

# The Boiler

Newsletter of the MINNESOTA HOME BREWERS ASSOCIATION

January 2012

## JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be held in conjunction with the **Upper Mississippi Mash Out**, a competition (UMMO) that is now in its 11th year. This is not a formal meeting, but an opportunity for you to enter your beers, or to volunteer to either judge or steward the event. The judging will take place at Grumpy's in Roseville on January 27 and 28, with the banquet to follow on the evening of the 28th.

To volunteer, click on [mashout.org/content/volunteering.html](http://mashout.org/content/volunteering.html). Banquet tickets can be purchased at [mashout.org/content/banquet.html](http://mashout.org/content/banquet.html). If you're interested in attending the banquet, we strongly suggest that you register soon, as these often sell out very quickly.

Registration for entries closes at 3 p.m. on January 13. **Entries are being accepted at both the Minneapolis and St. Paul Northern Brewer locations, along with Midwest Supplies.** If shipping your entries, please send to:

**Northern Brewer**  
c/o 2012 UMMO  
1945 W. Co Rd C2  
Roseville, MN 55113  
(800) 681-2739



**If shipping, this part is important.**

Fee is \$8 per entry. For complete details on the rules and information, please go to [mashout.org/content/rules.html](http://mashout.org/content/rules.html).

## Minnesota Home Brewers Association named "AHA Club of the Week"

The American Homebrewers Association has named MHBA the Club of the Week. Look for our article at [homebrewersassociation.org](http://homebrewersassociation.org).

This is great press for our club and contains some terrific information about the history of the MHBA.

### THE BOILER

Do you have a brewing story, question, technique, tip, photograph, or story idea that you would like to share with local homebrewers?

Send it to Brett Glenna at:  
[brettglenna@gmail.com](mailto:brettglenna@gmail.com)

## Holiday Potluck (December Meeting)



On Friday, December 9, MHBA held its annual holiday potluck party. This is always a very popular event and this year was no exception. A lot of great food, beer, and mead were sampled. If you weren't able to make it this year, we encourage you to attend in 2012. You will not be disappointed.

### **Beverages voted Most Tasty:**

Greg Sepelt – Cascadian Dark Ale

Paul Deinhart – Ginger Mead

Jeff Olson – Ale Paso

### **Most Crowd-pleasing Foods:**

Al Boyce – Coconut Shrimp

Gera Exire La Tour – Pasta w/Cheese, Beer & Bacon

Kristin Christian – Steak Bites



# Minneapolis Homebrew Day

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak declared Saturday, December 10, to be Minneapolis Homebrew Day. The event was held—with City Council Member John Quincy—at the new Northern Brewer store in Minneapolis. Several MHBA members came out to show their support.

Also in attendance were representatives from Lucid Brewing, Pour Decisions Brewing, and Surly Brewing, who were on hand to discuss their involvement in the brewing industry and to answer any questions.



**Chris Smith**, President of MHBA (right) and **Kristen England**, Co-owner of Pour Decisions Brewing and member of SPHBC



City Council Member **John Quincy**, foreground, with KSTP-TV camera

## Save the Date

Our February meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4, at Northern Brewer's Minneapolis location—time and details to follow.

## Competition Corner

### Upper Mississippi Mash-Out

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing, Midwest Home Brewer of the Year, High Plains Home Brewer of the Year

Location: St. Paul, MN

Date: 1/24/2012

Deadline: 1/13/2012

[mashout.org](http://mashout.org)

### Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing

Location: San Diego

Date: 1/28/2012

Deadline: 1/18/2012

[masterhomebrewer.org/](http://masterhomebrewer.org/)

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## AHA Corner

*Bringing you information from the American Homebrewers Association. The AHA continually works toward resolving issues within the homebrewing community. If you're not a member, please consider joining to help the cause.*

### American Homebrewers Association Turns 33

Just weeks after President Carter signed the bill that legalized homebrewing, Charlie Papazian and Charlie Matzen launched the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) in Boulder, Colorado on December 7, 1978, along with the publication of the first issue of *Zymurgy* magazine.

The AHA continues to fight for the legalization of homebrew in all 50 states and to uphold homebrewers rights. Most recently, Utah legalized homebrewing in 2009. Then, in 2010, Oklahoma made it legal to brew. Alabama and Mississippi remain as the only two states in the Union where homebrewing is not yet legal.

### Success in Michigan!

Last month, Michigan Governor Rick Synder signed HB 4061 into law. The bill makes it legal for brewpubs, restaurants, and other businesses that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on-premises to host homebrew club meetings and other club events where homebrew is served. The AHA had been working on this bill with Representative Geiss and Crispy Frey for the past two years.



#### Competition Corner, continued...

##### **Domras Cup Mead Competition**

Location: Garden City, GA  
Date: 2/5/12  
Deadline: 1/26/12  
[savannahbrewers.com/](http://savannahbrewers.com/)

##### **Great Northern Brew-Ha-Ha**

Qualifier: Midwest Home Brewer of the Year,  
High Plains Home Brewer of the Year  
Location: Duluth, MN  
Date: 2/11/2012  
Deadline: 2/3/2012  
[northernalestars.org/greatnorthernbrewhaha.html](http://northernalestars.org/greatnorthernbrewhaha.html)

##### **Mid-Winter Beer Competition**

Location: West Allis, WI  
Date: 2/17/2012  
Deadline: 2/5/2012  
<http://midwinterhbc.beerbarons.org/>

##### **AHA Club-Only: Dark Lagers**

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year  
Location: St.Charles, IL  
Date: Jan/Feb 2012  
[homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year](http://homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year)

##### **Kansas City Bier Meisters**

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing, High Plains Home Brewer of the Year  
Location: Kansas City, MO  
Date: 2/18/2012  
Deadline: 2/5/2012

##### **America's Finest City**

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing,  
Location: San Diego, CA  
Date: 2/18/2012  
Deadline: 2/5/2012  
[quaff.org/AFC2011/afc0.html](http://quaff.org/AFC2011/afc0.html)

**Boston Homebrew Competition**

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing  
Location: Boston, MA  
Date: 2/26/2012  
Deadline: 2/12/2012  
[wort.org/bhc/](http://wort.org/bhc/)

**23rd Annual Reggale & Dredhop**

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing  
Location: Boulder, CO  
Date: 2/25/2012  
Deadline: 2/12/2012  
[hopbarley.org/content/dredhop](http://hopbarley.org/content/dredhop)

**Drunk Monk Challenge**

Qualifier: Midwest Home Brewer of the Year, Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing  
Location: Chicago, IL  
Date: 3/12/2012  
Deadline: 3/4/2012  
<http://knaves.org/dmc/>

**IBU Open**

Qualifier: High Plains Home Brewer of the Year  
Location: Urbandale, IA  
Date: 3/12/2012  
Deadline: 3/7/2012  
[iowabrewersunion.org/](http://iowabrewersunion.org/)

**The Bluebonnet Brew-Off**

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing  
Location: Arlington/Dallas/Denton/Ft.Wth, TX  
Date: 3/25/2012  
Deadline: 2/24/2012  
[bluebonnetbrewoff.com/](http://bluebonnetbrewoff.com/)

**10th Annual March Mashness**

Location: St.Cloud, MN  
Date: 3/26/2012  
Deadline: 3/13/2012  
[cloudytownbrewers.org/competition/](http://cloudytownbrewers.org/competition/)

**BrewMaster's Competition**

Location: Florence, WI  
Date: 3/26/2012  
Deadline: 3/22/2012  
[mazercup.com/](http://mazercup.com/)

**Arizona Mead Cup**

Location: Phoenix, AZ  
Date: 3/26/2012  
Deadline: 3/23/2012  
[brewarizona.org/preview/meadCup.html](http://brewarizona.org/preview/meadCup.html)

**AHA Club-Only: Stout**

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year  
Location: Castle Rock, CO  
Date: 3/24/2012  
Deadline: 3/17/2012  
[homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year](http://homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year)

**Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing XIII**

Location: ??  
Date: 3/6/2012  
Deadline: Invitation Only  
[masterhomebrewer.org/](http://masterhomebrewer.org/)

**Mazer Cup International Home Competition**

Location: Boulder, CO  
Date: 4/1/2012  
[mazercup.com/](http://mazercup.com/)

**World Cup of Beer**

Qualifier: Masters Champ. of Amateur Brewing  
Location: Berkeley, CA  
Date: 4/2/2012  
[bayareamashers.org/](http://bayareamashers.org/)

**Great Lakes International Cider & Perry Pro/Am Competition**

Location: Grand Rapids, MI  
Date: 4/2/2012  
[michiganbeerguide.com/](http://michiganbeerguide.com/)

**AHA NHC First Round Midwest Regional**

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year  
Location: Madison, WI  
Date: 4/9/2012  
[homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/competition-information](http://homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/competition-information)

### **Between the Bluffs Homebrew Competition**

Location: LaCrosse, WI

Date: 4/16/2011

[rackers.org/](http://rackers.org/)

### **Titletown Open**

Location: Green Bay, WI

Date: 4/30/2012

[rackers.org/](http://rackers.org/)

### **Big and Huge**

Location: Madison, WI

Date: 4/25/2012

[mhtg.org/homebrew-contests/big-a-huge](http://mhtg.org/homebrew-contests/big-a-huge)

### **BOSS Chicago Cup Challenge**

Qualifier: Midwest Home Brewer of the Year

Location: Chicago, IL

Date: 4/28/2012

[bossbeer.org/](http://bossbeer.org/)

### **Meadlennium**

Location: Sorrento, FL

Date: 5/28/2012

[cfhb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=26](http://cfhb.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=26)

### **Goblets of Gold V Mead Competition**

Location: Homer, AK

Date: 5/7/2012

[greatnorthernbrewers.org/competitions/Ring%20of%20Fire/ROF%20Comp%20Invite.doc](http://greatnorthernbrewers.org/competitions/Ring%20of%20Fire/ROF%20Comp%20Invite.doc)

### **MN Craft Beer Week American Style Contest**

Location: St. Paul, MN

Date: 5/14/2012

[mncraftbeerweekcontest.org/](http://mncraftbeerweekcontest.org/)

### **Wisconsin State Fair Homebrewer's Show**

Location: West Allis, WI

Date: 5/14/2012

[beerbarons.org/competitions/wsf/index.html](http://beerbarons.org/competitions/wsf/index.html)

### **AHA Club-Only: Scottish and Irish Ale**

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year

Location: Brown Bottle Club of Arlington, TX

Date: 5/19/2012

[homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year](http://homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2011-2012-competition-year)



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