

'CASK HEAD' CASK ALE FESTIVAL #14

The Brazen Head, Brooklyn, 22-24 February 2008

Beer Menu and Tasting Notes

Please note the following beers will be available on a rotating basis, up to eleven at any one time. Read the orange cask labels for what is available now.

- Allagash 'Black'** (7.5%) *Style: Belgian Stout.* *From Portland, Maine*
A deep ruby ale with a spicy, roasty aroma. The initial sweetness leads to notes of anise and coffee, and the finish is dry.
- Allagash 'Curieux'** (11.0%) *Style: Tripel/Wood-Aged Beer.* *From Portland, Maine*
Smooth, powerful, wood-aged beer with modest notes of vanilla.
- Arcadia 'India Pale Ale'** (5.9%) *Style: American IPA.* *From Battle Creek, Michigan*
A floral and resinous IPA, dry hopped with Columbus hops in the fermenting vessel. There's a nutty finish with a little toasted malt coming through.
- Brooklyn 'Brown Ale'** (5.5%) *Style: American Brown Ale.* *From Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York*
Malty, satisfying brown ale, great for a session.
- Brooklyn 'Winter Ale'** (6.0%) *Style: Scottish Export 80/-.* *From Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York*
Brooklyn's winter seasonal beer brewed with Willamette hops; malty and very pleasant.
- Cape Ann 'Fisherman's Navigator'** (7.5%) *Style: Doppelbock.* *From Gloucester, Massachusetts*
Deep amber in colour with bitter chocolate and dark malt flavours.
- Captain Lawrence 'Liquid Gold'** (6.0%) *Style: Belgian Pale Ale.* *From Pleasantville, New York*
A clean, very drinkable golden ale brewed with German Pilsner and Vienna Crystal malts, plus Sterling and Cascade hops. Specially dry-hopped in the cask.
- Captain Lawrence 'Smoke From The Oak'** (6.4%) *Style: Robust Porter/Wood-Aged.* *From Pleasantville, New York*
[Bourbon Barrel version] Smoked Porter aged in wooden bourbon barrels makes for a rich, dark, delicious imbibing experience. One of a series of porters aged in different barrels.
- Chelsea 'Nut Brown Ale'** (4.1%) *Style: American Brown Ale.* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan, New York*
A new style for Chelsea, this delicious, hazy brown session ale has a distinct nuttiness on the tongue, together with toasted malts. The aroma is of roasted nuts.
- Chelsea 'Blizzard IPA'** (6.2%) *Style: American IPA.* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan, New York*
A deep red brew, full-flavored with plenty of piney hop character.
- Chelsea 'Frosty's Winter Wheat Wine'** (9.3%) *Style: Wheat Wine.* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan, New York*
A one-off strong version of the regular winter wheat beer, your last chance to try it cask-conditioned.
- Chelsea 'The Tzar's Revenge'** (9.8%) *Style: Imperial Stout.* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan, New York*
Very rich and dark but easily drinkable. Chocolate is prominent in the aroma and taste, with some smokiness in the finish.
- Defiant 'Abbey Single'** (5.0%) *Style: Belgian Pale Ale.* *From Pearl River, New York*
A reddish, easy-drinking Belgian-style session ale with a mild fruitiness.
- Defiant 'Muddy Creek Lager'** (5.5%) *Style: Amber/Red Lager.* *From Pearl River, New York*
A malty, amber cask-conditioned lager with toffee and fruit aspects. Pearl River was originally known as 'Muddy Creek'.
- Geary's 'Pale Ale'** (4.5%) *Style: English Pale Ale.* *From Portland, Maine*
A pale ale with a nod to the legendary beers of Burton-on-Trent. Copper-colored, dry, clean and crisp. Hopped with Cascade, Mount Hood, Tettnang and Fuggles.
- Geary's 'Winter Ale'** (6.0%) *Style: English IPA.* *From Portland, Maine*
A hearty beer with a dry maltiness with an intense floral hop finish from Mount Hood, Golding & Fuggles varieties.
- Green Flash 'West Coast IPA'** (7.0%) *Style: American IPA.* *From Vista, California*
Copper colored ale with "a menagerie of hops": Simcoe for fruitiness and grapefruit zest, Columbus for strong hop pungency, Centennial for pine and citrus notes, and Cascade for floral aroma.
- Heartland 'Not Tonight Honey Porter'** (6.5%) *Style: Robust Porter.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn, New York*
This delicious dark ale is ebony with a subtle garnet hue. Rich chocolate malt is highlighted by notes of fresh clover honey and blackstrap molasses. Its strength imparts a dryness that complements the long, nutty finish.

- Heartland 'Belgian Golden Ale'** (7.5%) *Style: Belgian Strong Pale Ale.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn, New York*
A new, locally brewed Belgian-style ale for the Heartland pubs in Manhattan, similar to Duvel.
- Heartland 'Old Red Nose Special Reserve'** (8.0%) *Style: American Strong Ale.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn, New York*
This deep mahogany winter ale is rich with fragrant tones of orange and ginger, a hearty malt nose, and a full, roasted chestnut flavor.
- High Point 'Ramstein Classic Wheat Beer'** (5.4%) *Style: Dunkelweizen* *From Butler, New Jersey*
Roasted malts and Tettnanger hops create a depth of complex flavours in this deep mahogany coloured brew.
- High Point 'Ramstein Pale Ale'** (6.0%) *Style: American Pale Ale.* *From Butler, New Jersey*
A golden ale with an interesting mix of English, German, and Belgian influences. There are notes of citrus and sweet malt.
- Kelso 'Pilsner'** (5.7%) *Style: Bohemian Pilsner.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn, New York*
A smooth, golden lager aged for six weeks and dry hopped with Sterling in both tank and cask. Specially dry hopped in-cask.
- Mercury 'Stone Cat ESB'** (5.6%) *Style: English Extra Special Bitter.* *From Ipswich, Massachusetts*
A rarely-seen dark copper-colored ale from the brewers of Ipswich, smooth and satisfying with a malty sweetness.
- Mercury 'Stone Cat IPA'** (5.7%) *Style: American IPA.* *From Ipswich, Massachusetts*
Full-bodied, highly hopped ale with notes of pine. Another rare beer from the brewers of Ipswich.
- Middle Ages 'Kilt Tilter'** (8.5%) *Style: Scottish 'Wee Heavy'.* *From Syracuse, New York*
Rich and full-bodied winter ale with plenty of malt sweetness.
- Middle Ages 'Druid Fluid'** (9.5%) *Style: American Barleywine.* *From Syracuse, New York*
Red-amber, full-bodied and smooth. There's a sweetness imparting fruit notes, with balanced but not overly prominent hops.
- Otter Creek 'Sea Otter'** (7.2%) *Style: Baltic Porter (lager yeast).* *From Middlebury, Vermont*
A dark ruby, softly-hopped, and beautifully well rounded brew with a malty backbone and notes of chocolate at the finish.
- Sixpoint 'Brownstone Ale'** (5.7%) *Style: American Brown Ale.* *From Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York*
A well-balanced brown ale brewed locally, a superb session beer.
- Sixpoint 'Righteous Ale'** (7.2%) *Style: American Rye Beer.* *From Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York*
Reddish, local beer with a bold rye spiciness on the palate. Specially dry hopped in the cask for a fresh aroma.
- Sixpoint 'Diesel'** (6.6%) *Style: American Stout.* *From Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York*
Malty, robust stout, black and full-bodied with notes of chocolate and licorice.
- Sly Fox 'Seamus' Red Ale'** (4.9%) *Style: Irish Red Ale.* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
Smooth, seasonal red ale hopped with East Kent Goldings for aroma and Centennial for bitterness.
- Sly Fox 'Gang Aft Agley'** (7.5%) *Style: Scottish 'Wee Heavy'.* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
Brown in color and full-bodied, this is a malty, mellow, rich, strong ale brewed with roasted barley and pale malts. "Gang Aft Agley" translates as "oft go astray," as in Burns' famous line about "the best laid plans of mice and men...".
- Sly Fox 'Ichor'** (10.0%) *Style: Belgian Barleywine.* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
A delicious, lightly carbonated Belgian-style barleywine (or 'quadruple') brewed with German pils and roast malts and Belgian candi sugar.
- Southern Tier 'IPA'** (6.5%) *Style: American IPA.* *From Lakewood, New York*
Golden, citrusy ale hopped with Columbus and Willamette, and dry hopped with Cascade.
- Stoudt's 'Scarlet Lady'** (4.8%) *Style: English Extra Special Bitter.* *From Adamstown, Pennsylvania*
English-style copper colored ale, earthy and subtly hoppy.
- Thomas Hooker 'Blonde Ale'** (5.1%) *Style: Cream Ale.* *From Hartford, Connecticut*
An easy drinking golden ale with a subtle sweetness.

Tasting notes are from **BEER DEMYSTIFIER: NEW YORK CITY** - www.gotham-imbiber.com

FUTURE CASK FESTIVALS:

- * 28th-30th March 2008 at Chelsea Brewing Company, Chelsea Piers, Manhattan;
- * 9th-11th May 2008 – 'Cask Head' #15, here at The Brazen Head.

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