



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

July 2006

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday July 5, 2006

7:30 P.M. at

O'Hara's

**(In the event that O'Hara's is
"closed" Granite City)**

From the Prez

Hello Home brewers

Recently at one of our meetings Kenny from Gluek Brewing Company showed up and wanted our input on a homebrew contest that Gluek's wants to have as part of their Oktoberfest celebration October 28. At the time as I pondered the idea which I think is great, I started to think about our club doing two competitions a year and all that is involved, my head started to spin. I remedied the situation with another Duke. A few weeks later I tried to contact Kenny with some questions on the Oktoberfest homebrew competition, which isn't easy because he seems to have a dislike for answering the phone. I did get through to Kenny one day while he was at work enjoying a beer. I like the concept of work and beer, they won't let me drink at the power plant; they say it's

dangerous. I would never drop a live power line in any beer I'm standing in I could get a shock. Anyway, Kenny said that they would be doing the planning, managing and judging of the competition. I offered our help in getting the word out via homebrew club mailing lists and maybe newsgroups. He said that he would try to make it to the next meeting to give us an update of their plans. That's what I have for now on Gluek's Oktoberfest homebrew competition. But I am still pondering the idea of beer and power plants, High Voltage Ale anyone?

Cheers,
Bruce

"Beer, a high and mighty liquor"
Julius Caesar

June's Minutes

- Thanks to Granite City Food and Brewery for hosting the June meeting.
- We discussed the Gluek homebrew competition that they are planning as a part of the Cold Spring anniversary celebration in October. We discussed the option of brewing the winning recipe at Gluek. What we need to do get judges with Fargo's Hoppy Halloween being at

the same time. We also need to make sure we have awards and space for judging.

- **The bus tour will be Saturday, August 26th.** The 47 passenger coach bus with bathroom is chartered from Above All out of Rice. It is \$550 plus \$150 deposit for the bus from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. We will be at Summit at for their Saturday tour and a stop at Northern Brewer. The rest is up to us at this point.

*"Pay-day came, and with it Beer."
Rudyard Kipling*

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 June. Congratulations to Charles Miller for winning the people's choice for his Imperial Stout.

Scott Campell	6 Points
Cody Winter	5 Points
Charles Miller	4 Points
Larry Nusbaum	3 Points
Chris Schleicher	3 Points
Erik Nelson	2 Points
Mike Beuning	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point
Joe Leuthner	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Thomas Zupanc	1 Point

Cloudy Town Brewers Mugs & Shirts

The Cloudy Town Brewer mugs are still available. They are available to club members for \$10 and non-members for \$12. Please contact Tom Zupanc if interested.

*"In hidden, remote places around the world from the jungles of South America to the steppes of Asia, women still hold close the arts of brewing. Praying to their ancient goddesses, the women of the non-technological societies continue to pass down to their daughters the secrets of beer. The old ways have not gone but soon will be."
Anonymous*

Ponderings by Bruce

I seem to be a Verb!

It's Fair Time Again

A Message from Sean Hewitt

I want to personal invite you and your club, the Cloudy Town Brewers, to the THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HOMEBREW COMPETITION!

STATE FAIR ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTS JULY 19! Entries accepted at drop-off sites, Aug. 3 - 11, 2006

The registration deadline for the MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HOMEBREW COMPETITION is coming up on Friday, August 19, 2005. This is a fun, local competition for MINNESOTA home brewers only, and tends to be smaller than the Mash-Out, so your chances of winning are that much better. There are 20 medal categories this year, so 60 medals will be awarded, plus an awesome "Best of Show" large rosette. You may enter in any BJCP Beer, Mead or

Cider category and you may enter one beer per BJCP sub-category.

To enter your beers:

<http://www.mnbrewers.com/events/mnfair/>

VOLUNTEER AT THE CONTEST!

The competition is also looking for volunteers to help judge or steward at the judging on Saturday, August 19, 2006. EVERYONE is welcome - they will pair novice judges with more experienced judges. If you're thinking that you'd like to find out what beer judging is all about or if you're thinking of taking the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) exam prep class this fall, come out and judge! You will get retro-credit for your judging once you take the BJCP test. If you're too shy to judge, you can "Steward", which involves helping the judges.

To sign up to help judge or steward:

<http://www.mnbrewers.com/events/mnfair/>

"Beer was not made to be moralized about, but to be drunk." Theodore Maynard

And on a Closer Note

The Benton County fair is again having their home brew competition. Last year we worked with them and got them to offer more categories that more closely followed the BJCP guidelines. The result was that they took our suggestions for the beers but went out to the BJCP website and grabbed all the categories and sub categories ciders and meads so they have 80 – 90% of the beers in the competition and all of the ciders and meads. Check their website: www.bentonfairmn.com for information. Its not much of a competition (its free to enter and you only need one bottle) but

its still way cool to go up to the counter and see the Grand Champion ribbon hanging on your bottle.

I was thinking of bowing out this year and letting Bruce finally get the purple. But maybe not; can't make life too easy on our beloved President.

The Dangers of Drinking Beer

Attention has been called to the large number of bartenders who have lost fingers on both hands... an employee of (a saloon) lost three fingers from his right hand, two from his left, and the physicians decided that they became rotted off by the beer which he handled. AMA Quarterly, 1889

A brewer, who, when asked by the Doctors, "Do you know what filthy water they use in brewing?" replied, "Oh yes, I know all about it, and the more filthy the water the better. In the brewery in which I work, the pipes which draw the water from the river come in just at the place which receive the drainings from the horse stables; and there is no better beer in the world as made from it. AMA Journal, 1837

It's a Party

The Mrs and I will again be having our annual summer pool party. I believe this makes it the 10th annual. It will be on Saturday July 22, 2006 starting at around 7:30 pm. We'll have plenty of food so come hungry (we're trying to figure if we could roast a pig (or part of a pig)). Maybe we could hit Greg up for his secret sausage recipes that we used when

we hosted the campout many years ago. I'll have some beer and soft drinks in the pool and my punch will be available. Beers for the pool, especially home brew and exotic or rare/hard to find brews are always welcome. Bring something to pass and we'll see you there. Call for directions.

Who would have thought?

Men caught drinking alcohol by their wives in an Indian village now face being slapped across the face by their wives' slippers.

A committee of women at Japalli, in Andhra Pradesh, introduced the punishment in a bid to 'curb the menace of liquor', reports the Press Trust of India.

Any married man discovered drinking will be hauled up before village elders and slapped five times with his wife's leather slipper in front of local residents. They will also be fined the equivalent of £64. The fines will be handed over to the offenders' wives to spend as they see fit.

The women decided on the tough new measures after their attempts to close local liquor stores ended in failure.

Drinking Quotes

Time is never wasted when you're wasted all the time.

-- Catherine Zandonella

Sir, if you were my husband, I would poison your drink.

-- Lady Astor to Winston Churchill

Madam, if you were my wife, I would drink it.
-- His reply

If God had intended us to drink beer, He would have given us stomachs.

-- David Daye

Work is the curse of the drinking class.
-- Oscar Wilde

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.
-- Henny Youngman

If you ever reach total enlightenment while drinking beer, I bet it makes beer shoot out your nose.
-- Deep Thought, Jack Handy

The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind.
-- Humphrey Bogart

Why is American beer served cold? So you can tell it from urine.
-- David Moulton

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.
-- Ernest Hemmingway

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