



On Tap Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News October 9, 2019

IPA fans will enjoy Emmaus based **Funk Brewing's Citrus IPA**. "West Coast" in style, this beer is brewed with Belgium's finest pilsner malt and American yeast and tops out at 7% ABV (or so). This was their first IPA; designed to stand out from the mass of those available. It's hopped with Citra, Simcoe, Mosaic, and an experimental hop called "LemonBomb". Medium bodied and aromatic, this is a highly rated ale has become one of their most popular year-round beers.

Fall is the time for pumpkin beers and there doesn't seem to be any less interest in this trend. The **Southern Tier Pumpking** was very popular at the club and was recently replaced with the brand-new **New Trail Zombies Are People Too**. This 5.7% ABV pumpkin Ale is brewed with Pennsylvania maple syrup, pumpkin spices, and vanilla. "Expect monstrous amounts of spice flavors, eerily complimenting a flavorful full beer."

Dark roasted barley flavors of coffee and cocoa plus the technology of nitrogen dispensing of beer - all in a low alcohol package - have created the iconic Irish Stout. While Guinness inaugurated the style in the '50s; well-known competitor **Murphy's Irish Stout** is also very popular. It's brewed at the Murphy's Brewery in Cork, Ireland; founded as Lady Well's Brewery in 1856 on the site of a former foundling hospital. Murphy's commissioned Eugene Sandow, the 1891 World Weightlifting Champion, to endorse their product, resulting in the association of stout with strength ever since. It's acquisition by Heineken in 1983 has increased its availability around the world. Rich, flavorful, and nitro smooth; it's only 4% ABV and incredibly drinkable.

Dunkel (dark, in German) is a refreshing dark lager originated in Munich around 1516 making it one of Germany's oldest, standardized styles. The **Wacker Little Dutch Dunkel** is dark mahogany brown in color with full bodied flavors in a very drinkable beer. Its aromas will be very light and consist of a slight nuttiness with roasted wheat and touch of noble hops. The 5% ABV Little Dutch will surprise with its flavor yet drink like a lager with a finish that is effervescent and clean.

The town of Cologne records the brewing of Koelsch, a pale, top-fermenting ale, since 1300 or so. Koelsch is typically lighter than Pilsner in color and is often around 5% ABV with a slightly malty, fairly soft palate. The finish is decidedly dry due to its high attenuation and firm hop character. The clean flavors result from a fairly long, cold maturation of two to six weeks. Privatbrauerei Gaffel, Gebr. Becker was established in 1908 on a site where breweries have stood since 1300. **Gaffel Koelsch** is straw-hued with brilliant clarity and a sparkling appearance with a light, bready aroma. Sweet grainy flavors are followed by a dry and clean finish with a faint fruity note that stretches through the aftertaste. A classic of the style!

Oktoberfest is still underway at the Lancaster Liederkrantz; there are 5 Marzen/Oktoberfest style lagers currently on tap. The latest addition is from Brauerei Hofstetten Krammer and purports to be an authentic beer from 1810 when this party tradition started. This brewery is found in Sankt Martin im Mühlkreis (Upper Austria), in between Linz and Passau, and supposedly dates to 1229. Records do indicate a brewery there in 1449 and in 1847, cattle dealer Kaspar Krammer bought the brewery Hofstetten due to their failure to pay for cattle he had delivered. The fifth generation of Krammers run the Landbrauhaus Hofstetten today. The Hofstetten **Original Hochzeitsbier von 1810** is a throwback beer that emulates the original Maerzen-style beer that was served at the wedding (hochzeit) in 1810. This is a full-bodied unfiltered lager, coppery in color with a generous head. 100% Munich malts provide 6.3% ABV with about 21 IBUs of Spalter Select and Tradition hops. A truly unique beer and a flavor celebration.

And remember, the current tap list is ALWAYS available at <http://llkkm.surge.sh/>

Lancaster Liederkrantz beer drinkers enjoy quality regular beers and an array of rotating items. If one of the beers has gone off tap, ask your bartender to suggest a similar, tasty replacement.

Enjoy!
Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer Guy - Jim Weber

The LLK beer staff tries to satisfy customer interests at all times by providing a range of beers for disparate tastes, alcoholic content, and budgets. We know beer drinkers at the Liederkrantz take their beer seriously! If you have concerns, suggestions, comments, or just wish to send ramblings on the subject, please send to Jim Weber at jimweber.lancaster@gmail.com or Matt Trout at matttrout44@gmail.com. Enjoy and see you at the club!