



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

December 2007

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Saturday December 8, 2007

7:00 P.M. at

The Home of Shari Nusbaum



Christmas Party

(E-mail for directions)

From The Prez

Hello People

Good news for the area brewers. Minco Technology center has home brewing supplies! Minco is located in the Midtown Shopping Center. Russ Windahl the CEO of Minco and an avid home brewer and new Cloudy Town Brewer member has a area within Minco with brewing supplies. They have a nice selection of equipment and ingredients for the extract and all-grain brewer.

Just yesterday I was in there to buy supplies for a 10-gallon batch of all grain Irish Red. I had a couple of ingredients I thought I would have to go to the cities for, but no need to. For the first time in my experience I found everything I need to do a big batch of all grain in St. Cloud. A good selection of

supplies and they are all fresh. So stop in and check it out.

They also offer a 10% discount to club members and if you're from CTB they also donate a percentage of brewing sales to the club. Now that's hospitality for The Cloudy Town Brewers. No more need to pay shipping or having to drive down to the cities.

Next meeting will be at Larry's Christmas Party, it will largely be a social event "do I need to tell you that?" I hear Larry & Shari are dressing up as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. common.

Cheers,
Bruce

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November's Minutes

- Thanks to Minco for hosting the October meeting.
- Proposed dates for March Mashness are March 1st, March 15th or March 29th. The best date would be the 15th. Bruce has heard from Chris Laumb and McCann's would love to have us for the competition. They are currently not open yet but are expecting to be soon once paperwork on brewing is finalized with the government.

- We need to check and see if we need to order medals. Bernick's has expressed interest in sponsoring.
- Minco has now started offering homebrewing products. They are also giving a 10% discount to club members and a two to three percent kick back to the club.
- Welcome our new members Kala Windahl, Tony and Julie Bennett and Curt Mohs.

Tom Zupanc	3 Points
Mike Esplan	2 Points
Tim Frakes	2 Points
Joe Leuthner	2 Points
Bruce LeBlanc	2 Points
Larry Nusbaum	2 Points
Tim Fuerstenberg	1 Point
Jennifer Meyers	1 Point
Tim Muntifering	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. The hotel is the Sheraton Cincinnati North. Details will be posted soon at www.beertown.org.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through November. Congratulations to Jerry Dusich for winning the November people's choice with his Octoberfest.

Jerry Dusich	13 Points
Mike Beuning	10 Points
Scott Campbell	6 Points
David Arnott	4 Points
Erik Nelson	3 Points
Rick Vinje	3 Points
Charles Miller	3 Points
Pete Spengler	3 Points

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 Brew shop 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???



Bruce's Holiday Thoughts



It's been documented in voyage journals that the Mayflower abandoned its voyage and landed in Plymouth due to running out of beer. That one of the first

establishments constructed within the Pilgrim colony was a brewery, and that most of its passengers were also separatist farmers, poorly educated and without social or political standing. Given these facts, do you honestly think that they drank wine at the very first Thanksgiving in 1621? Hell no! They drank beer!

So as the holiday season creeps up yet again, some of you will ask your hosts what to bring to Thanksgiving and Christmas. You can go ahead and be that same boring person that shows up with that cheap bottle of Chardonnay, thinking that it will help you swallow down hunks of dry turkey. But that's just plain rude, man. Cheap and boring is not the way to go.

What you really need is some quality craft-brewed beer to liven up the festivities. Impress the hell out of everyone when you whip out bottles of intriguing beer and reel off brief explanations of what they are. Fortify the ancestral tradition of feasting by complementing it with beer. Suggest a beer pairing with dinner. Hell, make it an all-day event, and remember there's nothing wrong with drinking at 10am. Beer goes with every meal and minute of the day!



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