



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers
May 2005

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 4, 2005

7:30 P.M. at

Granite City Food & Brewery

From the Prez

Greetings fellow homebrewers,

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. By the time you read this pre-Big Brew will have already been held at my house. I will have broken a house record and brewed 20 gallons in one day 10 gallons of APA and 10 of Belgian Dubbel. The regular Big Brew will be on the 7th and will be held at Cody's house more info about that at the next meeting.

Cheers,
Bruce

April's Minutes

-Thanks to G-Allen's for hosting April's Meeting.

We received a \$140 dollars from teaching the Community Education class. We got the deposit back from the bus tour.

The judges from March Mashness got only judging point due to the lower number of entries. We discussed ways to improve the competition and increase entries. There are three primary areas for the competition, judges, sponsorship and advertising. We need to focus on the advertising more including choosing the dates sooner and avoiding conflicts with other competitions including Nationals. This year our competition coincided with Kansas City's.

Bruce LeBlanc and Cody Winter will host Big Brew this year. We are doing two dates because a lot of people have conflicts. Bruce will be hosting on April 30th. Cody Winter will be hosting on May 7th. Cody's number is 282-0542. You are welcome to brew however you will need to bring your own equipment and ingredients.

The Benton County Fair will be printing the booklets soon and we need to suggest changes to category list. We could also do a booth. The minimum price is \$75. It has been suggested that we either do a demo or sell root beer. Darin Dorholt distributes 1919.

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

Here are the point totals through April.

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

News You would find hard to work into a conversation with Non-brewers

The Brewers Association has named the top fifty breweries in the nation. More than 1400 breweries operate in the country today. More than 30 of the top 50 breweries produce all-malt styles that define craft beer. Brewer's association figures showed that domestic craft beer sales grew by more than 7 percent in 2004, faster than any other segment of beer sales. The top ten are

1. Anheiser-Busch
2. Miller Brewing
3. Coors Brewing
4. Pabst Brewing
5. City Brewing Co.
6. D. G. Yuenglings Brewing
7. High Falls Brewing
8. Boston Beer. Co.
9. Latrobe Brewing
10. Sierra Nevada Brewing

Gluek came in at 27 followed by August Schell's at 28 and Summit came in at number 31

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