

THIRSTY August 2004 News and Brews

August Formal Meeting Report

The meeting was held at the Walsh residence. Plenty of beer and a handful of members. A Great Divide Titan IPA created a bit of tasting conversation. The judging term for the beer aroma was... cat piss. This can be a descriptor associated with Cluster hops. I have heard of this descriptor, but have never experienced it. All in all not a bad IPA, but not a great one. The Big Brew Double IPA made its first appearance. The general concensus was that the beer needs more age. I have ~4 gallons in a keg and 4 gallons in bottles.

September Meeting Information Formal

Tuesday, September 7 at the Walsh residence. 2612 Ferndale Drive, Iowa City, 319-337-5742.

Topics: Keg conversion and grain mill comparison Big Brew Double IPA on tap.

Informal

Iowa City Brewfest, Saturday, September 18 11- 5pm
Old Chicago Parking Lot Coralville [Iowa City Brewfest](#)

Up Coming Events

October 2

Amana Oktoberfest Tapping of the Oktoberfest beer keg
Join Millstream at the Amana Festhalle as we tap the first Oktoberfest beer keg to kick off the Oktoberfest weekend celebration!

Home Brewers Contest

Locals are invited to bring their best home brew to enter into the 2nd annual Oktoberfest Home Brewers Contest sponsored by Millstream Brewing Co. All entries must be checked into the Festhalle by noon. Winners will be announced at 4:00 pm

Any THIRSTY members interested in helping with this event contact Teresa at Millstream

THIRSTY Homebrew Classic

Saturday, November 6 at Millstream Brewery

Interesting Tidbits Bears and Beer

Aug 18, 2004 - When Washington state Fish and Wildlife agents recently found a black bear passed out on the lawn of Baker Lake Resort, they had a good idea what happened. Dozens of empty cans of Rainier Beer surrounded the bear. It apparently got into campers' coolers and used his claws and teeth to puncture the cans. But not just any cans. "He drank the Rainier and wouldn't drink the Busch beer," said Lisa Broxson, bookkeeper at the campground and cabins resort east of Mount Baker. Fish and Wildlife enforcement Sgt. Bill Heinck said the bear did try one can of Busch, but ignored the rest. "He didn't like that (Busch) and consumed, as near as we can tell, about 36 cans of Rainier." A wildlife agent tried to chase the bear from the campground, but the animal climbed a tree to sleep it off for another four hours. Agents finally herded the bear away, but it returned the next morning. Agents then used a large, humane trap to capture it for relocation, baiting the trap with the usual: doughnuts, honey and ... two open cans of Rainier. That did the trick. "This is a new one on me," Heinck said. "I've known them to get into cans, but nothing like this. And it definitely had a preference."

For Sale ad in Press Citizen

Kegarator FULL SIZE fridge, with top freezer. All accessories included. \$300 obo. **Phone 665-8276**. This has been advertised for ~ 1month and started at \$375.