



On Tap
Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News
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The Lancaster Liederkrantz has some wonderful new and returning beers to the taps at this time. Come out, have a bite to eat, and enjoy a couple of these fine beers!

Schwarzbiers (black beers) are lagers that derive their deep brown color and complex flavors from dark specialty malts added to regular Munich and Pilsner malts. Dry on the palate, the generous aromas are balanced by the gently sparkling carbonation. Hearty flavors without heavy maltiness or alcoholic content make these an excellent choice for a winter beer. Written records show a Schwarzbier brewery operating in Bad Köstritz in Thuringia since 1543. The current facility has been owned by Bitburger since 1991. Liederkrantz bar favorite **Kostritzer Schwarzbier** pours a deep mahogany color with a lasting, cream-colored head. Recognized by Goethe and Bismark, this iconic brew was one of the few beers in East Germany manufactured for export during the Cold War. Roasty malts provide some chocolate tones in this well balanced (4.8% ABV and 22 IBUs) lager.

New Trail in Williamsport continues to roll out popular and highly rated ales from veteran brewer Mike LaRosa. Beginning his career brewing with his father at the age of 17, he honed his craft at a number of well-known PA and NJ breweries before heading up operations in Williamsport. Mike has several medals from the 2 premier competitions; the World Beer Cup and the Great American Beer Festival; one of these was a 2019 Gold for his Lazy River Pils in the Contemporary Pilsner category. **New Trail Something Deep DIPA** is a Hazy Double IPA that was brewed in collaboration with their pals from Hatfield PA's Imprint Beer Co. It's brewed with wheat and oats to a respectable 8.8% ABV and hopped excessively with Rakau & Mosaic. According to their website, notes of pink bubblegum dust, coniferous air, papaya & mango flesh let you open your mind and get deep."

Stella Artois traces its origins to the Den Hoorn brewery in Leuven, Belgium, founded in 1366. In 1708, Sébastien Artois became its head brewer which he then purchased in 1717 and renamed Brouwerij Artois. **Stella Artois** was born in 1926 as a Holiday gift to the people of Leuven and its name combines the Latin for "star" and the brewery's namesake. It has become the best-selling Belgian beer in the world and was the winner of the 2019 World Beer Award for World's Best International Lager. With its wonderful floral aroma, well-balanced malt sweetness, crisp hop bitterness, and a soft dry finish, 5% ABV lager is perfect for pairing with food and friends. Get one poured for you in a complimentary glass, while they last!

Troeg's Blizzard of Hops is a Winter IPA brewed to toast hop growers around the world for another successful harvest. This storm of hoppy citrus and pine notes is a bright reminder that the end of the Hop Cycle is only the beginning of another year of innovative brewing. Fermented with Pilsner, unmalted wheat, and White Wheat malts, this popular seasonal is bittered with Centennial, Chinook, and El Dorado. Additional dry hopping with Chinook and Galaxy takes this ale up to 80 IBUs. Traditional "winter beer" spices are also in the mix, yet this 6.4% ABV IPA is very approachable, bringing light pine and citrus notes together with just a touch of cloves to a solid IPA base.

Liederkrantz member Josh Kesler started the Millworks at 340 Verbeke St, Harrisburg, PA in 2016. The expansive complex includes a restaurant, brewery, biergarten, and gallery spaces in the former 24,000 square foot Stokes Millworks. Josh spent a significant amount of time in Germany and developed a close connection with Baruerie Keesmann in the famous Franconian brewing city of Bamberg. This brewery was started in 1867 by butcher Georg Keesmann who wanted to expand his butcher shop and associated restaurant to include his own brewed beers. Occupying an historic building across the Regnitz River from the Altstadt, it is the source of the Herren-Pils, one of Germany's highest regarded Pilsners, which represents over 90% of its total production. In 2018, Keesmann brewers visited the Millworks and developed a collaboration pilsner which was brewed at both facilities. Brewer Jeff Musselman has brewed it a few times since and it is currently available to Liederkrantz members. **The Millworks Collaboration Pilsner** is brewed with pilsner and cara-pils malts and hopped with Mandarin Bavaria hops. Clean, crisp, and floral, this 5% ABV quaffer evokes relaxing visits to classic German biergartens.

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

Enjoy and see you at the Club! Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer Guy - Jim Weber

The LLK beer staff always tries to satisfy customer interests 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 matttrout44@gmail.com