

OMAHOPS

February meeting at Wayne's

The February meeting is at 7:00 PM on Friday the 23rd at the Wayne Simerly's house (11424 Sahler Str). Wayne's phone number is 496-4488.

Directions: From Maple Rd and I-680 go west to 108th and turn right (north)

Go approximately 6 miles to Sahler Str and turn left (west)

His house is on the right side and has the only totally brick mailbox enclosure on the street.

Many have paid but we still need some **dues for 2006**. It is still a bargain at \$20 per year.

Wayne will be doing a doctor beer session. He will present a beer with a known problem and you will have to try and figure it out. This is great training for judging and to help you figure out what is wrong with your own beer.

Like to plan ahead, the March meeting will be at Marc Pullum's on March 14th. Zac Triemert will be giving a presentation on his Scotland experience.

January meeting at Obanion's

There was a really good turnout. Officers were elected and WWF was discussed.

Officers for 2007

- President – Marc Pullum
- Vice President – Wayne Simerly.
- Treasurer – John Fahrer
- Secretary – Tom Hawk
- Event Coordinator – Joel Hurst
- Committees:
 - Competition - John Fahrer and Wayne S.
 - Website – Wayne S.

Business lasted awhile but we did finally get to tasting some beer. We

had a good combination of homebrew and commercial beer. Steve was an incredible host, he provided some complimentary beers and lots of appetizers.

Welcome new members Mike Robinson and Don Parks to our club. We hope you have fun and learn a few things in the meantime.

Beer Served

- Don Parks – Columbus APA, ESB, Red Lager
- Wayne Simerly – Light Mead, Scottish 70, Chocolate Stout
- Mike Robinson – Brown Ale
- Allen Torell – Mild
- Joel Hurst – Big Brew Scotch, Chocolate Porter
- Jon B. – Barley Wine
- Marc/Steve – Strong Scotch Ale
- Lots of commercial beers

WWF III and Big Brew

WWF has been rescheduled for March 30th and 31st. If you are not familiar with this event, 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. We must have at least 5 deposits of \$40 by February 23rd to have the event.

The Big Brew is in conjunction with the National Homebrew day on May 5th 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

Visit us on the Web at www.omahops.org

Association Competition was January 26th and 27th. Congrats to John Fahrer (2nd place, 18A Belgian Blonde) the lone winner for the club. 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>

IBU Competition

Entries for the Iowa Brewers Union are due by February 25th. For entry forms and details visit the website: http://www.edwardsbrewing.com/ibu_nuke/

The club will pay for shipping to the IBU Competition in Des Moines.

Get your entries John Fahrer no later than Wednesday, Feb 21. Entries must be complete with entry fee included, the club does not pay the entry fee.

Entries should be dropped off at John Fahrer's house (4949 Greene Avenue, Bellevue). Please call first - 733-3586

Upstream competition

It is almost here, you have till this Saturday to get entries in. Let's show our support and make this a success for Zac and the Upstream.

Upstream Brewing Company is announcing its first homebrew competition. To be eligible, you must be a dues paid member of the

Omahops, Lincoln Lagers, or another AHA sponsored homebrew club. Prizes will be awarded for the top four beers selected during 'best of show'. Prizes will include a variety of Upstream's special bottlings, kegs, and Upstream gear. The top prize will include brewing your beer at the Legacy Upstream, which will be served as a seasonal at one or both of our pubs. The four winners will also be eligible for selection as a Pro-Am entry at the 2007 GABF.

How to enter:

Brew a beer in one or more of the following categories per BJCP guidelines.

4B Munich Dunkel

12C Baltic Porter

17A Berliner Weisse

23 Specialty Beer: this is an open category that I would like to see a focus on experimenting with untraditional beer ingredients and/or processes. It's about creativity. It's not for a Munich Dunkel that did not turn out to-style and want to fit it elsewhere. Please include supporting information for the judges that includes unique ingredients, processes, and/or historic style detail.

To enter, please drop off or send three (3) bottles of your beer including your name, address, phone number, and style(s) entered with any supporting information.

Entry dates:

You may drop off or mail entries to Upstream Brewing Company-Legacy on February 7th, 2007 through February 17th, 2007. Late entries will not be accepted.

Judging date:

Saturday March 3rd at 10:00. This date is subject to change depending on space and judge availability. A hard date will be set in January 2007.

Beers will be rated and scored according to the BJCP guidelines.

I look forward to tasting all your entries!

Zac Triemert

Head Brewer

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