

## **Ames Brewers League meeting January 8th, 2019**

**(Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)**

Sebastian Speer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Sebastian, Luke, Nadav, Levi, Kari, Ron, Colette, Beth, Brad, Scott and Pete

### **Business**

#### **ABL Beer Style of the Month for 2019**

January	Open - Any style
February	Belgian beers
March	English and Scottish beers
April	Sour and Funky beers
May	Session beers
June	Open - Any style
July	American beers
August	Club brew
September	Mead and Cider
October	Lagers
November	Porters
December	Big Beers

### **BJCP exam**

There is talk of there being a BJCP exam given in Des Moines sometime this year.

### **2019 Raffle**

The raffle for 2019 was discussed. Sebastian spoke with the Ankeny club and we will plan to do a raffle together with them at Torrent. A date will be will be set after discussing the options with Andy.

## **ISU Hop Trials**

Scott Nelson mentioned that the ISU Hop Trials are being worked on. Waiting for the ISU professor and her students to complete all of their testing and documenting. This would be a club opportunity where we use a common wort but differently hopped batches - one with commercial hops and one with hops grown by Iowa State. We can compare and contrast differences between the hops. Torrent may be willing to brew a batch of wort we could distribute, but we could also reach out to Alluvial or Olde Main to participate. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/smallfarms/new-project-offers-research-growing-hops>

## **Upcoming Beer Competitions**

Minnesota Mashout January 25

KC Biermeisters February 16

North KC SNAKE Irish Comp March 17

NHC 1st Round Minneapolis March 22, Kansas City April 12

## **Style of the Month Competition: Club Competition**

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

This month's competition is Open - Any style

### **Competition Results**

Schwartzbier Ron 1st place

Sour Saison Luke 2nd place

Winter Seasonal Beth and Brad 3rd place

Standard Dark Saison Scott

Dark Mild with coffee Nadav

American Amber Pete

### **Brewer of the Year Standings**

Ron 3 points

Luke 2 points

Beth & Brad 1 point

Scott 1/2 point

Nadav 1/2 point

Pete 1/2 point