



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

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<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 6, 2004

7:30 P.M. at

Granite City Food & Brewery

From the Prez

Hello Home brewers

In the great journal of things happening under the sun, we, the American People, find our account running, under date of the nineteenth century of the Christian era.--We find ourselves in the peaceful possession, of the fairest portion of the earth, as regards extent of territory, fertility of soil, and salubrity of climate. We find ourselves under the government of a system of political institutions, conducing more essentially to the ends of civil and religious liberty, than any of which the history of former times tells us. We, when mounting the stage of existence, found ourselves the legal inheritors of these fundamental blessings. We toiled not in the acquirement or establishment of them--they are a legacy bequeathed us, by a *once* hardy, brave, and patriotic, but *now* lamented and departed race of ancestors. Their's was the task (and nobly they performed it) to possess themselves, and through themselves, us, of this goodly land; and to uprear upon its hills and its valleys, a political

edifice of liberty and equal rights; 'tis ours only, to transmit these, the former, unprofaned by the foot of an invader; the latter, undecayed by the lapse of time and untorn by usurpation, to the latest generation that fate shall permit the world to know. This task of gratitude to our fathers, justice to ourselves, duty to posterity, and love for our species in general, all imperatively require us faithfully to perform.

How then shall we perform it?--At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? By what means shall we fortify against it?-- Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant, to step the Ocean, and crush us at a blow? Never!--All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest; with a Buonaparte for a commander, could not by force, take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge, in a trial of a thousand years.

At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reach us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.

(Well... when you don't get anything from one president... might as well use something from another president. Oh

and by the way; remember to vote next month)

September

Thanks to Granite City for hosting September's Meeting. There will be an Intra-Club competition in November. The category will be Bitter and English Pale Ale. AI approved another two year's of medals for the March Mashness competition. Darin Dorholt will order and send bill to Granite City care of AI Rust.

Granite City in St. Cloud will be bringing back seasonal beer. Upper Management approved and two batches of Octoberfest have already been brewed.

We are also looking for other meeting locations. Larry Nusbaum will contact Old Chicago. Darin Dorholt will contact JP's in Sauk Rapids. Jeff Gavin will contact Waterfront in Annandale.

We need to select a date and time to do a brewing demonstration at Baker's. They need lead time to allow for advertising. Preferred day would be Saturday not Sunday.

Ideas for the use of club funds we sought from club members. Ideas include Great American Beer Festival, Oktoberfest in New Ulm, Hoppy Halloween in Fargo, Pub Crawl in the cities, Vegas, club-only campout, a summer picnic, apple press and the Fergus Falls Brewfest. These are great ideas. We voted on what to do and the pub crawl in the cities was the preferred event to do. An option that was suggested is to include a stop at a home brew shop also. We will be looking into a bus rental and inviting other clubs to join us to reduce the cost.

For next years Benton County Fair a booth could be rented to do a brewing demonstration. Baker's could have kits available. They also need to restructure the categories for the fair competition.

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>.

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face" –Ben Williams

Club Only Competitions

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004 - Smoked Beer

Hosted by Jay Adams and the Mountain Ale & Lager Tasters of Ashville, NC.

Category 23 Smoke-Flavored Beer

November/December 2004 - IPA

Entries due November 5, 2004. Judging will be held November 13, 2004.

Shipping Address:
The Weekend Brewer
4205 West Hundred Road
Chester, VA 23831

January 2005 Irish Red Ale

Entries due Jan 26th 2005. Judging will be held Jan 30th 2005.

Shipping Address:
AHA COC
C/o Eric Ware
2331 N. Thornwood
Davenport, IA 52804

Hosted by Eric Ware and MUGZ of Davenport, IA.
Category 9D Irish Red Ale*
For more information, contact Eric Ware at eware@mugz.org

March/April 2005

Sour Beers

Hosted by Phil Clarke and the New York City Homebrewers Guild of New York, NY.

Category 17 Sour Beers*

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*

New Style Guidelines

See new 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines at www.bjcp.org.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

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Congratulations to Bob Hilsgren for the winning the nightly people's choice award with his APA. Here are the point totals through September.

Jeff Saranpaa	7 Points
Bob Hilsgen	4 Points
Larry Nusbaum	3 Points
Darin Dorholt	2 Points
Tim Frakes	2 Points
Jerry Dusich	1 Point
Craig Egerman	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point

"Its frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions."

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.

"An optimist thinks that this is the best possible world. A pessimist fears that this is true."

Ask Bruce

This is a section in the newsletter devoted to you the Cloudeytown homebrew club member to write in and ask our President (Bruce) questions you may have about brewing or life in general.

This month's letter comes from club member Mr. Richard Fader of New Munich and his question is: "I'm having a tap installed into a fridge at my home this weekend and had a question about how to make those great frosty mugs you get in some restaurants. Someone told me that they get them like that by not rinsing the soap out of the mugs after

washing. Is that true? Or is there another trick to the trade? Maybe I've been drinking soapy beer for years, but damn if it doesn't taste good! Kind of like a little bit of salt makes sweets taste better.?

Bruce Says: For a frosted mug, all you need is a vessel of tempered glass and a freezer. When the mug is taken out of the freezer, condensation occurs due to the change in temperature of the surrounding air. Since the glass is still freezing cold, this condensation freezes on the glass for a bit and creates that frosted look you so desire. If you were to not rinse off the soap, which is absurd, the soap would impact aroma, taste and head retention. And, depending on the slop job, it would probably taste like crap, which is what this "someone" who told you about that is full of.

On a side note: There have been studies proving that germs and bacteria can live in refrigerators and freezers. In fact, a respected craft brewer has conducted some of these studies, and they are currently recommending to their accounts not to serve their beer in frosted mugs.

-Stolen from somewhere. but I'm not gonna tell....

"God must love stupid people... he made so many of them."

Real ale ... in a can

Perhaps spurred by all the talk about Yanks putting good beer in a can, the world's smallest brewery has reopened – in a former outhouse.

Bragdy Gwynant, at less than 5-square feet, is once again producing real ale in mid Wales, supplying its next-door neighbor pub with beer.

The brewery was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's smallest brewery until the pub, Tynllidiart Arms,

closed. When new owners opened the pub after a two-year closure, they enlisted a brewer to fire up the brewery again.

"We thought it would be nice to brew our own local beer and luckily we had a brewer living a few doors down who was able to help," said owner Mark Phillips.

The brewery can produce nine gallons, just enough to fill a firkin, each brew cycle. The brewer, Chris Giles, has been a neighbor of the pub and remembers using his new brewery for a different cause.

"The brewery was originally the men's outside toilet." He said "It's very small and there's not much room once all the brewing equipment is in there."

As for the new brew, "We don't have a name for the beer yet and it's in the experimental stage. It may need a bit of development over the next few weeks before we get the definitive pint. I'm using a secret recipe but brewing beer is like making a good curry - it takes a few goes to get it absolutely spot on." Co-owner Margaret Phillips said "We've tried to use as many local ingredients as we can in the beer and we use the same policy in our restaurant."

"What is great is that beer always tastes good when it has been brewed locally, and here it has been brewed about 15 yards from the bar," Giles added. "I do not think you can get much more local than that!"

See you all at the meeting! Bring a friend they'll thank you for it.

(Bruce will buy you a beer, he would if he could.... But guess what he's not gonna be there again. You know I don't know what to think of a guy who'll promise to buy you a beer, and then not show up to make good on his promise...