

# OMAHOPS

## February meeting at Wayne's

The February meeting is at 7:00 PM on Friday the 27th 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 108<sup>th</sup> 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 2009**. It is still a bargain at \$20 per year.

Topics: Dr. Beer, selection of Big Brew.

## March meeting at Sam's

Tenatively March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM on Friday. Sam lives at 12203 Weir St. His back yard is Q St and is one block North of Q and 2 blocks West of 120<sup>th</sup> St. Sam's house is a light brown ranch with a 2 car garage and a #@%'d up fence that will be fixed next summer.

Topic: Beer and cheese pairings. Yeast starters.

Sam will provide cheese. (Sam has already been confronted with his cheese consumption and can quit at any time.)

## February officer's meeting at Obanion's

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

Officers for 2009

- President – Jon Bloomquist
- Vice President – Chas Ortman
- Treasurer – John Fahrer.
- Secretary – Sam Oakes

→ Event Coordinator – Marc Pullum

→ 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

Beer Served:

## WWF III and Big Brew

WWF has been rescheduled for Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to have the event.

The Big Brew is in conjunction with the National Homebrew day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## RCR Fair & Festival

We need to get at least 5 members ACTIVELY involved in organizing the competition. We need 1) Organizer 2) Prize Ho 3) Cellarmaster 4) Web & Database 5) Head Steward The organizer makes sure that the comp gets sanctioned, gets judges, arranges the venue, files competition report. The Prize Ho is responsible for soliciting prizes and awards. Cellarmaster would be responsible for unpacking and organizing the entries. Web & database would update the RCR

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website, key in entries to Access database, key in competition results and post to the website. The head steward would recruit stewards to assist with the competition.

All should be present on the day of the competition. I would estimate that each volunteer would put in 8-12 hrs of prep time not including the day of the competition. It is not a huge commitment of time. It helps to have some organizational skills, though. If we are able to split these jobs up, we get more people involved and make it easier on all parties involved.

Notes: Send an e-mail to Elliot for lecture on water.

Brew a barleywine at WWF.

Style night every month.

Discussing BJCP at Feb meeting?

Ask for previous members to pay up.

Ask John for more info.

Lincoln Lagers competition?

Kent is looking at organizing another grain buy, orders must be in by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

Shoot an e-mail to Jon.