



**On Tap**  
**Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News**  
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There are some very interesting new beers available on the Lancaster Liederkrantz taps this week.

Brothers Jim and Ben Burton home-brewed together for years before they turned pro; Jim at Swashbuckler Brewing Co. in Manheim and Ben at Mad Chef Craft Brewing in East Petersburg. They have now occupied Tom Rupp's former brewery at 6 North Reamstown Rd. in Reamstown which became available after Grant and Chasy Fronheiser closed Union Barrel Works Brewery. They have been knocking out some fine beers which are being featured at your favorite club!



**The Big Tobi IPA** is an imperial, or double, New England Hazy style IPA which is named after the founder of Reamstown, Tobias Ream. The New England style is generally hazy and is hopped for aroma which provides a bit more balance than their West Coast cousins which are generally clear and full of fruit flavors. Coming in at 8.3%, this beer is exactly what the name suggests, big in flavor and aroma. It's dry hopped with Chinook and Idaho 7 and tropical fruit, citrus, and peaches abound with some danky fragrance over a big malt base. In addition, we are offering the **Kolt Classic Kölsch**, a truly unique beer. It's a dark brewed Kölsch that is light in body and yet full flavored. Easier going than a typical Schwarzbier, it packs plenty of roasty notes in a sessionable crisp

5.1% ABV quencher. As Jim and Ben note, "This flavor race has people jumping out of their seats. 'Kolt Classic' is sure to be a winner!"



The famous singing von Trapp family escaped Austria in 1938, initially settling in Merion, PA. They eventually purchased a farm property in Stowe, VT, which later became the Trapp Family Lodge. Maria von Trapp passed away on March 28, 1987, and is interred in the family cemetery at the lodge. Her son Johannes started a lager brewery on the property in 2010 in the lower level of the Lodge's Kaffehaus. In 2015, they expanded into a 30,000 sq. ft. solar powered facility nearby the lodge conveniently situated on the cross-country ski and mountain bike trails.

The Liederkrantz has 3 of their fine beers on tap. Bohemia is in the western part of the Czech Republic of which Prague is the major city. Bohemian Style Pilsner generally refers to pilsner type lager having been invented in Pilsen (Plzeň in Czech) in 1842. The **von Trapp Bohemian Pilsner** was the 2015 Silver medalist for both the Great American Beer Festival and the Great International Beer Festival. This cold lagered pils shows off the zesty Bohemian style with 42 IBUs of Saaz and Perle hops balanced with a clean malty aroma. Crisp and tasty, this is one pilsener fans can enjoy. The **von Trapp Vienna Lager** is named for the city that bequeathed beer drinkers this classic style. The 5.2% ABV amber lager is malt forward with a grassy, crackery hop aroma. 33 IBUs of noble hops provides superb balance through the complex notes of biscuit and caramel in finish The **von Trapp Dunkel Lager** features creamy, toffee aromas which balance the bitterness of Munich malts in this roasty brown lager. Slightly stronger at 5.7% ABV and with 22 IBUs of complimentary hoppiness, it has a medium body and finishes dry and clean, enjoyable throughout the year.



The Staatliches Hofbräuhaus is a brewery in Munich, Germany owned by the Bavarian state government. It was begun in 1589 by William V, Duke of Bavaria, hence its name as “court brewery”. William was tired of “importing” quality beer from Einbeck and desired a fresher, local product. The **Hofbrau Maibock** was created in 1614 due to the people of Munich’s demand for a newer and stronger beer. Hofbrau Brew Master Elias Pichler curiously turned to the Einbeck brewing method, heating the beer to a very high temperature enabling longer fermentation. After

some fiddling around, Pichler finally succeeded in creating a flavor as strong (7.2% ABV) as it was refreshing. Today Hofbrau Maibock is still made using Pichler's 400-year-old formula and enjoys its pale copper hue and malty flavor with hints of caramel. Tradition states that the first barrel of this full-bodied brew must be tapped the last week of April in time to be enjoyed for the whole merry month of May (or June!). **Hofbrau Marzen** is a delicious bright and golden lager beer that's akin to an export-style (slightly stronger and maltier) Helles. The use of Münchner malt (a specialty darker malt) gives it caramel and biscuit flavors balanced with a zesty hop aroma



Brewhouse Grill owners Norm Fromm and Larry Dolan opened Ever Grain Brewing Company in 2016 in the former Sun Motors facility off Carlisle Pike in Camp Hill. Since then, they have developed a fine reputation in the Central PA beer scene. The highly rated **Ever Grain Joose Juicy IPA** is their flagship IPA and the basis for imperial and triple versions. Fresh and aromatic, this 6.2% ale showcases the best qualities of the style; aromatic hoppiness that balances well with sturdy malt flavors. This highly rated ale is a Mid- Atlantic take on the popular New England style. A strong malty back bone supports a dank piney and citrusy resinous hop character. Fresh and aromatic, this 6.2% flagship ale showcases the best qualities of the style; aromatic hoppiness that balances well with sturdy malt flavors.

Larry Bell Larry opened a homebrew supply store in 1983 under the name Kalamazoo Brewing Co. By 1985, brewing with a 15-gallon soup pot, he sold his first commercial beer. A brand-new American made 200-barrel brewhouse opened in 2012 and a canning line and twelve 800-barrel fermenters were added in 2014. Co-owner and daughter Laura Bell was promoted to CEO in 2017 making this one of the largest woman managed breweries in the country. The American Homebrew Association's Zymurgy magazine **named Bell's Two Hearted Ale** the best brew in the nation based on a 2017 reader poll and it was also considered the best IPA in the world by RateBeer in 2014. It's named after the Two Hearted River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a stream made famous by the Ernest Hemingway short story. Brewed with 100% Centennial hops from the Pacific Northwest, this IPA bursts with hop aromas ranging from pine to grapefruit due to massive hop additions in both the kettle and the fermenter. Perfectly balanced



on a solid malt backbone and combined with the signature fruity aromas of Bell's house yeast, this 7% ABV beer is easy going and inviting.

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

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