

Ames Brewers League meeting May 15th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing – Postponed by One Week)

Luke Hoekstra opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were thirteen people in attendance.

League T-Shirts

The League used Dogtown University in Campustown for orders using the previous design. Ordered T-shirts were distributed.

Big Brew for National Homebrew Day

On May 5th the club met at Alluvial Brewing at 9am for Big Brew Day. Breakfast pizza, donuts, and juice was provided by the league. Alluvial's head brewer was onsite and offered on-demand hot water (which really sped up our brew times.) He also offered a selection of hops to take with us. We can't thank them enough for allowing us to brew there. The day was absolutely perfect. We had five different brews going, and it was great to relax and talk with other club members who stopped by to visit.

Brew Your Own (BYO) Magazine Subscriptions

If we have 10 sign-ups, we receive a discounted rate of \$15/yr for 8 issues through the club. We had interest from 7 members. The league may pay the upfront costs to cover up to 10. If you're interested, please send a note so we can turn in the sign-up sheet before June 30th.

Iowa State Fair Homebrew Competition

Look for this to come up soon. This is a sanctioned AHA competition. There are several drop off sites so you don't have to mail your brews for judging. The entry deadline is July 1st, but entries will be accepted until July 8th with a late fee. More information is available here:

<https://www.iowastatefair.org/upl/downloads/competition/premium-books/oenology-amateur-wine-beer-making-23.pdf>

Upcoming Club Competitions

Next month's competition will be Session Beers. August will be our club competition. We discussed possibly providing a specific yeast and requiring all entries to use this. In the past the club has set the grain bill, allowing for some brewer modifications. We will discuss setting guidelines at next month's meeting. If you have ideas, please submit them to the group.

Style of the Month Competition: Open

1st place receives 3 points, 2nd place receives 2 points, and 3rd place receives 1 point. Entrants who don't place receive ½ point. Point totals will determine the League's Brewer of the Year.

We had some amazing entries. Pete's encouragement really brought out the best tonight! Congratulations winners!

12 entries:

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| 1. | 3B Czech Premium Pale | |
| 2. | 5D German Pils | 2nd Place – Neal Kaloupek |
| 3. | 29A Fruit Beer (underlying style 23A Berliner Weisse) | |
| 4. | 18A Blonde Ale | |
| 5. | 11B Best Bitter | |
| 6. | 11C Strong Bitter | |
| 7. | 19A American Amber | |
| 8. | 19A American Amber | |
| 9. | 21A American IPA | |
| 10. | 21B Specialty IPA: Black IPA | |
| 11. | 26B Belgian Dubbel | 1st Place – Sebastian Speer |

12. 29B Fruit and Spice Beer with Orange/Vanilla (underlying style 27: Gose)

3rd Place – Luke Hoekstra

Other participants: Chase Colton, Ron Nelson, Pete Crow, Andy Curtis, Jack, Zach Landhuis

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	10.5
Ron Nelson	6
Sebastian Speer	6
Luke Hoekstra	4
Neal Kaloupek	3
Nadov Mer	1
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	1
Chase Colton	1
Jack	.5
Zach Landhuis	.5