

THIRSTY October 2004 News and Brews

November Formal Meeting Report

The meeting was held at the Thompson residence. In attendance were 8 club members. Gary brought a growler of Masala Mama IPA from the Town Hall Brewery in Minneapolis to share. The meeting topic was Oktoberfest and a brief taste testing was held and the winning beer was Summit Oktoberfest, second was Millstream and third was Paulaner. The Thompson anniversary Barley Wine made an appearance and just as Stan and Delores do, the Barley Wine keeps getting better and better over time. Also, making an appearance was Katie's first brew, which was a brown ale.

New Web site

Joe has been busy working on the THIRSTY web site. New features: our own URL <http://www.thirstyhomebrew.org>, a new host (which should help with accessibility, a calendar, a public forum, and a private forum for THIRSTY members. Sign up and create a profile. E-mail addresses are kept private with the new site. If you have photos of your brew setups you would like posted to the site, send them to me and I will upload them. Any comments regarding the new site are appreciated.

Other News

Amana Oktoberfest Homebrew Contest
Pete, Matt, Aaron, Dave (Millstream Sales rep.) and myself judged the contest and Mary was the steward. There were 40 some entries which the majority of where ales. Everyone who was judging had a lesson in how beer temperature alters the flavor profile. The beers were a bit on the cold side when the judging commenced. The winning beer in the ale category was an Imperial Stout. Amana water is quite hard and it was evident as to how this affected beer flavor. All in all a worthwhile judging experience.

THIRSTY Classic

You may drop off your entries at Susan's place or bring them the day of the contest. There is a

catch... your entry paperwork and entry fees must be either to me or Millstream by Oct. 30.

If you are interested in helping steward please let Pete know. We can always use the help.

November Meeting Information

Formal

Saturday, November 6 Millstream Brewery, Amana. Topic: THIRSTY Classic

Informal

TBD Post- THIRSTY Classic wrap up at the Millstream Brewery. Amana, IA

December Meeting Information

Formal

Tuesday, December 7 TBD.

Topics: Holiday Beer

Informal

Monday, December 20. The Old Capitol Brewpub Gilbert Street, Iowa City.

Up Coming Events

UpComing Home Brewer's Contests

THIRSTY Homebrew Classic

Saturday, November 6 at Millstream Brewery

MUGZ Land of the Muddy Waters

Saturday, November 20 at Bent River

<http://lotmw.mugz.org/DearFellowBrewers.asp>

New this year is a label contest.

November 14, FOSSILS Porter only competition. Albany, NY