

THIRSTY June 2004 News and Brews

June Formal Meeting Report

Gary was the host for the June meeting. The meeting was well attended and we gained a new member, Joe Hetrick. Approximately 27 beers were sampled of both the commercial and homebrew variety. Gary returned from his New Mexico travels with an interesting Green Chili beer from a small brewpub. It was actually quite balanced and the heat from the chili's was not overpowering. Four of New Belgium's beers were available for tasting. Gary shared a Stone IPA and his own 80 Shilling. Pete brought his IPA and Kevin had his Belgian Ale and the Biere de Garde he brewed during the Big Brew Day. The Big Brew Double IPA will be at the next meeting. Dogfish Head IPA and the Apricot IPA (which Pyramids' Apricot beats hands down) also were sampled. Many members commented that their beer tastes have moved from the darker beers to the hoppier and crisper styles of beer.

A discussion evolved regarding the size of the club and the availability of members with homes large enough to accommodate meetings. Does anyone know of another site we could use for our meetings that is free? The public library has come up numerous times, but I think the alcohol on premises would be a problem. Please let me know of any ideas.

Matt undertook a science experiment during the meeting. Matt was measuring dissolved oxygen levels in boiled water which had been cooled and then comparing the same sample which had air pumped into it via an aquarium pump. Matt found that pouring the small sample water into the test jar via a funnel added enough oxygen (7% increase) that he did not need to pump the air into the sample.

July Meeting Information

Formal

Saturday, July 24 at the Diltz residence. Check the web page for further information

Informal

The July & August informal meetings are on hiatus until September, which will be the Iowa City Brewfest

Up Coming Events

American Beer Month

July is American Beer Month, a time when every American should celebrate the season by exploring the wonderful flavors of American Beer. No matter what kind of beer you like, there's one that's perfect for your tastes that's made in America.

Iowa State Fair Contest

Entry deadline is July 1. Here is the link to the entry form

www.iowastatefair.org/ifl/entry_oenology.pdf

Iowa City Brewfest

Brewfest is Saturday, September 18 from 11 am to 5 pm. According to John's Grocery web page, the site is City Park and there is on-line ordering beginning June 1- 30 for \$5 and July- Sept \$10 and at the gate \$15. [Iowa City Brewfest](#)

THIRSTY Homebrew Classic

Saturday, November 6 at Millstream Brewery

Interesting Tidbits

Fitzpatrick's has closed. I have no further info regarding re-opening, etc.

New Jazz Club in town, **Siren's**. Kevin reported the beer selection is lame. I think THIRSTY should speak up and the owner may possibly respond. The club is non-smoking by the way.

Millstream won a Silver medal for the John's Generations White Ale at the North American Brewers Awards.

John's Grocery has a few new British Ales added to their selection and an American cider, Sutliff Cider