

BREW BUMS

JANUARY '08 NEWSLETTER

Long time no newsletter...

Well, all we can say is sorry for the delay. The holidays have kept us busy and we have not been able to get a newsletter out. We are still here and doing all we can to serve your needs.

We have a really good inventory for all your basic needs in stock and if there is something you need that we don't have, always ask and we will try to get it for you. We have some fruit kits that make great country wine as well as the ability to order any type of wine kit you can think of. We do have a great Chocolate Raspberry Port you should really check out. It is a 3 gallon kit and a one time only thing, so if you are looking for something you can age and drink with or as a dessert check it out. If you are beer maker, we have an extensive supply of grain and access to many extract kits.

Motley Brew Crew Meetings

Well, we took a brief hiatus in December from our meetings but we are going to start them back up again Jan. 17th at Huckleberry's. These meetings are for anyone that wants to attend, winemakers, beer makers or even if you are just starting up or wanting to start up. It is a great place to taste some of our creations and ask questions. Even people that have been doing this for a long time can and have learned new things at these meetings. The meetings start @ 7pm but some of us have been going early for supper as a way to support Huckleberry's for letting us have our meetings there.

Going forward there was talk of changing the meeting date so others that had conflicts on Tuesday could attend more frequently. We agreed that a change could be made and we will finalize that day at our next meeting. I would expect the second Thursday of every month to be a great fit for everyone but more information will come.

We hope to see you on the 17th, new or old members alike.



Newsletter Spotlight

Be sure to check out the next meeting date.

Motley Brew Crew Meeting

January 17th at 7pm in the private dining room
Huckleberry's Hideout
South 10th and G St.
Broken Bow, NE 68822

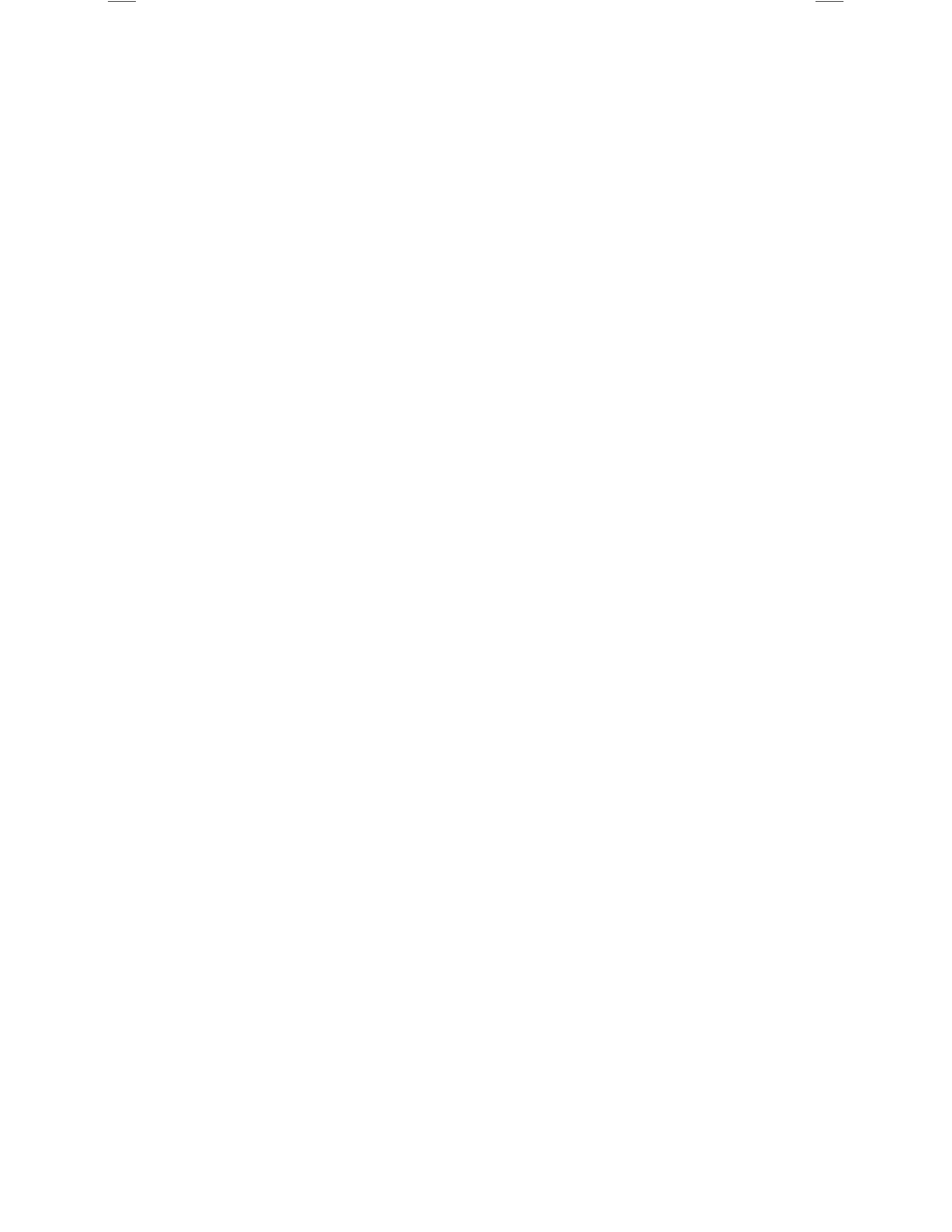
As always, bring some of your beer/wine to share.

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Hop and Grain Shortage!

Some of you may have heard the news that there is a hop and grain shortage worldwide. We heard about this coming about August and have been doing anything we can with our buying power, which isn't much, to secure what we could. We placed a large base grain order before the prices went up 40% on the grain and still have some of that left in stock and will honor the pre-price increase on those bags. Hops are the real concern though, because, while the prices are higher with grains, I can get any grain you want, I can't get any hop you want no matter the price. So our suppliers have been in contact with us and have been keeping us in the loop on what we can expect. Basically we will be able to buy the same or similar volume as we did last year but not the same hops because they just won't have them and in some cases we may never see some varieties again. We have went out of our supplier group and got some hops but not many. We have access to good substitution information so if we don't have a hop we can help in getting you a close substitution for it. We have some hops in stock currently and we are honoring the price we paid for those hops, but expect to see the prices triple or more in the coming future. I wish we didn't have to do this but it is what is. Please buy only the hops you need and try not to over buy on fear, this will make this problem easier on everyone. If you have any questions on this let us know, and let us know what your hop needs are and we will work with you as best we can.

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