

At the Summit

the e-zine of Summits Wayside Tavern



13 December, 2005

PINT NIGHTS

Pint Nights are held on the days below from 7-9 pm at all locations. Drink a pint and keep the glass! (while supplies last!)

12/17 Boddington
12/31 Beamish

Holiday Hours

Summits Holiday Hours of operation:

Saturday, December 24th
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th
Closed

Saturday, December 31st
Business as usual

Sunday, January 1st
Business as usual

Toys for Tots!!

Summits Wayside Tavern is a Toys For Tots drop off site this holiday season!

Beginning Tuesday, November 22nd through Wednesday, December 22nd Summits will accept your Toys for Tots donations at each of our three stores. Toys for Tots will accept any NEW, UNWRAPPED toys only. Keep Toys for Tots in mind as you do your holiday shopping this season. Then, stop by Summits on your way home!



A View from the Summit

I Think Santa Claus is a Woman

Author Unknown

I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she. Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they -- with amazing calm -- call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree.

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets, and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted and strapped on to the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions. Add to

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Summit's Beer Offerings



Snellville

Highland Cold Mountain
Anchor Christmas
Anchor Christmas
RedHook Winter Hook
Sam Adams Winter
Sweetwater Festive Ale

Sandy Springs

Highland Cold Mountain
Anchor Christmas
RedHook Winter Hook
Sam Adams Winter
Sweetwater Festive Ale

Cumming

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this the fact that there would be unavoidable delays in the chimney, where the Bob Vila-like Santa would stop to inspect and repoint bricks in the flue. He would also need to check for carbon monoxide fumes in every gas fireplace, and get under every Christmas tree that is crooked to straighten it to a perfectly upright 90-degree angle.

Other reasons why Santa can't be a man:

- Men can't pack a bag.
- Men would rather be dead than caught wearing red velvet.
- Men would feel their masculinity is threatened...having to be seen with all those elves.
- Men don't answer their mail.
- Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described even in jest as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly."
- Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them.
- Doing the Ho Ho Ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to pick up women.
- Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men...

- Father Time shows up once a year unshaven and looking ominous. Definite guy.
- Cupid flies around carrying weapons.
- Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers.

Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test. But not St. Nick. Not a chance. As long as we have each other, good will, peace on earth, faith and Nat King Cole's version of "The Christmas Song," it probably makes little difference what gender Santa is.

I just wish she'd quit dressing like a guy!!!



Spotlight on Beer!

Santa's Private Reserve

Rogue's annual holiday offering, Santa's Private Reserve, is a variation of the classic Saint Rogue Red, but with double the hops--including Chinook, and Centennial, and a mystery hop called Rudolph by head brewer John "more hops" Maier! This holiday elixir is brewed with two-row Harrington, Klages and Munich malts, along with Hugh Baird 30-37, Carastan 13-17, and Crystal 70-80 malts, plus free range coastal water and John's proprietary top-fermenting Pacman yeast. Available in both 22-ounce bottles, 12oz Loose packs for Winter 2005, and 12oz six packs for 2006.

Measurements: 13 degrees Plato, IBU 44, Apparent attenuation 73, Lovibond 26

<http://www.rogue.com/brews.html#santa>



Cooking With Beer

Spiced Cider

Nothing could be easier than this one, and it tastes so good!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Gallon Apple cider
- 1 Cup Red Hots (candy)
- 1 Cup Rum

PREPARATION:

Over medium heat, in a large pan, bring cider to a boil, add Red Hots, and stir until dissolved. Let cool a bit and add 1 cup of rum before serving.

<http://cocktails.about.com/od/cocktailoftheweek/r/spicedcider.htm>



Beer Connoisseur

Old Crustacean

In Britain, seasonal brews for winter are high in alcohol, robust, malty, and dark. The two main styles of these brews are Old Ales and Barleywines. As the name suggests, barleywines are similar to wines in alcohol and need aging but are derived from grain, not the grape. Rogue's barleywine is described by beer expert Stuart Ramsey as: "A masterful, intense creation from brewer John Maier....it has achieved a depth and complexity usually associated with well-ages strong ales. I hope the brewery bottles some before it disappears."

We call it the cognac of beers. An unfiltered and unfiltered Barleywine. Intense, robust, malty and dark. The cognac of beers. A hugh beer in a little bottle, this is a beer designed for sipping. Old Crustacean is brewed with eight ingredients, Great Western Harrington, Klages, Hugh Baird Carastan and Munich Malts, Chinook and Centennial Hops, free-range coastal water and PacMan yeast. Old Crustacean is best when aged for one year. Old Crustacean is available in a new 12-ounce bottle (replacing the older 7-ounce XS-line package) and on draft. Measurements: 25 degrees Plato, IBU 110, Apparent Attenuation 83, Lovibond 57, ABV 11.5%.

http://www.rogue.com/brews.html#crusty



Where Are YOU?

Where in the world are you??

Send us a photo taken of yourself traipsing across some distant soil wearing your favorite Summit wear. If chosen, your photo will be published in our weekly newsletter and you will receive \$20 in Condors! So, put on your best smile for Summits!

Submit all photos and articles to attn.: Jan at: snellville@summitsonline.com All articles submitted become property of Summits Wayside Tavern.

Kelby's & Pat's Adventure

Attached are a couple of pics of my sister and I, Pat Catanzaro, Tier 1 wearing my Tier 2 sweatshirt (she was cold) and Kelby Stone, Tier 2 passport members from the Sandy Springs store. As you can see in the pics we are on Laguna Beach California over the Thanksgiving holiday.



Jonathan C. Smith

On the way from Amsterdam to Brugge, we hopped off the train in Antwerp and hiked 15 minutes to a true beer mecca: The Kulminator. We enjoyed several vintage bottles, including a 1998 Westvleteren Abt (rated best beer in the world and therefore impossible to find) and triples from 1983 and 1981! All of our selections were outstanding, and we hated to hike back to the station after such a short visit.



The Decatur Beer Festival was a huge hit amongst Summit customers - check out the photos!



Spotlight on Food

Salmon Paté

Smoked salmon paté served with toasted bagel chips.
Newport Shrimp Hand battered and breaded shrimp served with spicy wing sauce and our own house dressing.

Caesar Shrimp Salad

Fresh grilled shrimp on a bed of romaine lettuce, applewood smoked bacon, parmesan and romano cheeses, and tossed in our own creamy caesar dressing with a side of garlic bread.



For a full look at our menu, click on www.summits-online.com and let your food adventure begin.

Did You Know?

1. What was Grandma drinking when she got run over by a reindeer?
EGGNOG
2. What is Scrooge's favorite two-word phrase?
"BAH! HUMBUG!"
3. What U.S. city lights the Christmas tree on the Ellipse?
WASHINGTON, D.C.
4. In "The Night Before Christmas," what type of head-gear does Mamma wear? A KERCHIEF
5. From a religious viewpoint, what is the only holiday considered bigger than Christmas? EASTER



Quote of the Week

"Beer will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no beer."
Freddie Freak

Your Weekly Summits Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 Holiday Beer & Cheese 7pm Cumming	13 Holiday Beer & Cheese 7pm Snellville	14 Holiday Beer & Cheese 7pm Sandy Springs	15 ROGUE 15!!!	16	17 7-9p Boddington
	SN Trivia 7:30p	SS POKER!! 7p	C Trivia 8p double!		C Trivia 9p SN Trivia 10p SS Trivia 10p	SS Trivia 9p
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 7-9p Closed for Xmas Eve
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31 7-9p Beamish
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Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 7-9p
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