



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

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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday February 1, 2006**

**7:00 P.M. at**

**Granite City Food & Brewery**

(Please note the time change!!)

**From the Prez**

Hello people

Once again we are approaching our busy time of year. There is a lot of activity going on with Cloudy Town Brewers lately. First, the dates have been set for another round of Community Education. We will be teaching the art of home brewing at North Junior High, March 6, 13 and 20th. This has always been a good way for the club to recruit new members while showing people how to brew and have fun to. The recipe for the class will be the same as before. The first night we will talk about the process of brewing then jump in and brew extract beers. The next night we will tour a brewpub and the last night we will bottle. We will need some club participation with brewing and bottling, we break into small groups depending on how many students we have and brew, so we will need some people who have brewed before in each group. It's that easy. Mark your calendars and lets teach some people to brew.

March Mashness is right around the corner, lots of plans need to be made and organization must be achieved. There will be considerable discussion at the next meeting on this and if we need to, we will plan a special meeting to stay ahead of the game.

Congratulation goes out to Tom Zupanc for getting a silver medal for his English Cider in the Upper Mississippi Mashout. The Minneapolis and St. Paul brew clubs had 561 entries and 55 registered judges at their event. Winning a medal with that kind of competition is not easy. Way to go Tom!

Cheers,  
Bruce

*"It is better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church." Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

**January's Minutes**

- Thanks to Granite City for hosting the January meeting.
- Bruce Leblanc will be going down to the Upper Mississippi Mashout to judge on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

- It was suggested that in the future we look at reducing the number of bottles down to two for the March Mashness competition.
- James Michael will get the email addresses of previous entrants to Larry for marketing of March Mashness.
- We still need to set a judging location for the competition.
- The Community Ed class is set for Monday nights. Tom Zupanc did not get the specific dates from Bruce. It will be in February and March. We will need help during the classes and also six pack holders for the completed beer from the class.
- The bus tour will be pushed back until after the March Mashness competition.
- Changing the officer elections to a different month than March was tabled for the February meeting. March is our busiest month between the Community Ed class and the competition***

## 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>.

## Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through November.

Scott Campell	1 Point
Tim Frakes	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.

*"The best beer is where the priests go to drink."  
Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> century*

## SuperBowl

I will be hosting a superbowl gathering at my place starting around 3:00 pm game day. Bring usual Superbowl fare and beer to share.

## Liver-friendly beer

**Jan 26, 2006** - An inventor in India is taking a beer he touts as healthier into the UK market.

Lady Bird Bio Beer contains aloe vera and medicinal herbs. B. Srinivasa Amarnath claims it has a variety of benefits, starting with fewer hangovers. Recent stories also state the beer can alleviate conditions ranging from asthma to arthritis.

Amarnath previously said that research showed his beer does not harm the liver or cause ulcers and gastric illness.

Lady Bird Bio contains 5% alcohol by volume. It is also exported to Canada.

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