

'CASK HEAD' CASK ALE FESTIVAL #15

The Brazen Head, Brooklyn, 16 - 18 May 2008

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

- Arcadia 'Hop Rocket Ale'** (9.0%) *Style: Double IPA* *From Battle Creek, Michigan*
Arcadia's 11th anniversary celebratory brew, a bold and grapefruity double IPA that packs a big hop punch to the palate.
- Blue Point 'Blueberry Ale'** (4.3%) *Style: Fruit Beer* *From Patchogue, New York*
Refreshing fruit beer, 132lbs of blueberries go into each batch.
- Blue Point 'Double Blonde Ale'** (7.4%) *Style: Blonde Ale* *From Patchogue, New York*
A strong, biscuity and malty summer ale with limited availability.
- Blue Point 'Cherry Imperial Stout'** (9.2%) *Style: Fruit Beer* *From Patchogue, New York*
Dark, rich, and fruity with an underlying fruit sourness.
- Chelsea 'Pro-Am Altbier'** (5.8%) *Style: Altbier* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Amber beer with a smooth malt aroma and toasted malt and biscuit notes; moderate hops (Perle for bittering and Hallertau for aroma). The winning recipe from this year's homebrewing competition at Chelsea. Styled as "Long Island Alt" by the brewer.
- Chelsea 'Checker Cab Blonde Ale'** (5.5%) *Style: Kölsch* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
A crisp kölsch-style ale brewed with 10% ratio of wheat malt and hopped with the German variety of Santiam. Refreshing with a dry finish and a delicate hop flavor and aroma.
- Chelsea 'Sunset Red'** (5.6%) *Style: American Amber Ale* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Lightly fruity, medium-bodied ale with semi-rich caramel notes from the use of crystal malt.
- Chelsea 'Flower and Showers Spring Wheat'** (6.4%) *Style: American Pale Wheat Ale* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
A hazy, orange-amber wheat beer with a little spiciness which is very easily imbibed.
- Chelsea 'Frosty's Winter Wheat Wine'** (9.3%) *Style: Wheat Wine* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
A one-off strong version of the regular winter wheat beer, which we thought was all gone last time around! Very tasty...
- Chelsea 'The Tzar's Revenge 2007'** (9.8%) *Style: Imperial Stout* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Very rich and dark but easily drinkable. Chocolate is prominent in the aroma and taste, with some smokiness in the finish.
- Chelsea '1000 Gyle Imperial Mild'** (10.9%) *Style: Barleywine* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Chelsea's 1000th brew, a powerful barleywine with notes of honeysuckle melon. The name is an oxymoron, intended as a light-hearted poke at all the brewers of "imperial this and imperial that".
- Chelsea 'Oak Aged 1000 Gyle Imperial Mild'** (10.9%) *Style: Wood-aged barleywine* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
A very limited special oak barrel-aged version of the barleywine, smooth and dangerously drinkable.
- Cricket Hill 'Col. Blide's Bitter'** (8.0%) *Style: Altbier* *From Fairfield, New Jersey*
A clean, amber ale with hints of lemon and sweet malts and some biscuit notes together with hops. Floral aroma. Especially good when cask-conditioned.
- Cricket Hill 'Hypnotic IPA'** (6.7%) *Style: English-style IPA* *From Fairfield, New Jersey*
Golden English-style IPA from New Jersey with a balanced hop profile.
- Dark Star 'Hophead'** (3.8%) *Style: English Bitter* *From Ansty, West Sussex, England*
An extremely clean-drinking, pale gold-coloured ale with a strong floral aroma and elderflower notes. 'Hophead' is full-bodied despite its strength, and has won many awards in the U.K.
- Dark Star 'American Pale Ale'** (4.7%) *Style: American Pale Ale* *From Ansty, West Sussex, England*
An extremely clean-drinking, pale gold-coloured ale with a strong floral aroma and elderflower notes. 'Hophead' is full-bodied despite its strength, and has won many awards in the U.K.
- Defiant 'Brandy's Brown'** (5.6% estimated) *Style: Unclassified* *From Pearl River, New York*
A blended mid-brown session ale with notes of oak, chocolate, and a pronounced earthiness.
- Green Flash 'Imperial IPA'** (9.0%) *Style: Double IPA* *From Vista, California*
Liberal use of Nugget and Summit hops give this delicious pale amber ale a floral, resinous texture.
- Green Flash 'Double Stout'** (8.8%) *Style: Imperial Stout* *From Vista, California*
A rich, thick, black West Coast beer with prominent espresso notes.
- Heartland 'Sour Raspberry Aged Stout'** (6.0%) *Style: Fruit Beer* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
This is a rare Heartland one-off, dark and fruity with an underlying tartness.

- Heartland 'Old Red Nose Special Reserve 2007'** (8.0%) *Style: American Strong Ale.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
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 Double Platinum Blonde'** (7.5%) *Style: Hefeweizen* *From Butler, New Jersey*
Draft cloudy pale amber hefeweizen, very well balanced and full-bodied with yeast, bread, clove and banana prominent.
- High Point 'Ramstein Munich Amber'** (7.5%) *Style: Vienna Lager* *From Butler, New Jersey*
A recreation of an authentic German Oktoberfest beer from the early 1900s. The aroma is malty, and it is smooth, spicy, and toasty on the palate with a subtle noble hop finish.
- Hook Norton 'Hooky Dark'** (3.2%) *Style: English Dark Mild Ale* *From Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, England*
A pleasant dark chestnut colored session beer with some roast malt notes and an inviting East Kent Goldings aroma. The finish is moderately hoppy, unusually for the style. A rare chance in America to try a British-brewed cask-conditioned dark mild.
- Kelso 'Saison'** (5.0%) *Style: Saison* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
A bright, mellow farmhouse-style ale with notes of citrus and honey with a touch of strawberry.
- Kelso 'Hop Lager'** (5.5%) *Style: Amber/Red Lager* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
A tasty, well-made lager brewed with English malt and German hops. It is medium bodied with a herbal, grassy, dry finish.
- Kelso 'Pilsner'** (5.7%) *Style: Bohemian Pilsner.* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
A smooth, golden lager aged for six weeks and dry hopped with Sterling in both tank and cask. Specially dry hopped in-cask.
- Kelso 'Spring Thaw'** (6.5%) *Style: Traditional Bock* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
Smooth bock with a robust maltiness and a smooth hop character..
- Magic Hat 'Lucky Kat'** (5.8%) *Style: American IPA* *From Burlington, Vermont*
A deep golden ale with a hoppy aroma and a malty body.
- Otter Creek 'Wolaver's All American Ale'** (6.0%) *Style: Pale Ale (Hybrid)* *From Middlebury, Vermont*
A new, limited edition ale using home-grown organic Fuggles and Goldings hops and domestic organic malts. There are notes of tangerine in this enjoyable, 100% American brew.
- Sixpoint 'Chocolate Brownstone Ale'** (5.7%) *Style: American Brown Ale* *From Red Hook, Brooklyn*
A well-balanced brown ale brewed locally, a superb session beer. This is a special one-off version for this festival with an infusion of chocolate from Taza, a small-batch chocolate company in Massachusetts.
- Sly Fox 'Phoenix Pale Ale'** (5.1%) *Style: American Pale Ale* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
Brewed with British pale and Crystal malts and hopped with Centennial and Cascade from the Pacific Northwest. Copper in color, medium-bodied and spicy. One of the small but growing number of craft beers that are available in cans.
- Sly Fox 'Grisette'** (5.6%) *Style: Saison* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
A light but flavorsome saison brewed with a degree of wheat in the mash in the Grisette style of Hainaut Province, Belgium. The style was brewed originally to quench the thirsts of the area's miners.
- Smuttynose 'Shoals Pale Ale'** (DH: Cascade) (5.0%) *Style: American Pale Ale* *From Portsmouth, New Hampshire*
Quenching pale ale hopped with Cascade and Chinook.
- Smuttynose IPA** (Dry Hopped: Simcoe) (6.6%) *Style: American IPA* *From Portsmouth, New Hampshire*
A golden brew packed with juicy grapefruit and pine hop character.
- Stoudt's 'Scarlet Lady'** (DH: East Kent Goldings) (4.8%) *Style: English Extra Special Bitter.* *From Adamstown, Pennsylvania*
English-style copper colored ale, earthy and subtly hoppy.
- Tröegs 'Hop Back Amber Ale'** (5.6%) *Style: American Amber Ale* *From Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*
Floral yet bold, this deep amber beer is brewed with pilsner and Munich malts together with Liberty and Nugget hops.
- Weyerbacher 'Hops Infusion'** (6.2%) *Style: American IPA* *From Easton, Pennsylvania*
Amber ale hopped with seven varieties – Simcoe, Magnum, Cascade, Liberty, Saaz, Fuggles, and East Kent Goldings.

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

FUTURE CASK FESTIVALS:

* 19th-21st September 2008 at Chelsea Brewing Company, Chelsea Piers, Manhattan;

* November 2008 TBD – 'Cask Head' #16, here at The Brazen Head.

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