

# PITTSBURGH HASH HOUSE HARRIERS



## BEER CORNER



### THE HISTORY OF WINTER/HOLIDAY BEERS!

*So after all the pumpkin bullshit of September, October, and the beginning of November, there are a few styles of beer that become more available in and around the area. These beers are considered to be the winter and holiday beers. These beers began with the Vikings of all people. They enjoyed a strong beer with lots of malt and little to no bitterness. This beer was drunk during the holiday of "Jul" or as you know it "Yule." If this beer wasn't strong enough they could end up feeling the wrath of Odin. As travel between European countries increased, these strong ales traveled throughout Western Europe and ended up becoming a very popular style in England. This allowed them to take some of these beginning recipes and create the foundation for the holiday beers that we come to enjoy today.*

*Winter warmer beers are known for the maltiness and full body they provide. They also focus on various spices we think of for the winter months. These spices may include cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, fennel, cocoa, brown sugar, and coffee. These spices aren't typically used with very hoppy beers.*

## **NEW BREWERIES IN PITTSBURGH**

**INSURRECTION ALE WORKS - HEIDELBERG**

**MINDFUL BREWING - CASTLE SHANNON**

**RECLAMATION BREWING - BUTLER**

**HELICON BREWING - OAKDALE (IN CONSTRUCTION)**