



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

April 2005

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday April 6, 2005

7:30 P.M. at

G-Allen's in Sartell

From the Prez

Greetings fellow homebrewers,

March Mashness:

March Mashness has come and gone again. If you did not make it to the Best of the Show you missed a good party. We gave out lots of prizes for winning entries and every one received door prizes, this year the entries were down just slightly but we still had a pretty good turn out. The sponsors donated quite well this year, it's always nice when you place in the competition to receive some good prizes along with a medal. The Best of Show is always fun to mingle with other brewers from around the state that we don't normally see at our meetings. A good time was had by all.

Big Brew:

Big brew is normally held the first Saturday in May. Big brew is an event

where home brewers all over the country get together to brew on the same day same time to see how much homebrew can be made in one day to celebrate national homebrew day. It's always fun when we get together to brew and drink beer. Because of scheduling conflicts with the past hosts "Larry & I" of this event, we are not able to host it May 7th. If anyone is interested in hosting it on May 7th please let me know and we can spread the word. If not, we can have it a week early at my house on April 30th, better to have it a week early than not at all. Let me know what you think at the next meeting.

Bottles, Bottles, Bottles:

I have lots of rinsed bottles with the labels removed ready for home brewing. These bottles are left over from the last two March Mashness judging sessions. If anyone needs bottles let me know they are free for anyone who's interested.

Next meeting will be at G-Allen's in Sartell. It's the old Heroes Bar and Restaurant. See you there.

Cheers,
Bruce

March's Minutes

- Thanks to Granite City for hosting March's Meeting.
- The sponsor's for March Mashness have all sent in item's. Midwest matched last year's donation of \$150 in certificates. We also have five pounds of leaf hops that we need to break up. Rick Grelson volunteered the use of his food saver to break up the hops into smaller quantities.
- The judging will be on Friday, March 11th at 7 pm and on March 12th. It will be at the Ramada Inn.
- Community Education class has ten people in it. They will be doing the tour at O'Hara's.
- The Officer Elections were held and results are as follows.
 Bruce LeBlanc – President
 Tom Zupanc – Vice President
 Jeff Saranpaa – First Officer
 James Michael – Secretary/Treasurer
 Larry Nusbaum – Newsletter Editor
- The Librarian Office was not filled and we will discuss the best way to handle the library at future meeting since it is too bulky to bring to everything to a meeting.

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

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 took January 1, 2005. If you enter 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 David Arnott for winning the people's choice award for the night with his Bitter. Here are the point totals through March

Rick Vinje	2 Points
Cody Winter	2 Points
David Arnott	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Larry Nusbaum	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.

continue all of the programs and services of both groups. For more information go to WWW.beertown.org

How about another Pub Crawl???

The Fifth All About Beer Magazine Brew Cruise - Alaska

**7-night Hubbard Glacier Alaska Cruise through the Inside Passage
Friday July 22-July 29, 2005**

Join us for seven days of beer culture, in a region of unique natural beauty.

Experience the world of beer –

- Savor hard-to-find regional beer
- Explore new flavors at a beer reception and dinner
- Master new beer facts at tastings and presentations

Experience Seattle where micro brews began –

- Luxuriate in Celebrity's world class service on The Mercury; plunge into elegance and relaxation: polished marble & etched glass, rejuvenating AquaSpa
- Explore Seattle, a town with a penchant for strong coffee, tasty micro brews and amazing seafood.
- Looking for hours of fascinating entertainment plan a trip Space Needle, Pacific Science Center or Experience Music Project

Experience breathtaking views and natural wonders of Alaska –

- Visit Skagway, the heart of the Gold Rush Country
- See the spectacular Misty Fjords and land on a glacier
- View Hubbard Glacier, the largest tidewater glacier in North America

Book a cabin on either cruise and receive a complimentary one-year subscription to *All About Beer Magazine*

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