



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

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<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday February 6, 2008

**7:30 P.M. at
McCann's**

From The Prez

Hello My Minions

Upper Mississippi Mashout Roundup

Saturday the 26th the Mn. Homebrewers Association had their annual national home brew competition at the Krug Haus in St. Paul. The Upper Mississippi Mashout had over 800 entries this year. We had a good showing of Cloudy Town Brewers this year. Erik and Marina, Jerry and Deb, Joe, Mike, and Kim and I went to the Belgian Bistro Banquet and awards ceremony. Their club charges \$30 dollars to attend the banquet and the Awards Ceremony is shortly after and free. The Banquet fee included all the food and beer. I have been to two Mashout Banquets and have decided it's an event not to miss. The food was out of this world. Their chefs put together an

excellent Belgian themed meal that won't soon be forgotten. There was an abundant supply of home brew available, 14 kegs of different styles of beer and many bottled beer to numerous to list. It was an evening of the best food and drink in the state. Next year the food will be a German feast. Congratulations go out to Jerry Dusich for bringing home a gold medal! Sorry Jerry, I can't remember what category it was in.

Next Cloudy Town Brewers meeting will be at McCann's, we will do more planning for March Mashness and talk about anything else that comes up. If you are planing on bringing a sample for the Tommy Z award please use discreet packaging when entering McCann's "paper bag or small cooler".

See you at the meeting,

Bruce

Cheers,
Bruce
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January's Minutes

- Thanks to Minco for hosting the January meeting. The Upper Mississippi Mashout, the MHBA, competition is coming up and send in entries if interested.
- We are still looking at dates for a bus trip/pub crawl. It will probably April or May now.
- March Mashness judging and awards will be at McCann's on March 15th. Entries will be accepted from February 24th to March 9th. Minco and McCann's will accept drop and shipped entries. Jerry Dusich will contact Mid-West and Northern Brewer if they will be drop sites also. Russ Windahl has talked to Seth Synder from Crosby and Baker about either giving a talk at awards ceremony. The website needs to be updated and the competition registered. Mike Beuning and Cody will talk to Benton Trophy about ordering medals.

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>.



**“Brewin down the Haus” in ZinZinnati
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.



Annual Pub Crawl

Put it on your calendars. Its time for the annual Cloudytown brewers pub crawl. I guess I'm putting it together this year so I'm open for suggestions. According to their website Surly's is expanding and is not conducting group tours until sometime late spring of 2008. The cost will be \$10.00 per head.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Congratulations to Pete Spengler for the winning the People Choice Award with his Porter.

Pete Spengler	2 Points
Patrick Sundberg	2 Points
Scott Campbell	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point
Gordon Scott	1 Point

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. MinCo 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???

Other uses for Beer

Remove Stains

Pour some vodka or beer onto the stains (on cloth or on carpet) and gently scrub the area with a brush to remove the stain. Then, blot the area with some water until it is clean.

Promote Healthy and Lushes Hair

For healthy and lushes hair, try this at home. Mix 15ml of beer into 70ml of warm water. Right after you shampoo your hair, rub the mixture gently to your hair and rinse it off.

Clean Furniture

Put some beer onto a soft cloth and gently wipe your furniture made of wood to clean them up.

Fertilizer

You can use beer to fertilize your plants, as beer contains nutrients needed by plants. Just pour some beer around the plants occasionally. Please remember not to do this excessively or you will kill your plants instead.

Trap Slimy Pests

In order to trap snails that damage your plants, find a container without a lid. You can even use an empty can with the top removed. Bury this container inside the earth with the top left opened (where the snails are often seen). Pour about half a can of beer into the container and leave it overnight. The snails will be attracted to the smell of beer. You will find these snails drowned inside the container, (and probably they are also drunk) the next day.

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