



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

January 2005

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday January 5, 2005

**7:30 P.M. at
O'Brien's
(in Rice)**

From the Prez

Hello folks,

I hope all went well for everyone for the holidays. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. I signed up to judge for the MnBrewers with their Upper Mississippi Mashout. There is a Friday night session at 7:30 or Saturday they have sessions at 11:30 and 2 o'clock at the Holiday Inn Metro dome. The MnBrewers have always been a great help with the March Mashness so I thought we could give them a hand and see if we can't learn a thing or two on how they run judging. I have room for more in the car so if you're interested let me know.

Our next meeting we will be returning to O'Brien in Rice, Mn. They have done some remodeling inside so it will be fun to check it out. I will also be bringing the clubs library so if you're interested in checking out some books they will be there.

Cheers,
Bruce

There will be a special meeting for club members on Jan. 12, 7:30 pm at Granite City Brewing. We will talk about the March Mashness competition. Please be there if you can.

December Minutes

- Thanks to O'Hara's for hosting December's Meeting. January's Meeting will be at O'Brien's in Rice.

- There will be a brewing demonstration at Baker's on December 8th at 7 pm.

- Bruce LeBlanc has registered the March Mashness competition. We need to send pamphlets to homebrew shops and solicit donations for prizes.

- Minnesota Home Brewers Association is hosting their upper Mississippi Mashout in January and the first round of Nationals in spring. Bruce would like to go down and support them with judges and stewards. Others are encouraged to go also.

- The Community Education Home Brew class will be February 21st, 28th and March 7th.

- Quotes for the pub crawl tour ranged from \$300 to \$475 for a school bus. A coach bus ranged from \$576 to \$700 for 40 people. We

are looking at a date in mid February for the tour.

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>.

Club Only Competitions

January 2005

Irish Red Ale

Entries due Jan 26th 2005. Judging will be held Jan 30th 2005.

Shipping Address:
AHA COC
C/o Eric Ware
2331 N. Thornwood
Davenport, IA 52804

Hosted by Eric Ware and MUGZ of Davenport, IA.
Category 9D Irish Red Ale*
For more information, contact Eric Ware at [eware@mugz.org](mailto:eware@ mugz.org)

March/April 2005

Sour Beers

Hosted by Phil Clarke and the New York City Homebrewers Guild of New York, NY.
Category 17 Sour Beers*

May 2005

Extract Beers

Hosted by Susan Smith and the Hogtown Brewers of Gainesville, FL.
All BJCP beer styles (Categories 1-23). Extract must make up more than 50% of fermentables*

August 2005

Belgian and French Ale

Hosted by Bob Kauffman and Hop Barley and the Alers of Boulder, CO.
Category 16 Belgian and French Ale*

September/October 2005

European Amber Lager

Hosted by Jack Kephart and the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) of Akron, OH.
Category 3 European Amber Lager*

November/December 2005

Baltic Porter

Entries due November 4, 2005.
Judging will be held November 12, 2005.
Hosted by Brian Lanius and the Ruffian Brewers of Suffern, NY.
Category 12C Baltic Porter*

New Style Guidelines

The new guidelines will take effect January 1, 2005. If you competitions please check to ensure that you're entering the proper category. See new 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines at www.bjcp.org.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Congratulations to Dave Arnott with his spice beer and Jeff Saranpaa with his IPA for the winning the nightly people's choice award. The vote ended in a tie. Here are the point totals through December

Jeff Saranpaa	8 Points
Bob Hilsgen	4 Points
Larry Nusbaum	4 Points
Dave Arnott	2 Points
Darin Dorholt	2 Points
Tim Frakes	2 Points
Bruce LeBlanc	2 Points
Jerry Dusich	1 Point
Craig Egerman	1 Point
Rick Vinje	1 Point
Tom Zupanc	1 Point

Cloudy Town Brewers **Mugs & Shirts**

The Cloudy Town Brewer mugs are now available. The mug has wider base in a gray color with the club logo stamped in brown and green hop ring decal. They are available to club members for \$10 and non-members for \$12. Please contact Tom Zupanc if interested.

We have cream-colored T-shirts that are screen printed with the club logo. They are \$12 for a club member and \$15 for a non-member.

CTB Embroidery ***Submitted By Tim Fuerstenberg***

For anyone interest in getting our new/current Cloudy Town Brewer's logo embroidered onto their favorite garment, shirt, sweater or jacket (sorry they can't do hats), please bring your item(s) to our next meeting. The cost of the logo is \$10 per item. If you need more information, please contact Tim Fuerstenberg.

Strange but True

This brewski's for Bessie. Eastern Iowa farmers are spiking their cattle feed with beer.

Cattleman Robert Miller says the cows like the beer so much; they don't want to eat their feed dry. Outdated beer is used for the cattle feed. Researchers say it has vitamins, minerals and proteins that are good for the cows.

Of course, giving beer to cattle could give a new meaning to cow tipping

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