



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

**December 2008**

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday January 7th, 2009**

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

**Michael's Restaurant Hwy 10**

**From The Prez**

Hello folks!

The holidays are over, it's hard to believe. I hope everyone had a merry time for the holidays. Now it's time for our first meeting in 2009. The next meeting will be in the back of the bar at Michael's Restaurant on Highway 10 in St. Cloud. It is time to get the ball rolling with our March Mashness plans. There is much to do, but it's all worth it in the end. Looking back at our records informs me that this will be our ninth March Mashness, it's hard to believe that many. We have a lot of planning to be worked out at the next meeting, so let's iron it all out so we can relax and enjoy some Tommy Z sampling.

See you there,

Bruce

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From Zymurgy Magazine

Trying to squelch a beery urban legend that has been misquoted by historians and beer enthusiasts since the early days of repeal, Dick Stevens, owner of the Elevator Brewery and Draught Haus in Columbus, Ohio, has decided to belly-up to the bar and replace T-shirts sold at the brewery that incorrectly attribute Benjamin Franklin to a much-quoted phrase that the founding father never uttered. Beer-themed web sites, brewing organizations and even beer writers are fond of quoting Franklin and his supposed love of beer: "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy".

But after recently hearing a lecture by Chicago-based brewing historian Bob Skilnik that convincingly asserts that Franklin was writing about rain, its nourishment of grapes, and ultimately, its conversion into wine. Stevens says: "I have no doubt that ol' Ben enjoyed a tankard or two of beer with his friends and associates, but this beer quote, while well-meaning, is inaccurate".

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

## 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>.

## December Minutes

I don't have the December Minutes as of 1-05-09

### Tommy Z Generosity Award

Congratulations to Lars Larson for winning the September People's Choice with his Porter. Here are the point totals through November.

Patrick Sundberg	11 Points
Russ Windahl	9 Points
Pete Spengler	8 Points
Mike Beuning	7 Points
Gordon Scott	7 Points
Erik Nelson	6 Points
Jerry Dusich	6 Points
Scott Campbell	5 Points
Joe Leuthner	5 Points
Jennifer Meyers	4 Points
Tom Zupanc	4 Points
Tony Bennett	3 Points
Charles Miller	3 Points
Larry Nusbaum	3 Points
Jim Allex	2 Points
Bruce LeBlanc	2 Points
Curt Mohs	2 Points
David Arnott	1 Point
Mike Esplan	1 Point
Lars Larson	1 Point
Tim Muntifering	1 Point
Ben Storbeck	1 Point

**\*\* Don't forget to start brewing or thinking about our March Mashness competition coming up! \*\***



## Cloudy Town Brewers Mugs & Shirts

We have two CTB Polo shirts available for \$22 each, size XL.

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