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BEER BRAINS

Two Broken Lizard comedians reveal lessons learned from their ode to brew, *Beerfest*

AMERICANS ARE (MOSTLY) SUPERIOR

Steve Lemme "In the film, we're an American team taking on a German team in a secret beer Olympics. On the German actors' last night of filming, we went against them in real drinking races and took them two out of three times."

Erik Stolhanske "But one of them, Günter Schlierkamp, an ex-Mr. Universe, showed us a new game. Hold a beer in one hand. Lock the other hand's middle finger with your opponent's and try to pull him across the table without spilling. Günter had me over the table in 10 seconds and my finger turned purple and black."



BEER ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD

Stolhanske "Two of the other guys had to shoot a scene floating in a giant vat of beer. They're trying to raise their tolerance by osmosis, but they were in nasty, 60-degree water treated with food coloring and soap for hours. I shot a beer shower scene for six hours. Even with a wetsuit on, it was cold. I know we sound like pussies, but it was freezing."

SLOW AND STEADY WINS

Lemme "Will Forte from *SNL* plays one of our German rivals. In the final scene he decided to chug a liter stein in six seconds. They called cut and he immediately pulled the trigger. That was a volume puke. It came out frosty



and cold. Then he had to come back and drink more."

ALCOHOL IMPROVES BEER

Stolhanske "We went through 70 kegs of O'Doul's on this movie. But there was one day I drank real beer. It was a scene in which I've had too much to drink and I'm costing my team the game. There was no big dialogue, so I figured, 'What the heck?' It was a great nine-to-five."

COPS CAN BE FRIENDS

Stolhanske "We shot the film in New Mexico and rented a house in the Albuquerque suburbs for after-hours parties. One night at 4 a.m. the obligatory cops showed up. They turned out to be big fans of our movie *Super Troopers* so we wound up toasting them. It's one of the benefits of making a cop comedy."

Beer Fest hits theaters August 25.



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