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# The Week in Beer: Groundhog Day edition

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You ever get that feeling? You know - that odd sense that things keep repeating themselves? Like in that one movie with **Bill Murray**?

Sure, sometimes it can be unsettling, but sometimes it's a good thing—especially when the things repeating themselves are great beer events. And speaking of great beer events, there are several coming up that I commend to your attention in the Week in Beer.

## Friday, January 29

Michigan Meet the Brewer night at [Whole Foods Market Cranbrook, 990 W. Eisenhower](#), features [Fred Bueltmann](#) of [New Holland Brewing Co.](#) and a number of tasty New Holland beers. From 5-7 p.m., enjoy draft pints for \$3, 4 oz. sample pours for \$1 and bottles at various prices.



Who's Your Bastard?: Stone vs. Founders at Ashley's, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

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## Tuesday, February 2

What better way to celebrate Groundhog Day than with the 6 p.m. release of Phat Abbot Belgian Dubbel at Ypsilanti's [Comer Brewery, 720 Norris](#)? (Especially if that furry little punk doesn't see his shadow.) Best of all: The beer and accompanying snacks are free if you're a Mug Club member. If not, oh, bummer, dude, you pay \$10.

At [Grizzly Peak, 120 W. Washington](#), it's Brewer's Night from 6-9 p.m., where head brewer [Duncan Williams](#) and team tap a special cask ale, conduct tours and enjoy discounts on samplers. This month's cask is Fille d'Hiver, a.k.a. Farmer's Daughter Saison aged in wood for nine months and dry-hopped with Cascade hops.

[Jolly Pumpkin Café & Brewery, 311 S. Main](#), is hosting its first game night from 7-10 p.m., with the game of choice being Fictionary, where teams come up with the most convincing definitions for obscure words. Prizes are involved, as is beer.

## Wednesday, February 3

[Bar Louie, 401 E. Liberty](#), hosts its weekly Michigan beer night (actually, Michigan beer day and night) with \$3 pints of beers from a selected brewery. This week it's Dark Horse.

## Notes on the Napkin

- Jolly Pumpkin tops the *Washington City Paper's* list of ["5 Exciting Breweries for 2010"](#). The author of the list writes, "Jolly Pumpkin is one of the few American breweries whose beers I will always buy, no matter the bottle, whenever I find them."

That's your Week in Beer heading into February. Until next time, stay warm, think spring and keep an eye out for **Andie MacDowell**.

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