



I would like to introduce our new Co-Technical Directors, Bryan and Judy Thoet

Bryan – (BS Agronomy, WSU Pullman) An extensive background in the world of malt and hops for the brewing industry. Back in the days when Blitz-Weinhard, Lucky Brewing, Olympia Brewing and Rainier Brewing operated facilities in the Pacific Northwest. Managed the Sales Department for Great Western Malting (became ConAgra Malt) for 16 years. Started to work with Craft Breweries in 1982, by establishing small volume shipping capabilities and reliable shipping schedules. Instrumental in establishing the specialty products roasters in Vancouver, WA and worked closely with a majority of the craft breweries throughout the Western US. Managed the sales activities with Anheuser-Busch, Miller Brewing, Labatt Breweries, Molson Breweries, Grupo Modelo and all export sales into Southeast Asia for Great Western Malting and Canada Malting Co.

Assumed the CEO position for Yakima Chief in 2004 and was instrumental in reorganizing the company. This was a very turbulent time for the hop industry and we all learned patience as excesses turned into shortages and panic buying created challenges for all!

Hired by the Coleman Family to merge three of their business entities into one operating unit (ColemanAg, Inc.) Our major focus has been the expansion of hop acreage and the challenges of growing 20+ different varieties. (bryan@bjagriculturalconsulting.com)

Judith began her agriculture career as a crop consultant in Fresno, CA upon receiving her BS in Agronomy from CSU Fresno. After standing in one too many tomato fields in the middle of July she decided to pursue an MS degree at OSU Corvallis in Crop Science, specifically Plant Breeding and Genetics. Upon completing her MS studies, she began to work in the malt industry as the Technical Director for Great Western Malting. In that capacity, she managed all of Great Western's proprietary varietal improvement research, in addition to being part of the research granting board for the AMBA Technical Committee and the Washington State Barley Commission. While Judith enjoyed the malting industry, she was fascinated by another fermented beverage - wine. After studying for and receiving her Sommelier's diploma (International Sommelier's Guild), and a move to Yakima, Judith became employed by DIAGEO at one of their Washington wineries. Back to school again for a Winemaker Certification (UC Davis), and Judith enjoyed a number of years making wine. Judith looks forward to putting her diverse background to good use at the HRC! (judith@bjagriculturalconsulting.com)

I would like to give a special Thankyou to all those that helped with the vision and effort to bring this position into being. Fred Greschwill
