



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

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday October 3, 2007**

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

**From The Prez**

Hello folks

First I would like to say thanks to all of you who showed up at the last meeting at Granite City Food and Brewery. We had a great turnout of at least twenty people and also gained some new members. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be across the street at Old Chicago. Unfortunately there was a schedule change for me at my work and I will not be able to attend, so please have a beer for me because I will be keeping the lights on for you. Some subjects we can talk about is the fall party over at Larry's the following Saturday, what to bring, time to start and anything pertinent to that. I have a corny keg dispensing system I was thinking of bringing. If anyone has a corny keg of beer they would like to bring to the party let me

know I have room for more than one keg. Write me at [brewski1@charter.net](mailto:brewski1@charter.net). We also could think about setting a date for the next March Mashness. In the month of March I have the Saturdays of the first, fifteenth, and the twenty-ninth off. Look at your calendars for St. Patty's day or anything else and see if any of these would work. That's all I have for now see you at the party!

Cheers,  
Bruce  
[brewski1@charter.net](mailto:brewski1@charter.net)

**September's Minutes**

- Thanks to Granite City Food and Brewery for hosting the September meeting. Congratulations to Mike Beuning for winning the Grand Champion at the Benton County fair. Mike's beer was entered under Bruce LeBlanc as the LeBlanc's were kind enough to drop off the beer but did not have Mike address.
- Thank you goes to all those that did brewing demonstrations at the Benton County Fair.
- We will have a fall get together and sample some of the beer brewed at the fair. It will be at Larry Nusbaum's house starting at 2 or 3 pm.

-We will revisit the bus tour later in the year.  
Please welcome our newest member  
Jennifer Meyers.

## 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>.

## **Cincinnati** **June 19, 20, 21 2008**

All interested contact conference coordination  
chairperson Mike Beuning.

## Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through September.  
Congratulations to Jerry Dusich for winning  
the September people's choice with his  
Imperial Stout.

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| Jerry Dusich     | 9 Points |
| Mike Beuning     | 8 Points |
| Scott Campbell   | 5 Points |
| David Arnott     | 4 Points |
| Erik Nelson      | 3 Points |
| Rick Vinje       | 3 Points |
| Charles Miller   | 2 Points |
| Larry Nusbaum    | 2 Points |
| Mike Esplan      | 2 Points |
| Joe Leuthner     | 2 Points |
| Tim Frakes       | 1 Point  |
| Tim Fuerstenberg | 1 Point  |
| Bruce LeBlanc    | 1 Point  |
| Jennifer Meyers  | 1 Point  |
| Tim Muntifering  | 1 Point  |
| Pete Spengler    | 1 Point  |

## Mini Octoberfest

Hello all. This Saturday I guess I'm  
hosting our first annual (maybe) mini-  
Octoberfest. It will start around 2:00 pm  
but if you want to come earlier and brew  
let me know. I may bring my system out  
of its hiatus as I've now figured out what I  
want to do with increasing the exhaust  
system cfm's however I still need to buy a  
few parts. (If there are any of you who  
are HVAC people or have access to old  
furnaces please get a hold of me.) We  
can have a fire but I'm a little short of  
wood so if you could bring some that  
would be cool. Also bring something to  
sit on and a dish to pass and we'll make it  
a pot-luck later on in the afternoon that  
can start whenever the brewing is done or  
around 6:00 pm. I can fire up the grill if  
you need that as well. I will bring  
directions to my place to the meeting.  
For those of you who can't make the  
meeting; call me at 320-282-7798 for  
directions or if you have a gps the latitude  
and longitude. It should be a good time.  
If it rains we'll move to the garage.

## Cloudy Town Brewers Mugs & Shirts

We have two CTB Polo shirts available for  
\$22 each, size XL. I will bring them to the  
meeting on July 11th.

Tim

## **Ten Keys to Great** **Extract Beers from**

## **Brew Your Own Magazine**

1. Use good light malt Extract as your base.
2. Use fresh LME or DME.
3. Store your extract properly.
4. Dissolve malt extract with distilled water.
5. Boil your full volume of wort.
6. Limit your boil time to the length required to get adequate hop bitterness.
7. Chill your wort quickly with a wort chiller.
8. Know which styles are best suited to extract brewing.
9. Steep specialty grains or perform a partial mash.
10. Just brew it - don't believe the hype.

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