

THIRSTY May 2004 News and Brews

2004 Big Brew

Big Brew was held Sat. May 1. The club beer brewed was, Imperial India Pale Ale. Kevin brewed a Biere de Garde at his house down the block. The event was well-attended and all enjoyed brats, homebrew and commercial beer.

Pete brought the most unusual beverage a...

Gruit Ale. This was a replica of the early version of beer using herbs instead of hops for bittering and aroma. This Gruit contained Yarrow and Sweet Gale (Bog Myrtle) for the herbs. Kevin supplied a dogfish head 120 min. IPA and a Stone Ruination IPA to put us in the mood for the Imperial IPA, which was being brewed. Aaron of Millstream fame joined us for the day. I had a keg of Millstream Maifest on tap and Kevin had a keg of John's Generation White Ale.

BJCP Imperial IPA Style Guide (Proposed)

Imperial or Double India Pale Ales have intense hop bitterness, flavor and aroma. Alcohol content is very high and notably evident. They range from golden to amber in color. The style may use any variety of hops. Though the hop character is intense it's balanced with complex alcohol flavors, moderate to high fruity esters and medium to high malt character. While hop character may be very intense, it may not be harsh in quality. Imperial or Double India Pale Ales have medium-high to full body. Diacetyl should not be perceived.

Original Gravity (Plato):

1.80- 1.100 (19.5- 23.5 Plato)

Apparent Extract/Final Gravity (Plato)

1.020- 1.028 (5- 7 Plato)

Alcohol by Weight (Volume):

6.3- 8.4% (7.9- 10.5%)

Bitterness (IBU): 65- 100

Color SRM (EBC): 5- 10 (10- 20 EBC)

Meeting Updates

May informal will be held Monday, May 17 at 7:00 pm at Old Chicago. If the weather cooperates we will be outside. They have 3 Floyds Alpha King on Tap.

June Formal meeting is Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 pm at Gary Gavin's house. Check the web page for directions or you can e-mail me.

June Informal, Monday will be in the Beer Garden at Martini's. This will be the last informal until September.

Other Items of Note

How are things in Central Iowa? I wanted to send a reminder about the WQPT's Brew Ha Ha that will be held at the end of September in Davenport. They are definitely setting up a Homebrewer's Row for any club that would like to participate. We have three clubs interested at the moment: Galesburg Homebrewers Association, MUGZ, and Homebrewers of Peoria. We would like to get Your club involved if there is any way possible. We are also working on the Abnormal Brewers out of Bloomington. The Brew Ha Ha is a blast. We, as participating club members, usually donate five gallons of beer to the fest and in return they waive the table fee. We have found in the past that most of the crowd at this beer fest lean more towards the connoisseur side of the taste profile. It is great to have people who appreciate beer making comments on your own home grown product. My shop also sponsors a People's Choice Homebrew award which includes a plaque and a gift certificate. This helps to make the friendly competition a little bit more interesting. We would really like to see your club at the 2004 Brew Ha Ha.

Thanks,

Jim Smith

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Galesburg Homebrewers Association

BJCP Style Guidelines Update

I suggest for those who enter contests and/or judge take a look at the potential changes on the horizon for the BJCP Style Guidelines.

<http://www.hopmadness.com/bjcp/>

THIRSTY web page

It is time to re-locate the THIRSTY web page to another host. The current host has become unreliable. Suggestions have been made to migrate to earthlink, tripod or something else. If anyone is interested in helping Pete with this and updating the web site please contact him directly.