

OMAHOPS

August meeting at Upstream West

The August meeting will be at Upstream Legacy on Sunday the 20th at 3:00 pm.

Dr. Beer! (presented by Wayne S.)

What's Dr. Beer? Dr. Beer is part of the BJCP exam study guide. I've done this session twice and found it very valuable. How it works? Usually this is done in one week as part of the ten week study group. We'll be spreading it over four meetings. So over the next four or so meetings we'll be sampling three beers at each meeting that have been doctored with different adulterants. A list of possible adulterants will be handed out. You get to try and figure out which off-flavor its supposed to be. It's harder than you think! Then we'll go over the possible causes and how to correct them. Be prepared to share your thoughts, insight and experience, this should be fun.

July Meeting was at the Upstream

July's meeting was held in the downstairs party room at the Upstream west. What a great venue. The staff provided some appetizers and checked back often.

Items discussed:

- Club participation
- Meeting venue(s)
- Some possible club projects
- Putting together an activities committee
- Dr. Beer

Beers poured:

- Terry Pratt - Big Brew Cream Ale
- Kent Porter - Big Brew Cream Ale
- Wayne Simerly - Vienna
- Terry Pratt - Steam Beer
- Terry Pratt - Bier de Garde
- Wayne Simerly - Belgian Specialty "Sucks Less" (Do you dare ask?)
- Wayne Simerly - Casis

The Club Big Brew is coming along nicely. Kent and Terry's were both excellent. A nice job done by the Big

Brew participates. Wish I had a keg of it sitting at my house. (written by Wayne Simerly)

Activities Committee formed

The group is formed and has its first meeting tentatively planned for August 23rd. Kent, Dale and I, under the watchful eye of our Events Coordinator, Mr. Marc Pullum. The idea is to come up with some ideas to present to the club at a future meeting, hopefully in September. Ideas could be events, activities, meeting themes, meeting formats or whatever. Our beloved President asked that I keep us grounded, in other words "Keep It Simple Simerly". If anyone else is interested in helping with some brain power and willingness to put some fun together, please jump in. If that's not your bag baby, but would still like to contribute please send me your ideas. I'll sponsor your ideas and present them to the group. All ideas are welcome.

Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers Foam Cup

This is the fourth event of the High Plains Brewer competition and is scheduled for September 22th and 23rd. Entries will be accepted from 9/01/06 to 9/15/06. This is almost the same time as our own competition and will make it difficult to get very many entries but let's give it our best. Forms and Details are available at the FOAM website <http://www.alemakers.com>.

Omahops Competition

Time to start thinking about this year's RCR Fair & Festival Homebrew Contest.

There will once again be a "Cornhusker Cup".

Visit us on the Web at www.omahops.org

Entries in this category must contain AT LEAST 25% corn (brewer's choice).

Most common forms are flaked maize or corn grits. Corn must be detectable on the palate but in balance with the other fermentables. Beers entered in the CAP category are not eligible for entry in the Cornhusker Cup.

The winning beer will be judged on its own merit, particularly drinkability. The winning brewer will receive a personalized mug.

Other Fair particulars:

Competition: Sept 16, 10am, Legacy Upstream

Fees: \$5 per entry, 2 bottles required. If entering more than 3 beers, additional entry fees can be discounted by \$1.

Entries accepted at the Upstream between 9am-Noon on Saturday Sept 9 only for local entries. Otherwise, they may be shipped to 17070 Wright Plaza, Omaha NE 68130 between 8/28 and 9/9.

Prizes so far:

10 vials of White Labs yeast
4 packets of Wyeast yeast
1 year subscription to BYO
Wyeast T-shirts
"Beer Captured"
Wyeast glasses
more prizes still on the way

Rules and Forms are available at this location:

<http://www.rivercityroundup.org/dcf/beer/>

If interested in judging or stewarding, please contact John Fahrer [jfaher1@cox.net](mailto:jfahrer1@cox.net) or Wayne Simerly waynesimerly@cox.net if you can help.

Nebraska State Fair Competition

The State Fair is from, August 25th to September 4th this year. The deadlines have already passed, sorry if you missed it and good luck to all who entered

<http://www.statefair.org/files/detail.asp?id=76>

The judging will take place on August 19th.

Upcoming events

10/21/2006 and 10/22/2006
Schleswig 31st Annual Wine and Bier Contest
Schleswig, IA

10/28/2006
Hoppy Halloween Challenge
Fargo, ND

11/??/2006
Nebraska Club Shootout
OmaHops host

01/27/2007
Upper Mississippi Mash-Out
Minneapolis, MN

Shootout 2006

Lagers Omahops Shootout 2006 is tentatively set for November. The styles will be

BJCP

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