



The Official Newsletter of the Cloudy Town Brewers

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<http://www.cloudytownbrewers.org>

Next Meeting

Wednesday December 6, 2006

7:30 P.M. at

Sal's in St. Joseph

From The Prez

Hello Folks,

The next meeting will be at Sal's bar in St. Joseph. Earlier in November we sent a research crew to Sal's to explore the idea of having our March Mashness Best of Show at this Facility. Their research came back positive, and it was suggested to have the next meeting there to further research the possibilities of March Mashness at this facility. After learning that Sal's has a pretty decent selection of brews to analyze, and being a newcomer to Sal's, I find it appropriate to facilitate the next function of Cloudy Town Brewers there on the sixth of December, two thousand and six. At this CTB function\meeting we can embark on the preliminary planning and functions of the next March Mashness "world-class" homebrew competition. After which, providing that the jesters don't consume

to much time, we can dissect some of the major problems of society and come up with solutions to these issues. If George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and like, can produce the vision of a United States in a Colonial Pub, I see no reason that CTB can't come up with a vision for world peace to be implemented in a modern pub, while enjoying some libations.

Dutifully yours,

Bruce

"We don't know why beer-drinking rodents developed fewer tumors. Follow-up studies must be done."

-Dr. Richard Nelson, University of Illinois, 1986

November's Minutes

-This is where I normally thank the place that hosted our meeting so thanks Jerry and Deb Dusich for hosting the tasting portion of our meeting.

-Alex Vigil has been making some contacts for the March Mashness. Bernick's can not do the medals. However, Sal's in St. Joseph is

willing to pay for them if we have the Best of Show there. We checked out Sal's since the October meeting. They have large room in the back for dances which more space than we need. They do not have issue with bringing in beer tasting. The plan from that was to hold the December meeting there. We also need to setup a drop at Northern Brewer and Midwest to get the cities entries. -Community Ed is interested in having us do a beer tasting class. It would be one night.

Barry Reicher	1 Point
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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.

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>.

"Listening to someone who brews his own beer is like listening to a religious fanatic talk about the day he saw the light." Ross Murray, Montreal Gazette, 1991.

Tommy Z Generosity Award

Here are the point totals through October. Congratulations to Cody Winter for winning the November people's choice for his Sweet Stout.



Scott Campell	10 Points
Cody Winter	10 Points
Charles Miller	6 Points
Erik Nelson	6 Points
Larry Nusbaum	4 Points
Chris Schleicher	4 Points
Jerry & Deb Dusich	3 Points
Thomas Zupanc	3 Points
Mike Beuning	2 Points
Bruce LeBlanc	2 Points
Joe Leuthner	2 Points
David Arnott	1 Point
Darin Dorholt	1 Point
Tim Frakes	1 Point
James & Jean	1 Point
Michael	
Tim Muntifering	1 Point

Christmas Party

The Mrs. & I are again having our Christmas party on Saturday December 2nd starting around 7:00 pm. We would like to extend an invitation to the brew club and their spouses/significant other. Hope to see you there. RSVP would be cool but not required. Hope to see you all there.

No Water for a 70 Year Old

A Croatian newspaper reported that a 70-year-old man, who continues to work as a roofer, claims to have not had a drop

of water in the last 37 years. Instead, he only drinks beer.

Drinkers Earn More Money than Nondrinkers

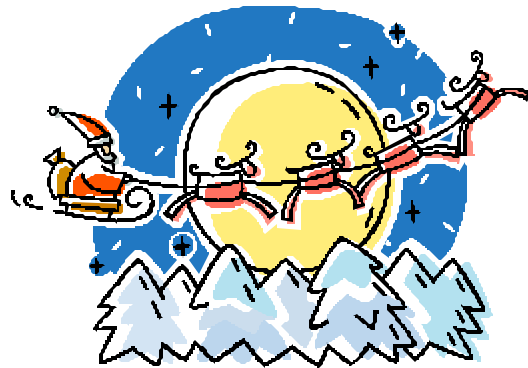
A study by economists Bethany Peters and Edward Stringham has found that drinkers earn 10 to 14 percent more money at their jobs than nondrinkers. In addition, men who drink socially, visiting a bar at least once a month, bring home an additional 7 percent in pay. The study, published by the "Journal of Labor Research" and reason foundation, was titled "Social Drinking Builds Social Capital." Stringham, an economics professor at San Jose State University, said "Social drinkers are out there networking and building relationships that result in bigger paychecks. The study found that men who drink earn 10 percent more than abstainers and that women drinkers earn 14 percent more than nondrinkers.

2006 Samuel Adams American Homebrew Contest Winners

Bruce Stott of Cape Code, MA, and Don Oliver of Hilmar, CA, are the two home brewer winners in the Sam Adams Long Shot competition. Their beers will be part of a mixed six-pack available in February 2007. The third beer in the pack will come from a competition of Samuel Adams employee's homebrews. Stott's beer is a "Dortmunder Export." Oliver's beer is an "Old Ale" called Little Beast. There were over 1,500 entries in the competition.

A warehouse fire in Washington State destroyed as much as 4 percent of the U.S. hops crop in October. The 40,000 square-foot warehouse operated by S.S. Steiner Inc., one of the four largest hops buyers in Yakima Valley, held approximately \$3.5 million to \$4 million worth of hops. Spontaneous combustion from heat buildup in bales of hops was the reason for the fire, which ruined or destroyed about 10,000 bales. That's a lot of potential brew.

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



Hops on Fire