



On Tap - Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News

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The Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer Staff continues to procure the finest in affordable imported and domestic beers for your enjoyment. Information on the draft selections should be at the bar, ask the server if you have any additional questions. There are some new beers on our regularly rotating taps, check them out! And remember, the current tap

list is always available at: <http://llkbn.surge.sh/>

There are some wonderful beers on tap that may not be around too much longer. Be sure to try one of them soon!

The cathedral town of Friesing boasts of having 2 of the world's oldest breweries, famous Weihenstephan being the oldest – supposedly since 1040. It was in 1160, under the Freising Prince Bishop Albert I of Harthausen, that the Hofbrauhaus Freising brewery on the Domberg was first mentioned in documents. For six centuries after its founding, the brewery belonged to the bishops of Freising, who brewed beer for the Bavarian noble court and its citizens. Subsequent to the 1803 Secularization, which also affected Weihenstephan, the Hofbrauhaus became the property of the Bavarian electress Maria Leopoldine in 1812. Generally owned by her descendants, and others of the nobility since then, the Hofbrauhaus has been owned from December 1998 by the Bavarian counts of Toerring-Jettenbach; also, makers of Toerring beers. The "new" Hofbrauhaus Freising consists of an elaborately structured Art Nouveau style brewery designed in 1912 by Theodor Ganzenmüller. Although completely refitted in 2009, the brewery still adheres to the Bavarian Purity Laws, using only premium local ingredients. Hofbrauhaus Freising is one of only a select few breweries to be designated as a "Slow Brewer", which ensures a quality brewing process that maximizes flavor and freshness. The 5.2% ABV **Hofbrauhaus Freising Munich Dunkel** is a classic representation of this Bavarian lager specialty. Rich and chewy with notes of toffee and dark caramel from caramelized Munich malts, it's medium bodied and bittering is gentle and balanced, leaving the focus on the wonderful malt complexity. A lingering finish is dry and refreshing.

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. 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.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed HR 1337, legalizing homebrewing at the federal level. This created a surge of skilled brewers that pioneered brewery openings during the 80's and 90's. Sierra Nevada founder Ken Grossman and his brewery has been a force in American brewing since 1980. They basically underwrote a significant chunk of the craft beer movement with their iconic Pale Ale, brewed from the brewery's start. Since then, Ken's brewers have collected 31 Great American Beer Festival and 6 World Beer Cup medals. Significant growth led to large expansions in 1987 and 1997 and culminated in the establishment of an extremely attractive LEED certified brewing facility in Mills River, NC near Asheville. The brewery was named "Green Business of the Year" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 2010 for its practices in sustainability. **Sierra Nevada Big Little Thing Imperial IPA** was recently released and is their new year-round offering. This 9.0% ABV imperial has a full malt body but restrained sweetness through extended ale yeast fermentation. Pale, wheat, and Munich malts support 7 varieties of hop but at a reasonable 45 IBUs. Some dry hopping provides a crisp balance. Their beers are always worth a try.

Austria also has an historic brewing tradition. Bräuhaus an der Gstätten' in Salzburg was first mentioned in a written record on 16 June 1492. Located next to a small staircase, which gave the brewery its name and logo; by 1650, it was the largest brewery in the city. Josef Schreiner took over the brewery in the 19th century and expanded out of the narrow old city streets to the spacious suburban Maxglan district around 1863. Dr. Heinrich Dieter Kiener (III) has managed the enterprise's fortunes since the end of 1990, the latest generation of owners for 120 years. **Stiegl Goldbräu** has been a traditional Salzburg beer specialty since 1912. Fresh locally produced malts are brewed into a full-bodied beer with a gentle bitterness and a refreshing and agreeable 5% ABV. This is a very typical Munich helles; pleasantly robust and well-balanced pale malts and light earthy hop flavors - overall, very smooth, crisp, clean, and refreshing to drink.

The legendary Kulmbach brewing art can be traced back to the year 1349 with the first confirmed references to a brewery in this Franconian town. In Kulmbach - known as the "secret capital of beer" - beer was brewed in 56 breweries in the 19th century. A relatively new (1895!) brewery, Kulmbacher brews a large variety of beers; since 1996 the brands EKV, Reichel, Sandler, Kapuziner and Mönchshof are all made under the Kulmbach Brewery roof. The **Kulmbacher Edelherb Pils** was introduced in 1942 and is a very straightforward, quality beer which has quickly gained followers for its finely honed and noble taste.

Unsure of which beer to order? Lower alcohol beers are available in half sizes or a flight of 6 sample sizes can be ordered. Ask one of our talented bar staff for assistance!

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 at llkbeermeister@gmail.com