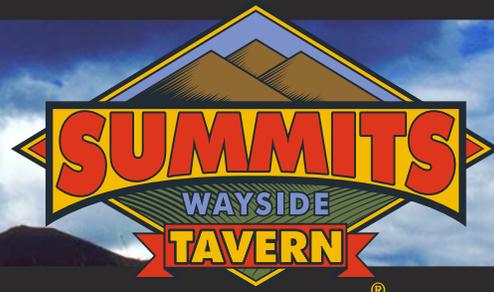


# At the Summit

the e-zine of Summits Wayside Tavern



27 January, 2003

PINT NIGHTS

## PINT NIGHT!!

Drink a pint of Miller Lite on draft and keep the glass!



**Sandy Springs**  
Thursday Jan. 30

**Snellville**  
Saturday Feb. 1

**Cumming**  
Saturday Feb. 1

7 - 9 pm (while supplies last)

### Save the Date!

Fri Jan 31- Blackthorne Cider Pint Night - all three locations! 7-9 pm while supplies last!

more promos on the web!

## A View from the Summit

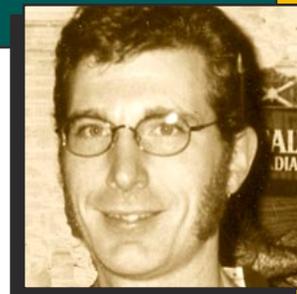
### "The Perfect Tree"

Thor Sluter - Sandy Springs Location

Just west of Coventry, New York, which is in the middle of the southern tier of New York, is the perfect tree. I know this because I've had the good fortune to get to know this tree,

I came upon this tree trying to find a shortcut. I've always been a sucker for a shortcut. You see, at the time, I lived in providence Rhode Island, and my then girlfriend was attending Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. I made that trip several hundred times over four years. I still know the route by heart. Rte 146 north out of Providence up to Millbury, Massachusetts where you jump on Rte 20 going west for a few miles before you can pick up the Pike, or Rte 90, the Massachusetts Turnpike. Head west across Massachusetts, through Worcester, and then past Springfield on up into the Berkshire Mountains. There's a place just west of Stockbridge where there is a fifty foot tall cliff rising above the road

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## Book swap?

All of February you can bring in your already-read books and trade them in for someone else's well-read treasure. A book shelf will be conveniently located at your favorite Summits for your book use. All extra books at the end of the month will be donated to Goodwill.



## Yummy!

### Grilled Veggie Deluxe

My favorite sandwich from the new Spa menu.

This sandwich is loaded with fresh veggies. The grilled and sautéed veggies that are piled high are mushrooms, onions, bell peppers, and roasted red peppers. The sandwich is topped with lettuce, tomato, black olives, and sprouts. Two slices of 5-grain bran bread, with French wine mustard, hold all of this together. Brown rice is served on the side.

For a full look at our menu, click on [www.summits-online.com](http://www.summits-online.com) and let your food adventure begin.



## Try Something New - Drafts!



### Snellville

RedHook ESB  
RedHook Nitro Porter  
BlueBird Bitter  
Rogue Smoke  
Anchor Christmas  
Michelob Ultra

### Sandy Springs

Anchor Christmas  
Sam Adams Winter  
Carolina Pumpkin  
Michelob Ultra  
Smirnoff Triple Black (bottle)  
Jack Daniels Hard Cola (bottle)

### Cumming

Harpoon Winter  
Red Brick Winter  
Dogwood Winter  
Sam Adams Winter  
Michelob Ultra  
Anchor Christmas

Full list of new drafts at [www.summits-online.com](http://www.summits-online.com)

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## "The Perfect Tree"

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to the south. In one particular place there is a small brook that spills over the cliff. In the winter when the stream turns into an ice sheet, some brave soul always pours food coloring down the ice to create a rainbow-like effect.

Once you cross over into New York, you stay on Rte 90 until you come into Albany, the states capital. Just north of Albany you get on Interstate 87 going North until you can jump on Interstate 80 going west.

This is where my quest for a short cut began. You see, once you get on 80 you start heading in a southerly direction, but Ithaca is almost due west of Albany. Well, I don't mean to turn this into a geography lesson, sometimes I get carried away. Any way, I always like to explore, so after a few trips taking the main roads, I decided to experiment with different routes.

The route that turned out to be the quickest just happened to take me through Coventry, and then beyond, up a small mountain, where a dairy farm stood atop the mountain and looked down into the next valley. In this valley there is a large meadow that slopes upward gently away from the road to the north. The meadow has no fences, it is flanked on either side with a tree line, and backs up to a deep wood. In the middle of this meadow is the perfect tree. It is a large Maple tree, probably around two hundred years old. It stands proudly in the middle of the field, perfect in dimension and in stature, its branches spreading out to form a perfect canopy.

In the spring its verdant foliage fills the tree completely, standing out against the backdrop of the meadow. In the fall the leaves turn to a brilliant crimson that almost hurts your eyes. In the summer the tree becomes a shady oasis against the bright sunshine. I can imagine that many picnics have taken place under that tree. But it is the winter that is my favorite time to visit this tree. It is in the winter that the tree displays its strength and dignity. It stands tall and proud against the harsh winter, and somehow always seems to be a harbinger of the new spring to come. No matter when I saw that tree it was beautiful, I always looked forward to seeing it. I hope someday you get to see it.

**Editor's Note:** Each week, we'll bring you a column featuring a thought, a story, or even prose by your favorite people at Summits! So, don't miss a week- you'll miss a lot!



## Beer Spotlight of the Week

### Sweetwater 420 Extra Pale Ale

*Brewed in Atlanta, GA*

This pale ale's soft, absorbent mouthfeel is lightly hopped and slightly perfumy. Its pale, brass-colored body gives up a gentle effervescence and a mild and pleasing Concord grape aroma. There is a suggestion of malty nuttiness in the hops at the swallow. The subtle increasing bitterness is smooth and always under control. Clean-tasting Sweetwater spreads its flavor all over the palate at the finish. Here's a beer that is easy to get to know...and like.

Sweetwater 420 is named for 4/20/98, the date it was first bottled.

**365 Bottles of Beer for the Year 2003** by Bob Klein



## Cooking With Beer...

### Apple-Onion Filled Squash

- 2 small acorn squash
- 8 Tbsp butter or margarine
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2/3 cup Bavarian light lager
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup sugar (to taste, a balance of sweet and bitter)
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 medium onions, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 large shitake mushrooms, soaked for 1 hour and thinly sliced
- 4 small tart green apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 2 cups spinach, washed, stemmed, and thinly sliced



\*Split squash lengthwise and remove seeds and strings. Place 1 Tbsp butter in each half and sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 350 deg F until tender, about 1 hour.

\*Mix beer, sugar, and cornstarch in a small bowl and set aside.

\*Heat remaining butter in a larger sauté pan until foam subsides. Toss in onion and mushrooms and cook just until the onion begins to wilt.

\*Stir the beer mixture and pour over sweet onions, stirring constantly. When the sauce begins to thicken add apple slices and cook until slightly soft and clear. Remove from heat.

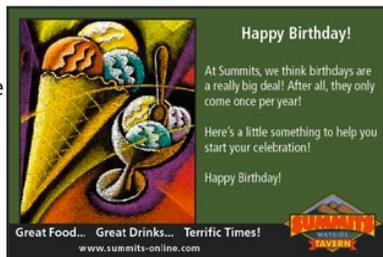
\*When ready to serve, toss spinach into hot apple mixture and immediately spoon into the baked squash halves

The Great American Beer Cookbook by Candy Schermerhorn

## When is your Birthday?

### We want to celebrate with you!

The next time you are visiting a Summits, simply give your server your name, address, and birthday so that we can send you a birthday card with a coupon for a free entrée! The coupon can be used anytime during the month of your birthday. Don't forget to sign your kids up too! Kids 16 and under get a free dessert on their birthday!



## News: Things We Do For Beer...

An American beer enthusiast recently paid \$11,000 (USD) for a flight across the Atlantic on the Concorde in order to purchase a 100-year-old bottle of King's Ale, a limited edition beer brewed in 1902 by Bass brewery for King Edward VII. Bernie West, a 59-year-old restaurateur from Georgia, flew to England and paid \$1,100 (USD) to Richard and Heather Thoroughgood for the bottle of beer, which West wanted as a replacement for the bottle of King's Ale that was stolen from his restaurant in 2000.



RCMP officials in Newfoundland issued a warning to local beer stores to be on the lookout for a man using a scam to steal beer. The thief purchases a case of beer and then returns to the store a few minutes later claiming he has purchased the wrong brand. After exchanging the cases, store employees later discover the returned bottles are filled with water.

## Calendar

### Sandy Springs

- Jan. 28 Team Trivia  
Tues. 8-10 pm
- Jan. 30 Miller Lite  
Thu. Pint Night 7-9
- Jan. 31 Blackthorne Cider  
Fri. Pint Night 7-9
- Jan. 31 Team Trivia  
Fri. 10-12 pm
- Feb. 4 Team Trivia  
Tues. 8-10 pm
- Feb. 6 Fosters  
Thu. Pint Night 7-9

### Snellville

- Jan. 27 Team Trivia  
Mon. 7:30 - 9:30 pm
- Jan. 31 Blackthorne Cider  
Fri. Pint Night 7-9
- Feb. 1 Miller Lite  
Sat. Pint Night 7-9
- Feb. 3 Team Trivia  
Mon. 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### Cumming

- Jan. 29 Team Trivia  
Wed. 7:30 - 9:30 pm
- Jan. 31 Blackthorne Cider  
Fri. Pint Night 7-9
- Feb. 1 Miller Lite  
Sat. Pint Night 7-9
- Feb. 5 Team Trivia  
Wed. 7:30 - 9:30 pm

## On the web...

Quick - where can you find out what's on tap, what delectables our menu holds, and the latest beverage industry news all in one place? The Summits Wayside Tavern website of course!

If you need some meal inspiration, check out our online menu! Need to know the latest tap selection? Or maybe you can't remember which beer is on for the next "Pint Night"? What's the proper beer with a particular dish? How are tequilas rated? Go to the website and find out!

Impress your friends, your date, your boss, your mom...

Visit us soon:

[www.summits-online.com](http://www.summits-online.com).

## Did You Know?

Researchers at Atlanta's Emory University report that consuming one to three alcoholic drinks daily may decrease the risk of heart failure by 47% and reduce the risk of death after a heart attack by 32%.

During World War II, the British warship HMS Menestheus maintained a floating brewery aboard ship, where beer was made for the fighting forces.

Although beer on tap is always desirable, the reality is that 89.9% of all beer sold in the U.S. is in a bottle or can.

The Beer Lover's Rating Guide by Bob Klein



## Drinks!

### Moonraker

1 1/2 oz Jose Cuervo  
4 oz pineapple juice  
1/2 oz Blue Curacao

Pour the Cuervo and pineapple juice in a rocks glass with ice. Stir well. Pour the Blue Curacao into the center of the drink.

### Tequil O'Neil

1 1/4 oz Jose Cuervo  
1/4 oz orange juice  
1/8 oz club soda

Serve in a shooter glass.

[www.cuervo.com](http://www.cuervo.com)

## Gift Certificates!

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## Passport Club...

Did you know that you can take a trip around the world of beer with our Passport Club? Do you have your card yet? It's easy to join! Ask your friendly server or visit our website for more information on how to join the club!



## Quote of the Week

"Alcohol is a very necessary article... It makes life bearable to millions of people who could not endure their existence if they were quite sober. It enables Parliament to do things at eleven at night that no sane person would do at eleven in the morning."

-George Bernard Shaw



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