



Cloudy Town Brewers *clarifier*

July, 2010

This month's Clarifier is going to be dedicated to a summary of the AHA National Conference which was held this year in Bloomington, MN. We had excellent representation at the conference, with many Cloudy Town Brewers attending. Not only did we have a fantastic time and sample some amazing beers, we also learned a lot about homebrewing to bring back and put into practice. Sample session titles include "From Flat to Foam: The Joys and Terrors of Draft Beer at Home", "When Homebrewers Go Pro: Starting Your Own Brewery" and "Exploring Sour Belgian Beer Styles". In addition to formal sessions, wisdom certainly was to be gained (or given!) by informal conversations with professional and amateur brewers from all over the country.

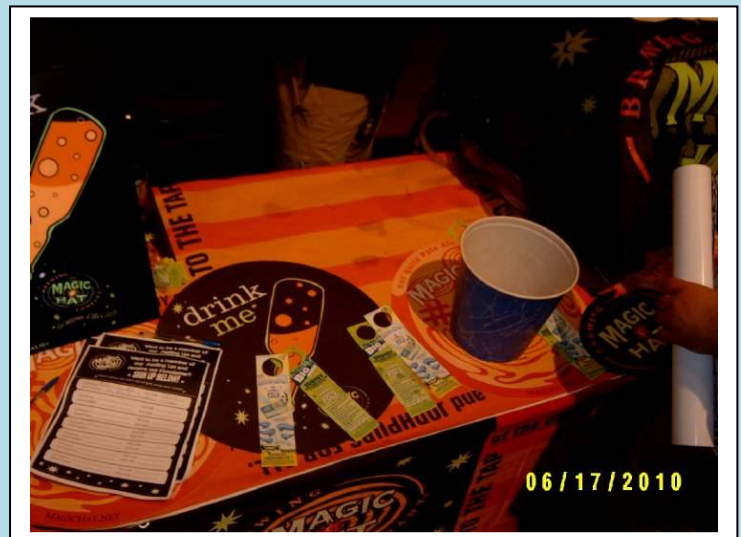
Next Meeting:

Home of Jerry and Deb Dusich*.
Wed, July 7th at
7:30 pm. Bring
a lawn chair,
beer, and a bite
to eat if you are
so inclined.

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Thursday: Pro Brewer's Night

Basically an in-house beer festival featuring 48 local and nationwide professional craft breweries. A great welcome to the convention, and a good excuse to sleep in the next morning!



Friday: CTB-Hosted Hospitality Suite

Not enough drinking in the evening or during sessions? There's always the hospitality suite... a club-hosted tasting room open essentially 18 hrs a day for anyone who has the hankering for a sample of homebrew. The CTBers hosted a two-hour slot with 10 beers on tap, and received a lot of positive feedback on the beers we offered. But let the kegs do the talking – we drained 2 and nearly drained several others in that short time.



Ebulum before...

...and after!



Saturday: Club Night

A chance for homebrew clubs across the country to strut their stuff, share their wares, and try to out-theme everyone else in the room. CTB was one of 39 participating clubs. We had a theme of "Beer Hunters", and although our booth may not have outshone those of the bigger, richer clubs... our beers were on par with the best brews in the place.

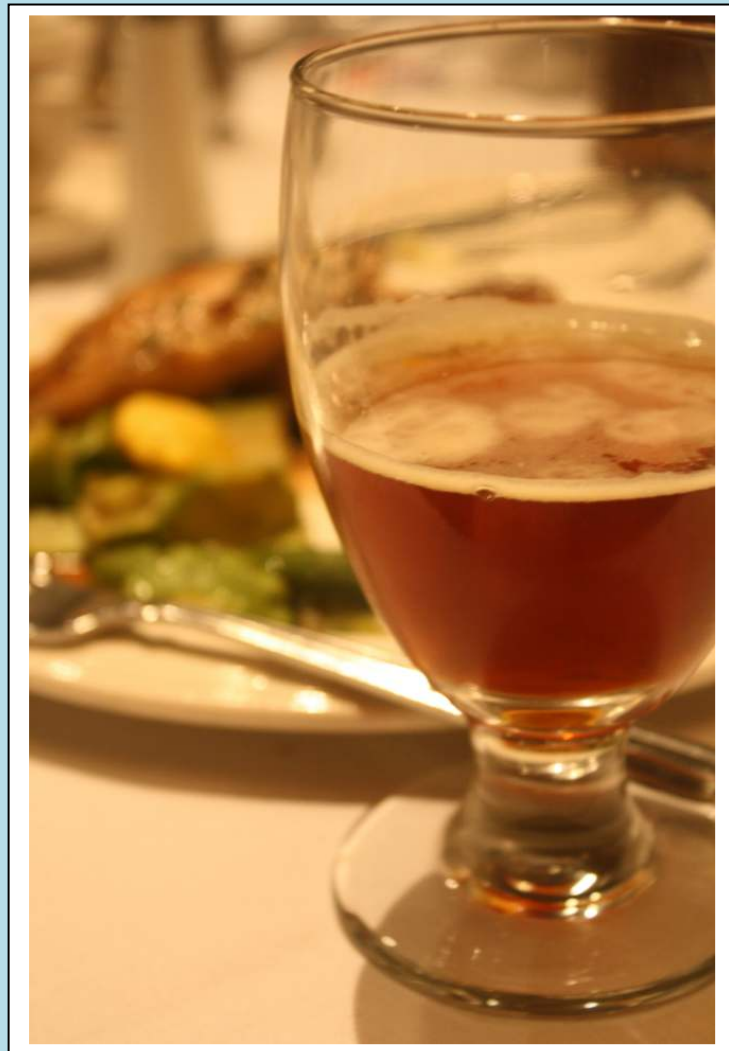






Saturday: Banquet & Awards

The final event of the conference was a three-course dinner with beer pairings, courtesy of Rogue brewery. There was a mixed salad with a beer vinaigrette, roast chicken breast and rice pilaf with beer reduction, and a chocolate flourless cake and berries. In addition to the beers provided by the AHA, plenty of groups brought along their own "supplies" to round out the evening.



Thanks to *EVERYONE* who
contributed to make our
showing at the AHA
Conference a success.

Countless hours were spent
brewing, planning,
assembling, etc. in order to
ensure that the Cloudy Town
Brewers put their best foot,
er, beer... forward!