



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

August 2005

<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday August 3, 2005

8:00 P.M. at

Granite City Food & Brewery

From the Prez

Hi folks!

How has your summer been going? Hot enough for you? I hope everyone has had time to bask in the sun and chill with a homebrew. Once again I will not be making it to the next meeting. I will be beer hunting in Colorado at that time, but I will be back to catch up with everyone for the next one. On another note, has anyone come up with a new flyer for the club? Every time I go to Baker's the request some to hand out to interested parties. We should try to oblige them. Well I have to run, its time to pack. So we will see you next time.

Keep on Brewing!

Cheers,

Bruce

July's Minutes

- Thanks to G-Allen's for hosting July's Meeting.
- We currently have tentative dates for the March Mashness in 2006. The Best of Show would be March 25th with judging the weekend before. We still need to confirm these with Granite City. The sub-committees were presented as a way to organize the competition better.
- The Benton County Fair beer competition styles were changed to better align them with the BJCP guidelines. The Fair guide is out with the entry form.
- Darin Dorholt provided two beers for sampling that Viking Beverage is considering distributing.

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 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 Tim Frakes for winning the people's choice award for the night with his Belgian Triple. Here are the point totals through July

Jeff Saranpaa	5 Points
Tim Frakes	4 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
Charles Miller	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

Run!!! Run as fast as you can; get away be free!

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

Submitted by Tom Zupanc

Formaldehyde, a toxin and carcinogen, is used in 95% of Chinese beer, reports the Globe Times, and as reported by the Wall Street Journal. It eliminates the precipitates, which form during storage. Now you know why Chinese beer is so clear...

In 2004, Japan imported 1.77 million liters (about 450,000 gallons) of Chinese beer. Korea imported 3,200 tons (about 1.6 million gallons or 6.4 million liters— no idea why Japan measures by liters and Korea measures by weight) in 2004. Since there are about .3 milligrams of formaldehyde per liter of Chinese beer, the Japanese have drunk about 531 liters of formaldehyde in their beer in 2004. The Koreans have drunk about 1,920 liters of formaldehyde. Yum.

For your information, Anheuser Busch categorically denies it has ever used formaldehyde in beer for any purpose. Larry Nusbaum had no comment when asked about the formaldehyde content in his beer.

Darin has some items for sale

- One (1) 6 ½ Gallon Carboy
- One (1) 3 Gallon Carboy
- Several 1.5ltr Grolsh Bottles
- Two (2) Corney Kegs
- Three (3) to five (5) cases of 22 oz bottles
- Five (5) cases of 12 oz bottles
- Two (2) 64oz Growlers
- Two (2) Bottle Cappers
- Two (2) Refrigerators.

Haggle with Darin over the price of the above treasures. Darin's phone number is 420-7362

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. Entry day is Tuesday August 2, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Its free to enter and you only have to supply one 12oz bottle.

National Mead Day, Saturday, August 6, 2005

There is another brewery in MPLS. called Surly Brewing. They will be using a 30 bbl Sprinkman system, and they have a website at.

<http://www.surlybrewing.com/>

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