



C.R.A.F.T. NEWS

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ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN

The annual election of CRAFT officers was held at the May meeting. These are the newly elected officers, congratulations:

President
Bill Gornicki

Vice President
Cyndi Rausch

Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Jim Stapleton

Treasurer
Jerry Bonnici

Webmaster
Steve Gower

NEXT MEETING

The next CRAFT club meeting will be hosted by "The Gowers", on FRIDAY JUNE 11th. He will email members soon with directions.. Thanks for hosting.

Congratulations Dawn & Steve for your wedding engagement!

2004 National Homebrew Competition Results

Remember the 2004 National Homebrewers Conference is coming up June 17-19, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. Look for details of the conference and the competition at www.beertown.org. The official conference site is <http://www.beerandloafing.org/>.



Masters Competition Of Amateur Brewing Update

Rex Halfpenny
Michigan Beer Guide
MCAB VI

I am writing today to you as a representative of your home brewing club about the upcoming Masters Competition of Amateur Brewing that we are conducting this year at Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren, MI.

As you know, this is the sixth MCAB. What you may not know is that after last year's event, produced by BURP in Washington DC, no clubs stepped forth to sponsor MCAB VI. I answered a call for help that was forwarded to me by Jeff Renner.

Long story short, Michigan Beer Guide is sponsoring the event this year.

The founder of MCAB, Louis Bonham, suggested that MCAB needed to get back to its roots, homebrewing and beer. He suggested that perhaps no club came forward because clubs felt they could not compete with the event held in Washington DC last year. Louis simply wanted a competition and any thing else we did was gravy.

The first thing I did was find a free location that was homebrewer friendly.

That turned out to be Dragonmead Microbrewery. (Dragonmead will have 40-50 beers on tap for MCAB.) The second thing I did was secure permission from the MLCC to hold the competition in a licensed establishment. The third thing was to sanction the event with BJCP.

The fourth thing we did was begin a series of meetings with homebrew enthusiasts to develop a program. We have had four meetings so far. In case you do not already know, here is a summary of the program we have lined up for MCAB VI.

Thursday, July 22, 6PM
Royal Reception at Dragonmead

Friday, July 23, 1PM -5PM
Sensory Evaluation of Beer Seminar, conducted by Rex Halfpenny (80 seats)

2PM -5PM
BJCP Exam, Proctored by Jeff Renner (12 seats)

6PM - 11PM
Brewpub Crawl (50 bus seats for non-beer judges)

6PM - 11PM
MCAB Judging

Saturday, July 24 10AM, MCAB
Award Ceremony at Dragonmead

Noon, board the bus to the Summer Beer Festival (50 Seats)

1-6PM, Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Beer Festival

6-?, Afterglow Party at Frog Island Brewery

As you can see from the above, we have opted not to have a banquet or a program of seminars. We will use the money instead to buy everyone a ticket to the Beer Festival. The Guild is donating \$250.00 to MCAB but is charging the full \$20.00 per head. If we get 150 attendees, the festival alone will cost \$3000.00. We will use the Guild's donation to have an MCAB attendee's only reception area at the festival.

The price of registration price goes up as the event approaches. It's going to be a great time and everything is going to get kicked off on Thursday evening (July 22nd). Check your schedules, clear them, and REGISTER NOW!!!

http://www.dragonmead.com/MCAB/Event_Registration.pdf
<http://www.dragonmead.com/MCAB/index.htm>

PICO SYSTEM EFFICIENCY STUDY

Fred Bonjour is conducting an efficiency study of past brews using the PICO system, please support this issue.

The Clubs PICO system efficiency thing has got me going, I am going to compile whatever data I can on past brews and future brews.

I'll present procedures, recipes, and statistics (efficiency) of all brews via a web page and at a club meeting.

If you have specifics of an old or new brew with the club's PICO system I would really appreciate your sending them to me. To calculate efficiency I'll need the recipe (grain bill), Volumes, and Original Gravity. Don't worry about neatness, I'll format everything.

We will provide a link from the club site to this page so I can update it. Thanks
<http://bonjour-family.org/craft/pico-efficiency.html>

Club-Only Extract Tasting

Kevin Kutskill

First, thanks to Rich, Phil, Mike, and Norm, for donating their time and taste buds for the judging. We had a whopping 16 entries, and we tasted some really nice beers.

A link on website will reveal the results, both for last night, and the final standings.

Kurt Bachman took first place for his Russian Imperial Stout, Ken Schmidt took second for his Dry Stout, and Bill Gornicki took third for his IPA.

When all the points are tallied for the year, the member who comes out on top as CRAFT Homebrewer of the Year is. . .(drum roll please).

Bill Gornicki!
Congratulations, Bill!

Overall, I felt that this was a great year for the CRAFT Club Only Competition, with some mighty nice entries at the club level, and the club placing 3rd in the Kölsch/Altbier competition nationally. It was also nice to see a lot of club members come forward to help judging. Having the Club Only/CRAFT Homebrewer of the Year competition helps improve the brewing skills of the club as a whole.

Whoops, almost forgot. Ken, Jerry, and Bill each get a coupon for a free yeast at Cap 'n' Cork, for entering the competition so many times this year.

I should have those coupons at the next meeting.

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2004-5 Club-Only Competitions

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Style</u> | <u>Category</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| August | Wheat Beer | 17 |
| Sep/Oct | Smoked Beer | 23 |
| Nov/Dec | IPA | 7 |
| Last three to be determined | | |

C.R.A.F.T. – Minutes of May 17, 2004 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Dragonmead.

The Treasurer's Report was given. We have a balance of about \$540.

Kevin taught us all about Phenolics in beer. He had doctored up some Samuel Adams with a few drops of Chloraseptic to give it the Band-Aid smell.

He also shared his Bells yeast.

The CRAFT Homebrewer of the Year Cup is completed and Rich is studying an idea for the base.

Winners of CRAFT COC:

1st: Bill Gornicki

2nd: Ken Schmidt

3rd: Jerry Bonnici and Rich Ross (Possible brew-off competition is being discussed).

Prizes for the top 3 COC brewers are \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively. These checks should be cut by the treasurer by the next meeting. The CRAFT Brewers Cup is currently being held hostage by Rich Ross so that he can build a base for it.



Club logo pint glasses can be produced if enough interest is shown. The glasses would cost \$5 each and we need to sell 100 to break even. If interested, please let Jerry know. We discussed adding our Website to bottom of the glass. Jerry's going to look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Side Bar Topics

Association of Brewers reports Craft Beer Production grows 3.4%

Total growth of the craft beer industry in 2003 was 3.4%.

(Growth is measured by numbers of barrels of beer U.S. breweries produced in 2003.)

Equivalent to more than 3 million cases of new craft beer sales!

2002 growth: 3.4%

2001 growth: 1.2%

6,653,461 million barrels of craft beer was produced in the U.S. in 2003

2002 total: 6.4 million

2001 total: 6.1 million

Craft beer industry production grew again in 2003 as it has for 34 consecutive years.

Total 2003 U.S. craft beer industry annual retail sales value: \$3.5 billion.

2002 total: \$3.4 billion

2001 total: \$3.3 billion



OUR HOURS ARE:

Closed Mondays

TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 10 AM TO 8 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM TO 6 PM.

SUNDAY 10 AM TO 4 PM.

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