



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

**November 2007**

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

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### **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday November 7, 2007**

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

**MinCo Technology Center**

**3333 West Division Street**

**(The computer store where  
DeSoda's used to be)**

(Meet in the store around 6:30 and we can leave our stuff there and go eat at old country buffet. If you come after 7:00 pm just knock on the door or window or something. )

### **From The Prez**

Hello Folks

Michael Jackson has passed on, and in one way or another he has affected us all. For it was he who truly started the beer renaissance that brought people to appreciate the diversity and differences in what we call craft beers. His brand of writing about beer was truly unique for when he wrote about or judged a beer he would never say what was wrong with the beer, he would only comment on what is right. A truly positive person even to the end. Michael referred to his Parkinson's disease as his sparring partner. When I

reflect on the times that I have met him, first at Sherlock's Home and the time he was guest judge at our first Cloudy Town Brewers home brew contest. He always had time to talk with you, sign his books and have a toast. I have a picture in my little brewery at home. The picture has Larry, Darin, Erik, Michael Jackson and I having a beer. Now whenever I brew, it's like having Michael Jackson looking over my shoulder coaxing me to do the best I can.

On the website [www.beerhunter.com](http://www.beerhunter.com) <<http://www.beerhunter.com>> there are some interesting interviews with Michael, one just two weeks before he died. It shows him in his office, by the looks of his office, I realize that we have a lot in common.

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

### **October's Minutes**

- Thanks to Old Chicago for hosting the October meeting.
- Todd Lachinski is a beekeeper and has honey for sale. If interested contact Todd

via email, [todd.lachinski@kniferiver.com](mailto:todd.lachinski@kniferiver.com).

Since the clarifier is posted online I am not putting his phone number in.

- Russ Windahl is opening a homebrew supply store in St. Cloud. Both Todd and Russ have joined the Cloudy Town Brewers.
- Thank you to Deb Dusich for bringing up entries to the Fargo, Hoppy Halloween competition.
- Our social event/Octoberfest was held at Larry Nusbaum's house on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We looked at possible dates for March Mashness. The first, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29 is when Bruce is available. Easter this year is 23<sup>rd</sup>. In order to choose a date we need to choose a location. We discussed adding March Mashness to the Midwest Homebrewer of the year.
- We will be looking at a bus tour for January or February.

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| 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 |
| Tom Zupanc       | 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  |

## 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 October. Congratulations to Jerry Dusich for winning the October people's choice with his America IPA.

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| Jerry Dusich | 11 Points |
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## 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

## **New Brewshop In Town!!**

There's a new home brewing supply store in town. Russ Windahl, CEO of MinCo Technology center has dedicated a portion of his store to home brewing and wine making supplies and equipment. MinnCo is located where DeSoda's used to be. Russ will also be working out a discount for Cloudytown home brew club members. Way cool huh???

## **Keg Theft on the Rise, from All About Beer**

Pick up a Keg for a party, and chances are you'll pay a deposit of \$25 or so. To the scrap yard, the recycled stainless steel maybe worth double that amount. And the brewery that has to replace the stolen keg will have to pay \$150 or more. The beer industry can't ignore it any longer. Last year around 300,000 kegs were lost. Look for keg deposits to go up.

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