



On Tap
Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News
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There are some very good new and returning beers on tap at your favorite club. Come check them out!



How would like to buy your beer from a brewery owned by the PLCB? Not exactly racing out the door to the local State Store? In Germany, many breweries came under municipal control at times during their histories and today, several well-known brands remain that way; Hofbrau and Rothaus, in particular. Budvar in the Czech Republic – the original Budweiser – is also state owned. Bayerische Staatsbrauerei Weihenstephan is fully owned by the government of Bavaria but is run as a modern enterprise matching ancient brewing traditions with private sector practices. Korbinian was an 8th-century Frankish saint who was sent by

Pope Gregory II to evangelize in Bavaria and is credited with establishing the monastery on Weihenstephan hill near Freising. Documented brewing has been occurring on the site for well over one thousand years. The world's oldest brewery is also one of the world's most modern; since 1930, the Technical University of Munich has operated a world-famous brewing academy there which is now a global leader in brewing technology. **Weihenstephan Original** is made in the Dortmunder / Helles style of a malt-accented pale lager. Similar to a Pilsner, but not quite as dry, this refreshing German Helles highlights malt richness without being overly sweet. Light bittering with 21 IBUs of classic noble hops provides balance to the wonderful malt flavors and imparts floral and grassy notes to the lingering finish. Balanced, simple and elegant; it's a wonderful beer and, at 5.1 % ABV, it's the perfect session beer or accompaniment to a fine meal.



A 1549 passage by Holy Roman Emperor King Charles V through the streets of Brussels was greeted by a raucous crowd which became known as an “Ommegang,” a celebration still taking place today. Belgian breweries Duvel Moortgat, Affligem, and Scaldis joined with importers/entrepreneurs Don Feinberg and Wendy Littlefield and built an authentic Belgian-style farmstead brewery on an old 140-acre hop farm in scenic Cooperstown, NY. Opened in 1997, Brewery Ommegang has gained a reputation for making some of the finest domestic beers in Belgian styles. The **Ommegang Rare Vos** is an amber ale brewed with two row, aroma, and Cara 20 malts and hopped to a noticeable 21 IBUs with Styrian Golding hops. Lightly flavored with orange peel, grains of paradise, and coriander, this refreshing 6.5% ABV ale appears coppery under a generous fluffy head. It takes its name from a popular country sporting pub outside Brussels.



The “Weisse Bräuhaus” is founded in Erding in 1886 by Johann Kienle. Owned by the Brombach family since 1935, it adopted the name Erdinger Weissbrau in 1949. First distributed outside of Bavaria in the 1960's, it became Germany's largest family-owned wheat beer brewery by 2014. Current owner Werner Braombach recently brought on Liverpool coach and famous German footballer Jurgen Klopp to be the brand ambassador. **Erdinger Oktoberfest / Festweisse** is an “octoberfest” style lager with a dominant wheat malt component. This sprightliness is supported by the barley malt and balanced with just 10 IBUs of classic Bavarian hops. Lively yet smooth, and at a decent 5.7% ABV, this is a great wheat quaffer.





Lone Pine Brewing Company co-founders Tom Madden and John Paul were classmates at Thornton Academy in Saco Maine. Tom's family sold beer and he eventually began brewing. The friends put Lone Pine together in 2016 in Portland with John handling the business side. An expansion into Sebago Brewing's former 13,000-square-foot brewery in nearby Gorham followed in 2017. **Lone Pine Citra DDH Oh-J IPA** is an Imperial / Double IPA with 2x the normal

amount of dry hopping, incrementally added, and with pounds of 100% Citra hops in the fermenter. It's a hazy, but luminous, New England style that weighs in at 8.1% ABV yet is very easy going. The overall result is a juicy counterbalance between a soft body and the fresh, fruity flavors of hops.

The excellent staff at the LLK has some non-standard beer serving options for its patrons. Although carefully chosen for their quality and taste and well worth trying, the "beer board" can contain many unfamiliar offerings; some of which may have pronounced flavors. LLK offers a "flight" which is six 4-ounce tasters of the patron's choice. Sometimes when busy, this can take more time than getting a glass of beer. Another option is to order a "small glass" which provides about 8 ounces of beer. This way one gets the full flavor profile as the beer warms, and it provides ample time to think about choosing the next beer. This serving method is available with big glass beers; pilsners, lagers, hefes, and pale ales. And remember, if you see a beer that you'd like a small taste of, just ask your server for one.

Enjoy, and see you at the Club!

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