



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers
March 2008
<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting
Wednesday March 5, 2008
7:30 P.M. at
McCann's

From The Prez

Hello Home Brewers

By the time you read this entries will begin to be accepted for March Mashness. You have two weeks to get your entries in, so get them ready and get registered. We need to get at least one hundred entries so the judges can get more judging points for coming to Mashness. Do not get to finicky with your beers, you never know, you just might win something and you get good feedback from the judges. I will be sending out emails to everyone on days left before the signup deadline. Please send them off to everyone you can think of to insure a successful event. I have called and emailed and sometimes both to 40 different sponsors for prizes to give away, let's hope we get a good response. I will keep the website updated on donations as they come in. We are on the homestretch now for Mashness; there are a lot of last minute things to do. We have all been through this before and I think it gets easier every time. We need to inventory all the paperwork that we have, score sheets and forms and print up what we need. We will talk more on Mashness at the next meeting.

Elections:

Last year we did not really have elections for the club. Our club bylaws state that we are to hold elections in March. They were created before Mashness came into being. The March meeting is always busy prepping for the competition. I suggest that we move the elections until the April meeting. That way it will give members more time to work on their campaigns.

See you at the meeting,

Bruce

Cheers,
Bruce
brewski1@charter.net

February's Minutes

- Thanks to McCann's for hosting the February meeting.
- Bruce LeBlanc has created an updated flyer for March Mashness and has sent it out. Mike Beuning will be going to the Duluth competition and will be bringing the flyer up to pass out.
- Jerry Dusich has contacted Northern Brewer and will be contacted Midwest about being drop off locations.
- The medals are in and cost approximately \$400. Bruce will contacting a lot of the sponsors and is still trying to get Bernick's

on board as there has been personnel turnover with the contact in there marketing dept. We have received a box of left over items from the Upper Mississippi Mashout. Thank you to the all Twin Cities clubs for their continued support.

- Bruce LeBlanc has contacted Doug Hoverson, author of "Land of Amber Waters: The History of Brewing in Minnesota", about giving a talk and or a book signing.
- We will be doing the Bus Tour April 19. Larry Nusbaum is arranging it and is looking at Surly's or Flat Earth for the Brewery tour.
- Minco has received an order of hops but quantities and types available on hand or order are limited due the hop shortage. Russ will also be placing a yeast order so get your orders in soon.

All interested contact conference coordination chairperson Mike Beuning. The hotel is the Sheraton Cincinnati North. Details will be posted soon at www.beertown.org.



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**

Annual Pub Crawl

Put it on your calendars. It's time for the annual Cloudy Town Brewers' pub crawl. Or as Bruce likes to call it "Escape from St. Cloud" I guess I'm putting it together this year so I'm open for suggestions. The cost will be \$20.00 per head.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Congratulations to Patrick Sundberg for the winning the People Choice Award with his Imperial Porter.

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| Patrick Sundberg | 4 Points |
| Pete Spengler | 3 Points |
| Erik Nelson | 2 Points |
| Gordon Scott | 2 Points |
| Russ Windahl | 2 Points |
| David Arnott | 1 Point |
| Scott Campbell | 1 Point |
| Bruce LeBlanc | 1 Point |
| Jennifer Meyers | 1 Point |
| Larry Nusbaum | 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???

Blue Ox Brewers Society

The Blue Ox Brewers Society is having their second Big Brew Day on Sunday, March 9th, starting at 1:00pm.

Your neighbors to the north, the members of the Blue Ox Brewers Society, invite any and everyone from the Cloudy Town Brewers up to our neck of the woods for our second ever Big Brew Day. You may have tasted the Bourbon Vanilla Imperial Porter from our last Big Brew Day at the February meeting. This quarter we're going a bit more main stream with a Fat Tire clone. We're still tallying the counts, but it looks like we may be brewing more than 40 gallons of New Belgium's flagship brew. If anyone wants to get in on the action, feel free to check out our website for more details
(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BlueOxBrewersSociety/>)

The brew day is scheduled for March 9th, starting at 1:00pm. I know this might conflict with preparations for March Mashness, but we had to get something in before the first quarter ended as we're going to try to make this a quarterly event.

The event will be held at:
WitsEnd Brewery - aka my garage
14623 Lynwood Dr
Baxter, MN
(right behind Best Buy in Baxter)

As we will probably be brewing into the early evening, we will be having a BYO grill-out as well. A grill will be hot and ready to cook if you so choose. Snacks to share are encouraged, but not required.

Hope to see you there!
Patrick

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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