

The Boiler

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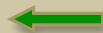
JANUARY MEETING

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. Banquet tickets can be purchased at 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.

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.

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

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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

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.



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

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

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

Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing

Location: San Diego

Date: 1/28/2012

Deadline: 1/18/2012

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/

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

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

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

Boston Homebrew Competition

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing
Location: Boston, MA
Date: 2/26/2012
Deadline: 2/12/2012
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

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/

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/

10th Annual March Mashness

Location: St.Cloud, MN
Date: 3/26/2012
Deadline: 3/13/2012
cloudytownbrewers.org/competition/

BrewMaster's Competition

Location: Florence, WI
Date: 3/26/2012
Deadline: 3/22/2012
mazercup.com/

Arizona Mead Cup

Location: Phoenix, AZ
Date: 3/26/2012
Deadline: 3/23/2012
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

Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing XIII

Location: ??
Date: 3/6/2012
Deadline: Invitation Only
masterhomebrewer.org/

Mazer Cup International Home Competition

Location: Boulder, CO
Date: 4/1/2012
mazercup.com/

World Cup of Beer

Qualifier: Masters Champ. of Amateur Brewing
Location: Berkeley, CA
Date: 4/2/2012
bayareamashers.org/

Great Lakes International Cider & Perry Pro/Am Competition

Location: Grand Rapids, MI
Date: 4/2/2012
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

Between the Bluffs Homebrew Competition

Location: LaCrosse, WI

Date: 4/16/2011

rackers.org/

Titletown Open

Location: Green Bay, WI

Date: 4/30/2012

rackers.org/

Big and Huge

Location: Madison, WI

Date: 4/25/2012

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/

Meadlennium

Location: Sorrento, FL

Date: 5/28/2012

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

MN Craft Beer Week American Style Contest

Location: St.Paul, MN

Date: 5/14/2012

mncraftbeerweekcontest.org/

Wisconsin State Fair Homebrewer's Show

Location: West Allis, WI

Date: 5/14/2012

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

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