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News from our bars at Beer Corner USA...

Upcoming Events....

Join us for New Years Eve this Saturday.

- We will have karaoke in the Crescent Moon at 10pm
- Help us ring in the New Year with a **free champagne toast at midnight** in all the bars.
- All the bars are open!

We have a **free shuttle bus going to the CU basketball games and UNO hockey games this season.** The shuttle will not run on Sunday games because our bars are closed on Sundays. The bus leaves 20minutes before game time and drops you off at the front door. Avoid costly parking, a cold walk to the car, and safely have a few beers before each game. You have 15 min. after the game ends to catch the return ride back to the Moon.

Our bus schedule for this week is....

- **Tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 28th CU Basketball game bus leaves at 6:40.**

- **Friday, Dec. 30th UNO Hockey game bus leaves at 7:10.**
- **Saturday, Dec 31st UNO Hockey game bus leaves at 1:40.**

Mug Club Christmas party is tonight Dec. 28th in the Huber Haus.

- Members will receive **25% off draft and bottles** during our Holiday celebration and be entered into our **expanded 8:00 prize drawing.**
- **You can join anytime** benefits include a free draft when you sign up and every year on your Bday, 25% off draft every Wed., 10% off draft every day and prize drawings at our monthly parties.

New beers on tap in The Crescent Moon....

- **Mountain Standard Double Black IPA** makes a return If you haven't had this very popular roasty IPA you must give it a try. 9.5% 55 IBU's
- **Empyrean Mango IPA** is a recipe from Lincoln home brewer Jason McLaughlin, winner of the Nov. 2011 Beer Quest competition. It is full of tropical aromas, it's flavor is citrusy hops and mango, followed by a biscuit center and a big bitter-citrus finish. 8% 86 IBU's (also on cask right now)
- **Widmer Brothers Brrr Seasonal Ale** Not too hoppy with candy sweetness and a velvety finish. 7.2% 50 IBU's
- **Madhouse Brewing Co. of Newton, Iowa- Hopburst IPA** has a maltly base balanced with huge additions of a unique hop blend added late in the boil during the brewing process achieving tons of hop flavor and aroma. 7.2% 55 IBU's
- **Rogue Mogul Madness Ale** has intense flavors of citrus hops, and complex notes of nuts, berries and mocha. 6.6% 68 IBU's
- **Tall Grass Velvet Rooster** is a Belgian-Style Tripel. It's taste is clean and crisp, with subtle fruit notes and a touch of candy like sweetness. 8.5%

New beers on tap in Max and Joe's...

- **Ovila Abbey Quad** is the fourth one in this series brewed by Sierra Nevada in collaboration with the monks at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Vina, CA. It is a silky ale is rich, mahogany brown in color with a velvety malt aroma, spiked with hints of dried cherry, fig, raisin, and plum notes. A full and creamy body offers layers of flavor including a perfume-like maltiness. 10.4%
- **Peche Mel Scaldis** is a deliciously drinkable, unique mix of fruit beer and ale pouring a deep russet color with big taste, and an out-of-this-world heady aroma of peach. Brewed by the Dubuisson Brewery in Belgium Peche Mel's Belgian yeast gives it a slight peppery kick and keeps it from being overly sweet. The ale has just enough bitter and a touch of sour to stand up to the sweet fruity flavors from the peach juice. Rounding it out are grapefruit flavors on a surprisingly dry finish. 8.5%

Our 6th Annual Extreme Beerfest is our biggest event every year. This year it will be on Saturday, Feb. 11th from 3-7pm at the Tip Top Ballroom at 15th and Cuming. Check out our website www.beertopiaextremebeerfest.com for all the details

- VIP tickets to Extreme Beerfest are **SOLD OUT**. This ticket allows you into the fest 1 hour before and access to special tappings during that hour.

Highlights of Extreme Beerfest this year...

- **Regular tickets are on sale now. About 1/3 have already sold. They make a great Christmas gift for the beer lover on your list.** A \$31 ticket gets you a souvenir tasting glass, a program, and 4 hours of unlimited sampling of upwards of 300 of the most extreme beers the world has to offer. Lots of Double IPA's, Barrel Aged, Imperial Stouts, Belgian Sours, Tripels, Casks and Many more Rare and Unusual Beer Styles. Almost all above 7% ABV. Brewery and Distributor Reps will be on site to answer you questions.
- **New this year, we will be including hourly Beercentric Seminars** to improve your beer knowledge. These seminars will be included in the ticket price. Seating is limited to around 50 for each, first come first serve. We are planning to do 4 seminars, from 3:30-5, with each one being 30 minutes long. They will be held in the Junior ballroom at the Tip Top right next to Extreme Beerfest. **I have details on 2 so far...**Mike Hall from Upstream Brewing Co. will do one on Barrel Aging and Bauman's Hop Farm will do one All about Hops. Look for more information on this as it becomes available.
- Also, Live Music Provided by Blue House for a little ambiance.
- Food will be available for purchase on site.
- A free shuttle will run continuously between Beertopia and the Tip Top from 1pm to 9pm.
- Hotel Information: **The Downtown Omaha Hampton Inn is the official hotel of Beertopia's Extreme Beerfest.** It is just one block from the Fest and is offering a **\$89 room rate for Friday or Saturday.** Make a reservation online by linking from our website or by calling the hotel directly at 402-345-5500 giving the **group code: BEER FEST.**
- **Purchase Tickets** at Beertopia, Crescent Moon or online at www.etix.com now for just \$31.

We will host a **Beer Dinner with Lagunitas Brewing Co. from Petaluma, CA** on the Friday before the Beerfest on Feb. 10th from 7-9:30 at the Tip Top Ballroom.

- A few people have been asking about the menu. We plan to have it out in mid January.
- **Lagunitas is a new offering to the state of Nebraska however it won't be for sale anywhere until late in March.** They are shipping some beer out especially for our Beer Dinner. Don't miss your chance for this special sneak peak tasting and food pairing event.
- We will welcome **Don Chartier, the Northern Hemispherical Vice Captain for Supply Vectored Marketing Analysis of Lagunitas Brewing Co. as the key note speaker.** Enjoy a fabulous 4 course meal expertly prepared and paired with Lagunitas Extreme beer lineup.
- **Tickets are \$55 and include a beer reception and a four course dinner paired with beer. A little under half have sold.** Keep in mind seating for this dinner is limited and will likely sell out. Purchase tickets now at Beertopia or online through www.etix.com.

Also, we are in the planning stages for an **Omaha Craft Beer Week.**

- It will be the week leading up to Extreme; **Friday, Feb. 3rd to Sunday the 12th.**
- We are coordinating with lots of other Craft beer bars and Breweries all over Omaha to offer 10 beer packed days of new and exciting beery events all over town. **One of our collaborative events will be a free shuttle on Saturday Feb. 4th from noon to midnight going to some key Craft Beer bars.** We are working on details and will let you know ASAP.
- **Some of our events here at the Beer Corner** will be a vintage beer tasting, movie night, a bottle exchange, and a beer swag garage sale, a super hot wing contest, tap takeovers, beer and food pairings and many others!
- Also we are constructing a website of the who, what, and where details to keep you informed of all the events all over Omaha, www.omahabeerweek.com. Coming soon!

Beertopia News as Follows...

WOW...that is about all I can say about the week leading up to Christmas. You have shown your loyalty like no other week in Beertopia's 5 year history. A big, huge thank you for all of you who helped make this a very Merry Christmas at Beertopia!!

- We really could not have added anymore beers to the store this week...But, a very interesting Chinese beer called Lucky Buddha showed up. This lager beer is 4.8% and the bottle is actually the great Buddha himself, fat belly and all.
- Point Brewing has released their 2012 Black Ale in 12 packs. This deep brown ale pours with a modest tan head and is nice and malty. The hops here play their part well and make this a nice session ale for the New Years celebration!
- Ommegang has released a new beer to Nebraska. The "BPA" or Belgain pale ale boasts a toasty character with a nice fruity balance of malt and yeast. 6.2% ABV is right on par for a few to put down!!

Beertopia is open New Years Eve until 10pm but will be closed on Sunday, New Years Day. Have a safe Holiday!

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