



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers
May 2007
<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2007
7:30 P.M. at
Old Chicago

From The Prez

Hello folks,

Come and celebrate National Homebrew Day at the Flamewood Brewery or better known as Bruce's place. Big Brew is an AHA sponsored event with three suggested recipes Griffin IPA, Striking Gold, a Belgian Strong ale and Hailbrau Doppelbock. Now you don't have to brew those beers you can brew what you want. So grab your brew kettles and some ingredients and head over to 1190 Flamewood Drive Sauk Rapids. That is the first left off of highway 23, on 40th street just past "Dusty's" and put your nose to the air and smell for brew kettles. Snacks and hor duerves are welcome but not required. I have extra burners if you need em. Stop by around noon for an afternoon of brewing and bull! For more information check out <http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/index.html>

Contact me with any questions

Cheers,

Bruce LeBlanc
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April's Minutes

- Thanks to Old Chicago for hosting the April meeting.
- Pub crawl was discussed for sometime in May. Larry is getting pricing.
- The big brew is May 5th and Charles was going to check if he could it.

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 April. Congratulations to David Arnott for winning the March people's choice for his holiday spice beer and to Mike Beuning for winning the April people's choice for his Brown Ale.

David Arnott	2 Points
Mike Beuning	2 Points
Jerry Dusich	2 Points
Larry Nusbaum	2 Points
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Tim Fuerstenberg	1 Point
Joe Leuthner	1 Point
Charles Miller	1 Point

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.

Useless Beer Facts

In 1788, Ale was proclaimed "the proper drink for Americans" at a parade in New York City.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

The original text of the Reinheitsgebot only had three ingredients: Barley, hops, and water. Yeast wasn't mentioned for another 35 years.

George Washington had his own brew house on the grounds of Mount Vernon.

After consuming a bucket or two of vibrant brew they called aul, or ale, the Vikings would head fearlessly into battle, often without armor or even shirts. In fact, "berserk" means "bare shirt" in Norse, and eventually took on the meaning of their wild battles.

The Budweiser Clydesdales weight up to 2,300 pounds and stand nearly 6 feet at the shoulder.

12 oz of a typical American pale lager actually has fewer calories than 2 percent milk or apple juice.

A beer is NOT just a beer. All told, there are 27 different styles of beer, with a further breakdown of 49 sub styles. There are 19 different versions of Guinness.

According to a diary entry from a passenger on the Mayflower, the pilgrims made their landing at Plymouth Rock, rather than continue to their destination in Virginia, due to lack of beer.

In the US, a barrel contains 31 gallons of beer.

The first beer cans were produced in 1935.

Before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold, and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where "rule of thumb" comes from.

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