

OMAHA OPS

February meeting at Steve Ortner's

The February meeting is at 7:00 PM on Friday the 24th at the Steve Ortner's house (804 Pineview Drive, Papillion). Steve's phone number is 579-2385.

Directions: Take I-80 to 72nd street and go south. You will go through Ralston and LaVista. At Cornhusker Road you will see a YMCA keep going to the next stoplight which is Cedardale, take a right. Then take your second left onto Patricia. Follow Patricia to Pineview, Steve's house is the second to the last house on the right hand side..

We are still **collecting dues for 2006**. It is still a bargain at \$20 per year.

Since not enough people were interested in WWF we had to cancel the reservations. We can discuss whether we would want to still have a gathering of some kind. We are still looking for persons interested in the cask conditioned ale at the Crescent Moon.

January meeting at Jon's house

There was a really good turnout at Jon's house. Officers were elected and WWF was discussed.

Officers for 2006

- President – Frank S
- Vice President – Kent Porter.
- Treasurer – John Fahrler
- Secretary – Tom Hawk
- Event Coordinator – Marc P.
- Committees:
 - Competition - John Fahrler and Wayne S.
 - Website – Jeff Olson

Business lasted awhile but we did finally get to tasting some beer. Jon had all his barley wines he pulled out and it was a lot of fun.

Beer Served

- Jon B. – Barley Wine

- Wayne Simmerly – American IPA
- Tom Hawk – jalapeno beer
- Lots of commercial beers

One of the most memorable commercial beers was Budweiser first runnings, it was actually pretty good.

WWF III and Big Brew

WWF was canceled and Big Brew is set for May 6th.

For the newbies, the WWF is the Winter Warmer Festival and we rent a cabin at Platte River State Park for the Weekend. Only beers 1.060 gravity or higher, cards, games and good food.

The Big Brew is in conjunction with the National Homebrew day where homebrewers across the nation brew a beer as a dedication to our own hard work. In Omaha we do mashes separately and then get together to boil the entire 100 gallon batch.

Upper Mississippi Mashout Competition

The Minnesota Home brewer's Association Competition was January 19, 20, 21st. Congrats to Jeff Olson (2nd place, 21A Spice/Herb /Vegetable beer) for his "Yellow Fever" and John Fahrler (1st place, 16E Belgian Specialty), "St. Meinrad's Grand Cru". For more info here is the website link

<http://mnbrewers.com/events/mashout/>

Kansas City Biermeisters (KCBM) Competition

KCBM is February 17th and 18th. Entries were due February 4th.. The results will be available at

<http://www.kcbiermeisters.org/index.htm>

Visit us on the Web at www.omahops.org

IBU Competition

Entries for the Iowa Brewers Union are due by February 26th. Have your entries to John Fahrner or Post Net by the 25th and the club will pay for it. For entry forms and details visit the website

[:http://www.edwardsbrewing.com/ibu_nuke/](http://www.edwardsbrewing.com/ibu_nuke/)

The IBU's are also looking for judges and stewards for this and the National Homebrewing Competition.

Next Shootout

The Lagers-Omahops Shootout 2006 will be in the fall, probably late October or early November. The styles are:

Class 2. Pilsner

- A. German Pilsner
- B. Bohemian Pilsner
- C. Classic American Pilsner

Class 11. English Brown Ale

- A. Mild
- B. Southern English Brown
- C. Northern English Brown

Class 14. India Pale Ale

- A. English IPA
- B. American IPA
- C. Imperial IPA

Class 22. Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer

- A. Classic Rauchbier
- B. Other Smoked Beer
- C. Wood-Aged Beer

Best Damned Beer.