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Getting to the Bottom of “The Barrel”

A Short History and Mission Statement

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“The Barrel” was opened in 1994 by renowned brewer, Greg Noonan. Greg's vision was brought to fruition with the help of his then wife, Nancy and his right hand man (some would say evil twin) Steve Polewacyk along with many other tinkerers and artisans. Seven Barrel Brewery was a natural progression after their stellar first years at The Vermont Pub and Brewery in Burlington, Vermont and the intersection of Interstates 89 and 91 proved to be an ideal location.



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The early years were met with great success and a loyal following serving homebrews crafted by brew master Paul White aided by Greg's watchful eye and proven recipes. The atmosphere, food, and the influence of irreverent daily managers and the colorful cast of servers and bartenders made “The Pub” everyone's favorite neighborhood watering hole... no matter if your neighborhood was Boston, Brattleboro or Bethel.

The last few years have been difficult ones; The VPB and The Barrel became separate entities, our beloved Paul passed away in 2009 followed all too soon by Greg Noonan. The ability to hold together that neighborhood feel and original *Joie de vivre* that was loved by patrons and employees alike became virtually impossible. The Seven Barrels lost their luster.

2011 brings a renewal of sorts with the purchase of majority shares by a consortium of friends who met bellied up to the oaken bar savoring a fine pint. It is our collective wish along with the legacy heirs, Greg's brother Chris and his sons Dan and Tom, to return the spirit of camaraderie and convivial atmosphere that welcomes travelers and locals alike. We also want to enhance the use of local products and purveyors as a commitment to the small farms and businesses of Upper Valley. It is our wish to continue to provide an alternative to the pervasive corporate establishments along the 12A corridor... The Seven Barrel is:

locally brewed, locally farmed, locally cooked and locally owned.

All of this sounds wonderful in theory but the day to day operations of a brewery and a restaurant are anything but theoretical. A key component to our future was to find the perfect person to oversee (and troubleshoot) the day to day hands-on management. It is our great pleasure to announce that person was right under our noses; Catherine Espenshied, has grown up at the Barrel. She started, as it were, at the bottom as a teenager when her mother Bev was the Kitchen Manager. Over the years Cathy has been a prep cook, manager, whirlwind server and a revered bartender all while pursuing a career outside the restaurant business. Cathy is dedicated to running an efficient and welcoming establishment for our patrons as well as providing a family style work environment for our employees.

Come join us... tell us what you think...Enjoy!

Check out our new website also at: 7barrel.com

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