



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

***February 2005***

***<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>***

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***Next Meeting***

**Wednesday February 2, 2005**

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

**JP's**

**(in Sauk Rapids)**

***From the Prez***

Hello Home Brewers,

Winter is in full swing and so are the preparations for March Mashness. There's just over six weeks left before the Best of The Show at Granite City March 19. Everyone should have their beers ready to enter by February 23 thru March 9 when entries are accepted. James Michael updated the web site and now you can register and get all the information about March Mashness on the web at

[www.cloudytownbrewers.org/competition/](http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org/competition/)

. Kim LeBlanc made a new flyer for this year's event that will be distributed to other clubs and homebrew shops. Sponsors are also being contacted.

Ask not what you're home brew club can do for you, but what you can do for your home brew club! March is right around

the corner and so will be elections. It's a great time to consider running for office. Be part of Cloudy Town Brewer's governing legacy. Make history happen right here in St. Cloud, run for office!

***Get on the Bus!***

A beautiful, spacious charter bus will leave Cathedral High School South Parking lot (not the gym parking lot or the north parking lot) Saturday Feb 19 at 10:00 am sharp for a bus trip/brewery tour/pub crawl in the Twin Cities. Back at about 10:00pm Highlights include Summit Brewery tour, Northern Brewer supply, and various brewpubs, the identity of which are still under wraps. Any suggestions?

FREE FOR EACH MEMBER AND ONE GUEST! We have 40 seats. FIRST TO EMAIL [tzupanc@astound.net](mailto:tzupanc@astound.net), first served., (beer and food will probably not be free, but it may be subsidized in the name of education).

***January's Minutes***

-Thanks to O'Brien's for hosting January's Meeting.

- The Upper Mississippi Mash-out judging will held January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn next to the metro dome.
- The pub crawl was tentatively scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 10 pm. The stops that were suggested are Hops in Maple Grove, Green Mill in St. Paul (lunch), Great Waters (by the Excel Center), Summit Brewery for a tour, Rock Bottom, Town Hall, Barley John's and a possible stop at Northern Brewer. We need to designate a route and check on Summit's tour hours.
- Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at Granite City there was a planning meeting for March Mashness. The new guidelines are in effect for the competition.
- Tim Fuerstenberg and Larry Nusbaum are working on the Benton County Fair competition to get their styles updated. They are looking into the possibility of doing a brewing demonstration.
- The Community Education Home Brew class will be February 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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*

**Baltimore??**

**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**

**March/April 2005**

**Sour Beers**

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

**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](http://www.bjcp.org).

**Tommy Z Generosity Award**

Congratulations to Tim Frakes for winning the people's choice award for the night. We did start over the points at the start of the year. Here are the point totals through January

Tim Frakes	1 Point
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## **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.

## ***Brew News***

The Association of Brewers (which includes the American Homebrewers Association} and the Brewers Association of America have reached an agreement in principle to merge the two organizations. The resulting organization, to be known as the Brewers Association, will operate out of the Association of Brewers' Boulder, Colo. Office and continue all of the programs and services of both groups. For more information go to [WWW.beertown.org](http://WWW.beertown.org)

## ***Strange but true***

The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a recipe for making beer that can be used at home.

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