

The Boiler

Newsletter of the MINNESOTA HOME BREWERS ASSOCIATION

March 2012

February meeting recap:

Our February meeting was held at the new Northern Brewer store in Minneapolis. We had a great turnout, and were able to do a couple of brewing demonstrations in their new conference room.

A big thanks to Northern Brewer for their support and for allowing us to take over their store!



February meeting, voting, and beer



MHBA March Meeting

Once again, it is time for our annual Chili Cook-Off!

Date/Time/Place:

Saturday, March 24, 2012

4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Lucid Brewing, 6020 Culligan Way,
Minnetonka, MN

(Map at:

<http://lucidbrewing.wordpress.com>)

There are three categories in which you may enter:

Red Chili – meat, but NO beans

Chili with Beans – not really chili, but we're here to have fun!

Open – green, vegetarian, white, whatever

You can help out by bringing your chili ready-to-eat, in crockpots, and bringing along extension cords, power strips, and serving utensils. Bowls, spoons, and napkins will be provided. Of course, we welcome all the home brew you would like to bring to the meeting, especially beers that go well with chili. We even like meads and ciders.

We will be looking for judges for each of the categories, and will have everyone vote for their favorite overall. The winner of each category will get a prize, and the People's Choice winner earns a prize PLUS the honor of bringing home the Chief Chili Pepper trophy!

The March meeting also features a swap meet. Bring things you no longer need—you can sell them, use beer currency, give them away, and even swap!

Annual Club Elections (February Meeting)

As part of the February meeting, we held annual elections. Congratulations to the following members—we wish them the best over the upcoming year:

President... **Michael Cote**
Vice-President... **Brett Glenna**
Treasurer... **Neil Bromenshenkel**
Secretary... **Paul Illa**
At Large I... **Jonathan Crist (thru February 2013)**
At Large II... **Todd Schoolman (thru February 2014)**
President Emeritus... **Chris Smith**

We would like to thank Chris Smith for all his work in the role of Club President, and we look forward to utilizing his sage wisdom among our new leadership.



American Homebrewers Association Membership Surpasses 30,000

The American Homebrewers Association (AHA) recently reached a milestone, and now claims more than 30,000 members. The 34-year-old non-profit organization attained this record number thanks in part to the hobby's recent growth in popularity. Current estimates indicate that approximately one million Americans are making their own beer and wine at home.

New Jersey Homebrew Bill Passed

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie just signed legislation that will eliminate a long-standing law that required home brewers to obtain permits. Until now, New Jersey home brewers were required to apply for a \$15 permit in order to legally produce beer and wine for their own consumption.

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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 home brewers?

Send it to Brett Glenna at:
brettglenna@gmail.com



Judging local home brew

Competition News

Club Winners

Upper Mississippi Mash Out (UMMO) Winners

BEST OF SHOW - Cider	<i>Brett Glenna</i>
CATEGORY 3 - European Amber Lager	<i>Jason Blake</i> , 3rd place
CATEGORY 10 - U.S. Pale Ale	<i>Chris Smith</i> , 3rd place
CATEGORY 13 - Oatmeal Stout	<i>Greg Seppelt</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 16 - Belgian And French Ales	<i>Jim Lindborg</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 18 - Belgian Strong Pale Ales	<i>Brett Glenna</i> , 1st place
CATEGORY 19 - U.K. Strong Ales	<i>Sean Kampshoff</i> , 1st place
CATEGORY 27 - Standard Cider & Perry	<i>Brett Glenna</i> , 1st place
CATEGORY 28 - Specialty Cider & Perry	<i>Chris Smith</i> , 1st place
	<i>Chris Smith</i> , 3rd place
CATEGORY 29 - Eis'D	<i>Matthew Weide</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 37 - Belgian Blonde & Specialty Ales	<i>Geoff Haas</i> , 3rd place
CATEGORY 41 - Mead – Other Fruit	<i>Paul Dienhart</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 43 - Irish Red Ale	<i>Brett Glenna</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 44 - Uk Barley Wine	<i>Paul Dienhart</i> , 2nd place
CATEGORY 45 - Northern Brown Ale	<i>Michael Behrendt</i> , 3rd place



Dedicated club members judging a recent competition

Midwinter Home Brew Competition

AMERICAN AMBER AND BROWN ALES
2nd place *Sean Kampshoff*

PALE BELGIAN STRONG ALES
1st place *Sean Kampshoff*

TRADITIONAL AND OTHER MEADS
2nd place *Sean Kampshoff*

The Great Northern Brew-ha-ha!

HYBRIDS	1ST Chris Smith, <i>Dusseldorf Altbier</i>
	2ND Brett Glenna, <i>Blonde Ale</i>
SCOTTISH AND IRISH ALES	1ST Brett Glenna, <i>Irish Red Ale</i>
AMERICAN ALE	1ST Sean Kampshoff, <i>American Brown Ale</i>
PORTER	3RD Sean Kampshoff, <i>Robust Porter</i>
AMERICAN & IMPERIAL IPA	3RD Chris Smith, <i>American IPA</i>
SPICE HERB & VEG BEER	1ST Michael Behrendt, <i>Chocolate Porter</i>
	2ND Chris Smith, <i>Open Category Mead</i>
OTHER MEAD	3RD Sean Kampshoff, <i>Braggot</i>

Competition Corner

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

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Competition Corner, continued...

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

Handy Andy Benefit

Homebrew and Label Competitions

Date: 6/9/2012

Harriet Brewing Tap Room, Minneapolis

harrietbrewing.com/events

Spirit of Free Beer

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing

Location: Falls Church, VA

Date: 5/14/2012

burp.org/events/sofb/2008/

Oregon Homebrew Festival

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing

Location: Albany, OR

Date: 5/21/2012

hotv.org/

Kohler Festival of Beer Homebrew Contest

Location: Kohler, WI

Date: 5/28/2012

ty.dassler@kohler.com

Aurora Brewing Challenge

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing

Location: Edmonton, AB

Date: 5/28/2012 (ehg.ca/)

AHA National Homebrew Competition Finals

Location: Bellingham, WA

Date: 6/16/2012

beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html

Sam Adams Longshot Competition

Location: Chicago, IL

Date: 6/4/2012

samueladams.com/promotions/LongShot/rules.aspx

Homebrewer's Open House

Location: Reinbeck, IA

Date: 6/18/2012

<http://broadstreetbrewing.com/events/default.html>

IAMNSNOB Homebrew Competition

Location: Northwood, IA

Date: 6/18/2012

worthbrewing.com/Contest.html

3rd Annual All-American Competition

Location: Appleton, WI

Date: July 2012

<http://aleclubcompetitions.com/>

Summer Beer Dabbler Showcase

Location: St. Paul, Mn

Date: 7/23/2012

thebeerdabbler.com/highland/contest.html

Germanfest Homebrew Competition

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Date: 7/30/2012

<http://germanfesthbc.beerbarons.org/>

Mead Free or Die

Location: Manchester, NH

Date: 7/30/2012

Deadline: 7/16/2011

meadfreeordie.com

AHA Club-Only: Porter

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year

Location: Nampa, ID

Date: August 2012

homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2012-2013-competition-year

Iowa State Fair

Location: Des Moines, IA

Date: 8/1/2012

Deadline: 7/1/2011

iowastatefair.org/

Deer River Bar-B-Que and Brew Fest

Location: Deer River, MN

Date: 8/13/2012

deerriver.org/events/event.php?number=116

Competition Corner, continued...

Minnesota State Fair Homebrew Competition

Location: St.Paul, MN
Date: 8/19/2012
mashout.org/mnstatefair/

Brewmasters Competition

Location: Florence, WI
Date: 8/28/2012
tricountyfermenters.com/

Blue Ridge Brew Off

Qualifier: Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing
Location: Asheville, NC
Date: 9/11/2012
Deadline: 9/1/2011
<http://maltsters.org>

River City Roundup

Qualifier: High Plains Home Brewer of the Year
Location: Omaha, NE
Date: 9/11/2012
Deadline: 9/4/2011
omahops.org/rcr

DRAFT Dayton Beerfest

Qualifier: Midwest Home Brewer of the Year
Location: Dayton, OH
Date: 9/11/2012
<http://hbd.org/draft/>

AHA Club-Only: Light Hybrid Beers

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year
Location: St.Louis, MO
Date: Sept/Oct 2012
homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2012-2013-competition-year

AHA Club-Only: Burton Olde Ale

Qualifier: AHA Club of the Year
Location: Ann Arbor, MI
Date: Nov/Dec 2012
homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2012-2013-competition-year



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