



Mark Marnell's Beer Blog

“ Collaboration in the Catskills” 12 Hudson Valley Breweries



“Too Many Cooks”, April 4th, 2015 BEER STATS

Beer Name : “Too Many Cooks”, 7.5% abv., 90 IBUs

Beer Style : American IPA

Malt: Fawcett Optic Malt and some added wheat

Hops: Bittering and Aromatic Hop Medley - **Belma, Ahtanum, El Dorado** and **Nelson Sauvin**, Dry Hopped with **Galaxy**

Adjunct: Local Honey

Availability: To be tapped on **April 25th at 2:00PM** simultaneously throughout the valley at Crossroads Brewing's TAP-NY Booth and at all participating breweries. Get this historic Hudson Valley Beer while it lasts!

Participating Breweries and Brewers:

Cave Mountain Brewing in Windham - Dennis Howell

Chatham Brewing in Chatham - Matt Perry

CH Evans Brewing at the Albany Pump Station in Albany - Neil Evans, Ryan Demler and Scott Veltman

Crossroads Brewing in Athens - Hutch Kugeman and Adam Krawczak

Keegan Ales - Tommy Keegan and Patrick Sylvester

Mad Jack Brewing in Schenectady - Sam Pagano

Newburgh Brewing in Newburgh - Christopher Basso

Peekskill Brewery in Peekskill - Matt Levy and Ben Petersen

Plan Bee Farm Brewery in Fishkill - Adam Watson

Rare Form in Troy - Kevin Mullen and Jaime Caligure

Rushing Duck in Chester - Dan Hitchcock, Alexis Bacon and Nikki Cavanaugh

Sloop Brewing in Elizaville - Justin Taylor

Collaboration in the Catskills

The Hudson Valley is fast becoming a tourist attraction for beer. For all who have noticed the rapid rise in breweries over the past few years, you can see why. While we all go about our daily routines, there is a local beer revolution happening right underneath our noses, and the pace is delightfully dizzying. The brewery scene is like the whack a mole game, every time you think you have a handle on all of them, another one pops up. There are now over 35 breweries in the Hudson Valley and April 4th marked

an historic day for our local beer community. A staggering 12 Breweries came together at Crossroads Brewery in Athens NY to contribute their arty craft on the very first wide spread Hudson Valley Collaboration Beer. The number of participants was limited only by the capacity of the tanks they brewed on. If the capacity was bigger, there would have been other breweries present. The session was coordinated by Crossroads' Brewmaster Hutch Kugeman and the beer is an American IPA called

"Too Many Cooks". Given the prowess of these crafters, the mash was certainly not spoiled by all of them! It rang in at an abv of 7.5, packed full of 90 IBUs of hops and 33 pounds of Hudson Valley honey. A hop medley of Belma, Ahtanum, El Dorado and Nelson Sauvin were added to the wort and it was further dry hopped with Galaxy. The beer debuted simultaneously at 2:00 PM at the Crossroads Brewing Booth at the popular local Tap-NY brew festival at Hunter Mountain, Saturday

April 25th and at all participating Breweries throughout the Valley. In Hutch's words, "This beer is an important step in nurturing and further fostering the great local beer community and the culture. This beer is all about bringing the people of the community together." It was certainly one for the local history books and it was certainly an important beer for the discerning local brew lover's palate.



Corn Hole Tournament



Evan Watson from Plan Bee Farm Brewery at the piano entertaining his fellow brewers

The Brew Crew Bottom -Top, Left - Right,

Bottom Row - Dennis Howell - Cave Mountain Brewing in Windham, Matt Levy - Peekskill Brewery, Jaime Caligure - Rare Form Brewing in Troy, Adam Krawczak - Crossroads Brewing in Athens, Crossroads Brewing Owner Janine's dog Simcoe

Second Row - Evan Watson- Plan Bee Farm Brewery in Fishkill, Christopher Basso - Newburgh Brewing, Kevin Mullen - Rare Form Brewing in Troy, Justin Taylor - Sloop Brewing in Elizaville, Nikki Cavanaugh and Alexis Bacon - Rushing Duck Brewing in Chester, Patrick Sylvester - Keegan Ales in Kingston, Dan Hitchcock - Rushing Duck Brewing in Chester

Third Row and almost hidden - Tommy Keegan - Keegan Ales in Kingston, Sam Pagano - Mad Jack Brewing in Schenectady, Neil Evans - CH Evans at the Pump House in Albany,

Fourth Row back right corner - Hutch Kegeman -Crossroads in Athens

Top Row Ben Petersen - Peekskill Brewery, Scott Veltman and Ryan Demlar - CH Evans Nrewing in Albany
Missing - Matt Perry - Chatham Brewing

Debut Day at TapSMNY



Hutch Kugeman pouring the first glass at TapSMNY



Hutch Kugeman from Crossroads and Kevin Mullen from Rare Form trying it for the first time



Sam Pagano from Mad Jack, Josh Brown and Patrick Sylvester from Keegan Ales and Scot Veltman from CH Evans



Ken Landin, Janine Bennet from Crossroads, Paul Halayko from Newburgh, Nikki Cavanaugh from Rushing Duck and Sam Pagano from Mad Jack