

NHC 2010 -- Midwest Regional

The Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild (MHTG – www.mhtg.org) is proud to announce that we will host the Midwest Regional for the National Homebrew Competition, 2010. The judging will take place on April 17, 2010 at The Capital Brewery in Middleton, WI. Keith Symonds is the Site Coordinator madsymo@aol.com> and Tony Jacques is the Judge Coordinator tonyj.ten@gmail.com> for the event.

Please see the American Homebrewers Association website for information about entering the competition:

http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition

Judges and Stewards

Judges and Stewards are needed for the competition. In particular, we need BJCP Judges for the beer categories. Additionally, we need qualified Mead and Cider Judges.

If you are interested in judging, please contact Judge Coordinator, Tony Jacques <<u>tonyj.ten@gmail.com</u>> as soon as possible. In your note, please indicate your judge qualifications, categories you would prefer to judge and categories you are unable to judge. Remember to include all of your contact information (e-mail, snail-mail, phone numbers, etc.) If you are a BJCP Judge, please include your Judge Number.

If you are interested in Stewarding, please contact Head Steward, Greg Younkin <<u>greg.younkin@wisconsin.gov</u>> The organizers are committed to providing one steward for each judge panel – stewards will be able and encouraged to serve as apprentice judges throughout each judge session!

Judging Details

All judging is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 17th in three judge sessions.

8:00-9:00am Judge/Steward Registration and breakfast

9:00-11:30am 1st Judge Session

11:30-12:30pm Lunch (provided for all volunteers)

12:30-3:00pm 2nd Judge Session

3:00-3:15pm Break

3:15-5:45pm 3rd Judge Session

Dinner Break On your own

7:00pm-??? Hospitality at Capital Brewery, Bierstube (Hosted by MHTG)

Visit our area breweries and beer bars!

- Capital Brewery www.capital-brewery.com/
- Great Dane (3 locations!) <u>www.greatdanepub.com/</u>
- Ale Asylum www.aleasylum.com
- Vintage Brewing www.vintagebrewingco.com/
- The Grumpy Troll www.thegrumpytroll.com/
- Gray's Tied House www.graystiedhouse.com/

- The Malt House www.MaltHouseTavern.com
- Brasserie V www.brasseriev.com/
- Maduro <u>www.madurocigarbar.com/</u>
- Jacs' www.jacsofmadison.com/
- The Old Fashioned www.theoldfashioned.com/
- Cooper's Tavern www.thecooperstavern.com/

Judge points will be distributed according to BJCP regulations. The organizers promise a huge "swag-a-thon" for all volunteers.

Lodging and Local Activities

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Staybridge Suites < Madison Homebrew and Tasters Guild> or call them at 608-664-5888 in Middleton. This hotel is approximately 500 yards (maybe even less! ©) from the brewery with ample underground parking. Rooms have been reserved for Saturday evening at special rates (ask about Friday.) The code for our special rates (about half their "rack-rate") is MHG. Other lodging options are available nearby, as well.

Bring the family!

Madison is beautiful in the spring (and all year, for that matter.) There are numerous activities for members of your family. A few highlights:

- The Dane County Farmers Market (largest outdoor Farmers' Market in the USA!) www.dcfm.org/
- Vilas Zoo www.vilaszoo.org/
- UW Spring Football Game www.uwbadgers.com/
- Wisconsin Film Festival <u>www.wifilmfest.org/</u>

- Hiking, biking, sailing, parks, bird sanctuaries ...
- Chazen Art Museum
 www.chazen.wisc.edu/home.htm
- Olbrich Gardens www.olbrich.org/
- Numerous boutiques
- Wisconsin Dells (about 45 minutes away) – indoor water parks!

Contact Site Coordinator, Keith Symonds, with any questions.

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We look forward to seeing you in April!