

Wine & Cheese by TCC's August 2009 Beer Club

This month we bring you two great lore and legend inspired beers from Tyranena Brewing in Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

Our first selection is Tyranena's Rocky's Revenge. This is a bourbon barrel-aged brown ale named after a lake monster that has been haunting Rock lake for hundreds of years. (The things you have to do to get a beer named after you!)

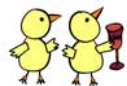
Our second selection is the Bitter Woman IPA. According to the brewery, this is another story-inspired beer about an early resident of Lake Mills, a local woman known as Aunt Cal. Aunt Cal had a relationship with the American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that never panned out. She died alone and was assumed to probably be "bitter", so the brewery named this beer after Aunt Cal.

We look forward to Tyranena's future offerings which include four seasonal beers and a lengthy list of beers that make up their "Brewers Gone Wild" series.

In the following pages, there is some information regarding your beer club selections. You'll find a description of each beer and some technical information on the beer, including some cheese pairing suggestions.

As always, your feedback is greatly encouraged! Please call us or stop by with your comments regarding our selections.

Have a great month!
The Gang at TCC



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Tyranena's Rocky's Revenge

Type:	Ale
Brewery location:	Lake Mills, Wisconsin
Country:	USA
Availability:	All Year
Alcohol:	6% abv

Interesting Fact

The popularity of beers aged in a variety of used oak barrels has really blossomed over the last decade. Oak barrels act as an ingredient to flavor beer with what was previously in the barrel. For example, stouts aged in old bourbon barrels taste like bourbon-flavored stout and beers aged in old sherry casks taste like sherry-flavored beer. The barrels also impart different flavors such as vanilla, molasses, and toffee.

Tasting Notes

This beer has nice aromas of vanilla and molasses. The malt and hops are balanced perfectly against the toffee and vanilla flavors, finishing with a mild hop bite and lingering vanilla.

Food Pairing

This is a nice reprieve from the usual summer beers. The full malt character lends this beer to all types of grilled fare, stew, pot roast, and even cheese cake.

For this month's cheese selection pair with the Uplands Dairy Pleasant Ridge Reserve. The oak aging of the beer will bring out the natural sweetness of this aged cheese.

Tyranena's Bitter Woman IPA

Type:	IPA
Brewery location:	Lake Mills, Wisconsin
Country:	USA
Availability:	Year Round
Alcohol:	5.75% abv

Interesting Fact

Beers that are made with more than the average amount of hops are imparted with a flavor profile based on the types of hops used. IPA is a style of beer that has a generous amount of hops. The creation of this style was out of necessity to allow beer to travel long distances over sea. The hops have antibacterial properties that naturally preserve beer which allows for a longer than normal storage life. These properties found in hops will protect the yeast from naturally occurring pathogens.

Tasting Notes

Generous amounts of pine hops and grapefruit aromas are noticed on the nose. The hops are balanced nicely with fruit-filled malt flavors.

Food Pairing

A great beer for salads tossed with vinaigrettes and fruit. This style IPA is great with Caribbean, Cajun, and all of your favorite spicy dishes.

For this month's cheese selection pair with the Cacciato di Bufala. The hops will keep your taste buds fresh allowing you to notice all of the subtle characters in this grazing wild water buffalo cheese.

Enjoy!