

# BREW NEWS



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of the West Kingdom  
Brewer's Guild



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No Calls After 9PM Please - The Yeasts Are Sleeping.....

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Greetings All! Once again the time has come to publish our Brewer's Guild Newsletter!

## News From The Mists

George of Berwick, our Mists Representative, is actively looking for a replacement. He has stepped up as West Kingdom Chirurgeon and also has plenty going on in his mundane life. So what does a Principality Representative do? Well, they set up what the competitions will be at the various principality events, run the Principality Brewer's Guild meetings, and arrange for the running and judging of the competitions at the events.

Master Henry of Eynhallow taught a successful beginning brewing Marathon at Darkwood Arts and Sciences – Mead, Cider and Cyser. Students took home 1 gallon bottles of brew for the cost of the ingredients. Great fun was had by all!

Don't forget that we do have a website! It currently contains several of the back issues of the newsletter. I had hoped to have more of the old newsletters up, but my computer suffered a severe nervous breakdown last fall and I haven't caught up yet. The url is: <http://www.caerdaerh.org/brew.html>

## West Kingdom Brewers Guild Contest List

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October Crown	Period German Beer
12 <sup>th</sup> Night	No Competition
March Crown	Cider, Cyser, or Peary

**REMEMBER:** There is always an "open" brewing category at every brewing competition. This is an excellent opportunity for brewers of all levels to have someone knowledgeable taste their brews and give them feedback. Our goal with the "open" category is to allow people to get feedback on their brews when they want and need it, without having to wait for a specific category to arrive on the schedule.

## Brewers' Guild Ranking System

### DEFINITIONS:

**Style** - beer, wine, mead, cordial, or non-alcoholic beverage.

**Public Service Work** - teaching a workshop, submitting articles or art to newsletters, holding a contest or tasting, etc.

**Proficiency** - competency in a style, as judged by fellow brewers from a sampling of at least four different brews.

### RANKINGS:

**Apprentice** - Anyone who wants to play and participate in the Brewers' Guild activities. (Is entitled to wear the Guild badge on a green field.)

**Journeyman** - Someone who is proficient in at least one style of brewing and has performed at least one public service work. (Is entitled to wear the Guild badge on a blue field.)

**Craftsman** - Someone who is proficient in at least two styles of brewing, and had performed at least three public service works. (Is entitled to wear the Guild badge on a red field.)

**Master Brewer** - To achieve this rank you must have attained the previous rank of Craftsman, be nominated by your fellow Craftsmen, and be approved by the other Master Brewers. (Is entitled to wear the Guild badge on a purple field.)

All members of the Guild are encouraged to donate bottles of their beverages to the Guild for use as "tastes" given to the reigning Royalty during court presentations. Brewers outside of the central Kingdom, or in the more distant regions of the Marches, may achieve awards up through Craftsman by participating in their local events. Such individuals should write to the Guild Master to inform him or her of their level of participation.

The Guild badge is as follows: "Fieldless, A tun palewise Or charged with a laurel leaf vert." The tun, as generally depicted, is a wooden barrel.

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