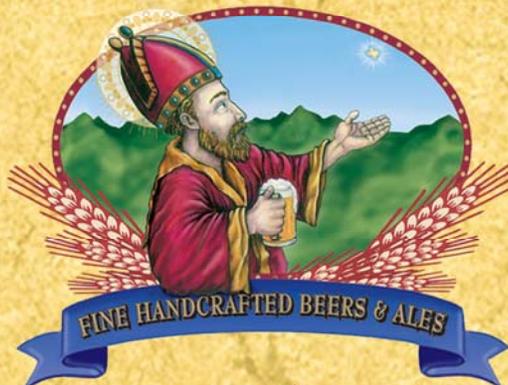
Pitted against Mr. Sajda in the bat-

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tle for the office of commissar brewski are the incumbent Jeff Scheerhorn and someone who has never held a KGB office, Stuart West, whose membership is actually in question at press time (pay your dues, comrade!).

Comrade Jeff Scheerhorn has held the office of commissar brewski for the last two years and wants you to let him have another go at it in 2009. When asked about his reasons for wanting to keep the office, he rattled off the typical selfish reasons that have lured many a comrade in the past. “Well, first of all, everywhere you go, you’re thinking about beer and you have a ‘*Can I use KGB money to get some of that stuff?*’ mentality. Plus, at a certain point in every meeting, *everybody* loves the commissar brewski...and I so need the love.” Honorable? Or is it just sad?

The lesser known, third man on the CB ballot is Stuart West, seen in the photo at right with a former commissar brewski, Jonathan Goudy. Comrade Jonathan would not endorse a candidate for The KGB Files, but



Incumbent commissar brewski Jeff Scheerhorn.



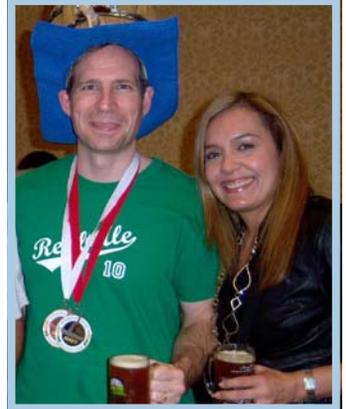
he did say that “My dog likes the smell of his dog’s butt.”

Comrade Stuart is known to a few comrades for his dedication to finding great beers from all over the world. He likes to travel in the name of beer and is always coming home with something new and sharing with his fellow beer aficionados.

When The KGB Files went out asking the proletariat for their thoughts on comrade Stuart, most of them just answered with blank stares. But when shown this picture of him together with his wife, Sandy (she’s the one on the right), almost every one of them said something like, “Oh, so Sandy’s married, is she? Gee, I was hoping her ring was just a decoy to keep the riffraff away.”

Apparently, old Stew should get his better half out there stumping for him. And pay her dues, too. We’d hate to lose her.

Who will be the next commissar brewski? Be at the Smörgåsbeerd to have a say in who wins, because if you ain’t there, you ain’t voting!



War Room Briefing

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absorb these big beers. Did I say big beers? Ah, yes, and as your Commissar Brewski, I will make sure our beers are Big for future BOMs.

Hope to see you at the November 15th meeting at my house. A 5:00 pm start is in order. Remember support the “Big Beer Party” vote for Don, Commissar Brewski.

Cheers,
HBMOW Don



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| Event | Date <small>(Article due date)</small> | Location | Style or Region of the Month | KOM |
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| November Meeting Smörgåsbeerd | Sat Nov 15 | Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr | Good ol' Bigguns | Saint Arnold Christmas Ale |
| December Christmas Party | Sun Dec 7 <small>(Nov 21)</small> | St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr. | | |

It's the KGB's 2009 calendar!
It means nothing! New officers will be in charge! Anything can change!

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| January Meeting Spudfest | Sat Jan 17 Noon <small>(Jan 2)</small> | Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX | TBA | TBA |
| February Meeting Fish Fry | Sat Feb 21 7PM <small>(Feb 6)</small> | Ed Condon 1718 Camille | TBA | TBA |
| March Meeting Chili Cook Off | Sat Mar 21 7PM <small>(Mar 6)</small> | Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive | TBA | TBA |
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