

OMAHOPS

March meeting at McFoster's Café

The March meeting is at 7:00 PM on Friday the 31st at McFoster's Natural Kind Café (38th and Farnam)

McFosters is a good old hippie restaurant with a bar and an upstairs party room. It is in an old brick building that was once a filling station. Tom Foster has run for mayor of Omaha in the past.

They have a couple of decent beers on tap (I forget which...they change. I think they had NewCastle at one time), and in bottles they have three or four of the New Belgium beers as well as Samuel Smith, Pinkus Alt, and Petes Wicked and Strawberry Blonde. Also, they carry the Chaucer Meads.

It is a non-smoking establishment.

The map is at the link below

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

We need to decide on a recipe for Big Brew. It has been suggested that we do a Classic American Pilsner (CAP) which can also be a Classic American Cream Ale (CACA) if you prefer to use an ale yeast. The AHA suggested recipes are a Poor Richards Ale which some of us may have just brewed for the Spring mini-shootout or a Kolsh. Check out the link below for recipe details.

<http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/recipes.html>

February meeting at Steve Ortner's

We did not have a large turnout but I would say most missed out. Steve had an Old Ale on tap that was really good. It was suggested that if he added some oak chips we could use it in the shootout later this fall for wood aged beers. It had a slight ozidation, some dark fruit aromas and

a nice but not to strong alcohol presence. Steve thought it might not be "right on" but a few of us had to disagree as it was mighty tasty.

Steve broke out some commercial beer. I can only remember the Fullers Vintage Ale which is always good.

Steve also cooked some steak sandwiches with his famous grilled peppers and hamburger-cheese dip with tortilla chips. It was very tasty.

Beer Served

- Tom Hawk – very young Poor Richards Ale and Doppelbock
- Steve O – Old Ale, Brown
- commercial beers-

Saying by Steve O: "you have to cut your own buns"

Big Brew

Big Brew on May 6th. 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.

It has been suggested that maybe we change the format this year. Please let us know what ideas you may have. We need to get orders into to Frank soon, though.

The recipes are available at the following link:

<http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/recipes.html>

IBU Competition

I didn't see any Omahops winners. If we sent any entries hopefully we will do better next year. Maybe everybody is saving it for Nationals!

[2006 IBU Open Results](#)

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National Homebrew Competition

Entries are being accepted April 3rd through the 14th. The club will pay to ship entries. Get your entries with filled out forms and all to John Fahrer or Postnet by the 10th of April. Here is the link to all the info:

<http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html>

The NHC 1st Round will be judged beginning at 9am on Friday, April 21. It will be a 2-day event, with a full day also scheduled for Saturday, April 22. Judging will be held at Walker Johnson Park in Urbandale. Scott Dennis is the contact for the event (scott.dennis@pioneer.com). The IBU's are planning on booking a block of rooms at a near-by motel for judges and stewards.

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.