



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

***July 2005***

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

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**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday July 6, 2005**  
**7:30 P.M. at**  
**G Allen's**

**From the Prez**

Greetings fellow homebrewers,

Hi folks!

March Mashness, as I look ahead and try to find a date that works best, I tried to weigh in things like spring break and my schedule. Spring break next year for district 742 will be March 6 - 10. I thought the following weekend the 17 - 18 would be good judging dates and the following Saturday the 25th as the Best of the Show. These dates would leave Spring Break open and reduce to three days vacation I would need to pull it off. Since I will not be able to attend the July and the August meetings, please discuss these dates and let me know your thoughts.

Once we agree on the dates we can register the event with the AHA. March Mashness should be a respectable and

growing home brew competition. In the last couple of years our entries have been on the decline and I thought some aspects of the event were somewhat dysfunctional. I believe March Mashness has a lot of positive elements in it that benefit us, and the home brewing community. But we need better input from the club to make this event a premiere contest that's well run. I feel we need a panel of six members beside myself. We need these people to assist with some of the planning "I can handle that for the most part" and to help judge and entry handling and be there to help with the Best of the Show, people that will be committed. I feel that this is necessary to sign these people up before we should register the event.

So I am asking you to come foreword and be a part of the Mashness committee. If we have a good committee where everyone participates it will be easier for everyone. So please get involved and let me know you want to participate, then we can get this registered.

Thanks,

Cheers,

Bruce

## ***Junes's Minutes***

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

We looked at possible dates for March Mashness Best of Show, either March 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. We need to confirm with Granite City.

Sean Hewitt has not gotten back to us on doing a Judging class here in St. Cloud.

For the Benton County Fair, it is alright if we do a brewing demo but can not sell beer. However root beer would be alright.

## **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**

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

## **Tommy Z Generosity Award**

Congratulations to David Arnott for winning the people's choice award for the night with his IPA. Here are the point totals through June.

Jeff Saranpaa	4 Points
Tim Frakes	3 Points
Rick Vinje	2 Points
Cody Winter	2 Points
David Arnott	2 Points
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Jerry & Deb Dusich	1 Point
Mike Esplan	1 Point
Greg Koob	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point
James/Jean Michael	1 Point
Larry Nusbaum	1 Point
Tom Zupanc	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.

### **Advice from Bruce**

DMS is a common flaw in beer that can produce unpleasant sulfur tones similar to cooked vegetables or creamed corn. The most common occurrence of DMS is produced during malt kilning, wort boiling and wort cooling. DMS is released during boiling as a gas. This is the reason for a vigorous rolling boil of at least 60 minutes. Improper cooling techniques also lead to DMS production. Force-cooling the wort helps establish a more complete break (reduced trub levels) and reduces DMS development. The wort must be cooked rapidly, within 45 minutes to reduce DMS precursors. And always remember cleanliness is next to godliness

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

A new Irish Pub is opening in St. Louis Park:  
"Make plans to join us for Irish food, live music, warm hospitality and most importantly a good time!

July 28th, 2005 ~ 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

\$15 at the door or Sign up for Friends of Kip (email list) and receive 2 free tickets to the Pub Warming

- Free Irish Draft Beer!
- Free Food!
- Live Music!
- Recipe Contest! Be the first to place your vote for the recipe contest finalists! During the Pub Warming, we'll announce the final recipes in our Irish recipe contest.

• Win 2 free tickets to the U2 concert (September 23rd) and 1 night stay in a Historic Suite at The Depot Downtown Minneapolis! We'll give this package away during the Pub Warming.

• Win a trip for 2 to Ireland. We'll give away this trip during our Pub Warming!"

<http://www.kipspub.com/pubwarming.htm>

### **Darin will be**

Darin will be bringing two beers to the meeting that the company he works for is thinking of distributing. He will be conducting a tasting and taking comments. So if you want to have an influence on what distributing companies in the area offer you as a beer selection hang out until he gets there.

### **Benton County Fair**

Its Fair time again! We were able to successfully get a lot more styles added to the premium book. Now its my annual plea for people to enter things. This is a no nothing competition but a lot of fun. And you pick up a little money if you win.

I don't have anything to enter this year. Because of our construction project I haven't been able to brew since Christmas day. Enter what you can, lets really stun them this year with tons of entries.

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