



**The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers**

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday February 7, 2007**

**7:30 P.M. at**

**Sal's in St. Joseph**

**From The Prez**

Hello beer enthusiasts;

Next meeting will be held at Sal's in St. Joe, I believe we should continue our meetings there until after March Mashness.

Preparations are underway for the 6th annual March Mashness. Donations are coming in and plans are underway to make this March Mashness the best one yet. If you have agreed to help with the planning it would be appreciated to complete your task by the next meeting and let us know how things went.

These events take quite a bit to put on so if you can help us out in anyway possible please let me know and we can give you something that suits you. This will make life easier for all involved and make for a successful event.

**March Elections**

It seems like "four score and seven years ago" Lincoln, that the Cloudy Town Brewers were established, and there are many of us still hear today that have seen our club grow through the

years. Those who have been around for years are a positive testament to our club's integrity. I have been president of our club for some seven non-consecutive years. I believe the time has come for me to step aside and let some fresh blood lead our club. It has been a pure pleasure serving this club and all the good times we've had. I still plan to serve but from behind the brew kettle, not on top. I will still do the Up Next column for the club if the brewers want me to.

Remember: "Our most dangerous tendency is to expect too much of our home brew club, and at the same time do for it little", Harding. So let it be known "The only thing to fear is fear itself", Roosevelt.

And that "Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort", also Roosevelt.

"Give it a chance, and go for an elected office, it's not as hard as it looks", LeBlanc. "That's all a man can hope for during his lifetime -to set an example- and when he's gone, to be an inspiration for home brewers", McKinley. And so my fellow home brewers ask not what your home brew club can do for you, ask what you can do for your home brew club,

Kennedy.

P.S. history tends to repeat itself; by not showing up for elections thinking you won't be getting involved couldn't be more wrong. You can't defend yourself from our convictions if you're not present.

In conclusion always remember...

"Speak softly and carry a big Stein".

Dutifully yours,

Bruce

Sal's will be having a \$10.00 all you can quaff special, enquire at the bar and identify yourself as a member of the homebrew club.

## January's Minutes

- Thanks to Sal's for hosting the January meeting.
- Medals have been ordered for March Mashness by Cody Winter. We are looking for a judging location. We will check pricing at the Ramada Inn but will look for alternate location. We will do a judging on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 or 7 pm. We are considering having a speaker for the Best of Show.
- For judges we need Best of Show judges. We judge recognition items.
- Midwest has agreed be a drop off point for the competition. We are still get approval from Northern Brewer. Larry Nusbaum will be emailing previous entrants.

## Competitions

For a complete list of competitions visit the Events & Calendar on the AHA's web site at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/events.html>.

## Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through January. Congratulations to Joe Leuthner for winning the January people's choice for his IPA.

Joe Leuthner	1 Point
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## Cloudy Town Brewers Mugs & Shirts

The Cloudy Town Brewer mugs are still available. They are available to club members for \$10 and non-members for \$12. Please contact Tom Zupanc if interested.

## Superbowl Party

The Mrs and I will again be hosting a Superbowl party. Drop on buy to enjoy the game. Bring something to share both food and homebrew wise.

## Did You Know...?

- After consuming a vibrant brew called Aul or Ale, the Vikings would go fearlessly to the battlefield, without their armour, or even their shirts. The "Berserk" means "bear shirt" in Norse, and eventually to the meaning of wild battles.
- Way down in 1740, the Admiral Veron of the British fleet decided to water down the navy's rum, which naturally, the sailors weren't pleased with. They nicknamed the Admiral Old Grog, after the still stiff program coats he used to wear. The term grog soon began to mean the watered down drink itself. When you are drunk on this this grog, you are "groggy", a word still in use.
- Long ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim of their beer mugs or ceramic/glass cups. The whistle was used to order services. Thus we get the phrase, "wet your whistle".

**See you all at the meeting! Bring a friend they'll thank you for it.** (Bruce will buy you a beer!)