



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

March 2006

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday March 1, 2006

7:00 P.M. at

Granite City Food & Brewery

(Please note the time change!!)

From the Prez

Hello people

I am writing this a little unprepared and on short notice tonight so here goes. We have a busy month ahead of us with Community Ed and March Mashness upon us. We will be doing a lot of last minute planning at the next meeting for Mashness and we will need your participation in some manner this month to make it all successful. Community Ed is coming right up also, this is a little a little more of a laid back event, how hectic can brewing beer be anyway. So there it is that's all I have for now, short and sweet.

See you at the next meeting.

Cheers,
Bruce

"The immense importance of a pint of ale to the common person should never be overlooked." Cannon of St. Paul's Cathedral 18th Century

February's Minutes

We need to renotify Granite City of the March Mashness dates. We need to establish a location. Bruce LeBlanc will contact the Ramada Inn, Darin Dorholt will ask about using facilities at Viking Beverage. We discussed judging gifts and decided on giving out \$10 gift certificates to home brew shops. We scheduled a planning meeting for Tuesday, February 7th.

Elections will be pushed back to May with nominations in April. This is being to avoid the hectic schedule we have for March.

Community Education class dates are March 6, 13 and 20th. We need to people to help out with the class.

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 February. Congratulations to Cody Winter for winning the people's choice for his Wee Heavy.

Cody Winter	4 Points
Larry Nusbaum	3 Points
Scott Campell	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Erik Nelson	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.

"Beer bouts were the site of the first schools of higher learning. Before reading and writing all tribal wisdom was passed from one generation to the next over a pot of beer."

National Homebrewers Conference

Join more than 800 homebrewers from around the world June 22-24 in Orlando at THE conference for the homebrewing and beer enthusiast community.

Online Registration is now OPEN! Register before May 15 to save money on all conference registration packages.

Keynote Speaker
Greg Koch, Chairman & CEO

For more information see
<http://www.beertown.org/events/hbc/index.html>

National Homebrew Competition

The 28th Annual National Homebrew Competition will be accepting entries from April 3rd to the 14th. For more information see <http://www.beertown.org>.

World Brewing Academy Concise Course

I just wanted to let home brewing club members know that the annual Lallemand scholarship to attend the [World Brewing Academy Concise Course in Brewing Technology](#) is again being offered, giving one lucky homebrewer the ability to take this excellent 2 week course at Siebel Institute in Chicago this fall. The Concise Course is not only a great program for those wanting to expand their technical brewing skills, it is also an important course for those considering a career in professional brewing.

You need to be a member of the American Homebrewers Association to be eligible for entry in the draw for this

scholarship. You can get full details on the scholarship and registration information on the American Homebrewing Association web site at <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/scholarship.html> . Please pass this information on to homebrewers in your club, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at klemcke@siebelinstitute.com .

Keith Lemcke
Vice-President
Siebel Institute of Technology

[Advanced Homebrewing Course
July 24 - 28, 2006](#)

A case for beer

Feb 9, 2006 - A new study from Czech doctors indicates that moderate beer consumption slows aging and reduces the likelihood of heart attacks.

The study was paid for by a group of major Czech breweries. A Czech beer was used for the study, but the brewers requested doctors not disclose the name.

Jaroslav Racek, head of a research team in Pilsen, told the daily Plzensky denik the doctors found the men's levels of dangerous blood lipids were lower by the end of the study.

He said the amount of beneficial cholesterol in the men's blood was increased; the beer improved their organism's antioxidant protection and reduced the amount of free radicals that can damage cells and are believed to accelerate the progression of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and age-related diseases.

A negative consequence of even moderate beer consumption was that the men gained

weight - which can be moderated with exercise.

"The study is not supposed to promote beer which remains an addictive drug. It should encourage Czechs to drink beer moderately rather than inordinately, otherwise they will face health problems," said Racek.

Craft Beer Growth Leads All Adult Beverages for Second Year

Volume Up 9 Percent in 2005 Says Brewers Association

Boulder, Colo. • February 16, 2006 -

America's craft brewers sold 9.0 percent more barrels of beer in 2005 versus 2004 making craft beer the fastest growing segment of the US beverage alcohol industry for the second consecutive year, according to the Brewers Association, the Boulder, CO-based trade association for US craft brewers.

"Craft beer volume growth far exceeded that of large brewers, wine and spirits in 2005," said Paul Gatza, Director of the Brewers Association. "And even though imported beer grew nicely in 2005, craft beer grew at a faster rate."

The Brewers Association estimates 2005 sales by craft brewers at 7,112,886 31-gallon barrels up from an adjusted total of 6,526,809 barrels in 2004, an increase of 586,077 barrels or 8.1 million case-equivalents.

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