



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

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Next Meeting

Wednesday November 1, 2006

**7:30 P.M. at
O'Hara's**

From The Prez

Hello people,

There have been some developments with next years March Mashness that we will need your opinion on. I have talked with Alex Vigel about finding sponsors and he came up with some new ideas. Linda Podvin from Community Ed has contacted me about doing a new beer related class this winter, more on that at the next meeting. I talked with Chris from O'Hara's and he said that it sounds like they have until around the end of the year to resolve the situation there, after that who knows. He said Tim is not shedding any light on the situation so it's all just speculation. We will have to wait and see what happens, for now let's have our next meeting there and have a mug of Chris's beer. That's all I have for now.

Cheers,
Bruce

"Make sure that the beer - four pints a week - goes to the troops under fire before any of the parties in the rear get a drop."

-Winston Churchill to his Secretary of War, 1944

October's Minutes

- Thanks to Granite City Food and Brewery for hosting the September meeting.
- The brewing at the Benton County Fair went well. Next year the club will pay for kits and get some of the beer for sampling.
- We have started planning for the March Mashness. The tentative dates are March 16 or 17th for the Best of Show. We would either do it Saturday night or Sunday. Judging would take place on Friday night and Saturday so that out of town judges would only need to come up for one weekend. Entries would be accepted from February 23rd to March 9th.
- We also are looking at locations for judging and a place to hold the Best of Show. Granite City has very accommodating in the past but as their business grows and our competition does also we are in need of more space that works well for us.

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 October. Congratulations to Mike Beuning for winning the October people's choice for his IPA.

Scott Campell	9 Points
Cody Winter	8 Points
Charles Miller	5 Points
Erik Nelson	5 Points
Larry Nusbaum	4 Points
Chris Schleicher	4 Points
Jerry & Deb Dusich	3 Points
Thomas Zupanc	3 Points
Mike Beuning	2 Points
Joe Leuthner	2 Points
David Arnott	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Bruce LeBlanc	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
Barry Reicher	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 Valhalla, the heavenly ale-house of Viking myth, table service will be provided by the statuesque Valkyries – each more blonde and beautiful than the next.

Coast Guard Busted for Homebrewing
According to a story in the Hartford Courant, the Coast Guard Academy was investigated by the Government Accountability Office for its \$227 "beer-brewing kit." The Coast Guard said the kit was purchased in part "to make people relax, to bring together cadets and top officials." The Coast Guard explained that its beer, with "custom Coast Guard themed labels," was "an icebreaker for discussion at official parties." Not only that, the Coast Guard said, but also the do-it-yourself project saved the service money. Congressional Investigators didn't buy the explanation, saying the agency "wasted government resources by brewing alcohol while on duty". Maybe the investigators should lighten up and have a home brew.

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