

News from Long Island...

BrickHouse Brewery in Patchogue, Long Island's pioneering brewpub that celebrated its 21st anniversary this year, recently completed a total renovation of its kitchen to allow for a more innovative menu featuring several Asian-Creole-fusion seafood dishes. The renovation and new menu were designed by new executive chef Phil Capobianco. Another LI pioneer, Croxley Ale House, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this fall with several special promotions. Football fans can enter the Golden Ticket contest to win free wings for every football game night this season. All four of the Croxley locations on Long Island will be celebrating Oktoberfest with beer and German food specials.

T.J. Finley's in Bay Shore will hold throughout the fall including the annual Pumpkinfest on Oct. 14 featuring over 20 different pumpkin beers and the return of the 160 lb. Great South Bay Brewery pumpkin. **Great South Bay Brewery** will hold its own Punkoberfest on Oct. 21 at the brewery in Bay Shore with five local punk bands and plenty of fall beers and brats.

After five years at Belmont Park, the **Great Beer Expo** is returning to the renovated Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on November 11, which appropriately is Veterans Day. Fest organizers Starfish Junction will hold afternoon and evening sessions and a portion of each ticket sold will be donated to Long Island-based charity Project 9 Line, which assists veterans with the transition to civilian life.

Homebrews & Handgrenades Homebrew Club will hold a club-only competition in October

with the winning beer having the chance to be brewed at The Brewers Collective Brewery in Bay Shore. **Long Island Beer & Malt Enthusiasts** will hold its 5th Annual Beer & Mead Competition with judging to be held during the Great Beer Expo. The Best of Show Mead and Beer winners will be announced from the floor of the festival and all entrants in the competition will receive deeply discounted tickets to the evening session.

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Ian Leonard of Draught 55 presents the Manhattan Cup to John DeSpirito of Homebrews & Handgrenades Homebrew Club Sept. 16. John's winning beer, Meister Chau kolsch, will be brewed at Yonkers Brewery and will be available on tap at Draught 55 later this fall.