

July 15, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Hopefully you were able to join us for July's Bluff City Brewer's club meeting. If you missed it, here's a brief summary:

CLUB EVENTS:

Red White and Big Ass Brew: June 26th, Phil and Jody's

20-gallons of beer were brewed old-school over an open fire. If you didn't make it for this event you missed a great time.

Art on Tap: Sept 10th, Dixon Art Museum

Everyone is invited to brew for this local beer festival. Brewers get 2 tickets to this event and \$30 for materials. Sign up with Mike Lee.

Bluff City Brewers Oktoberfest: September 25th, Memphis Yacht Club, Mud Island

All club members are invited to this annual event. Bring a covered dish and some tasty brews. Socializing starts at 3. Food starts at 6. Mike Lee will be taking folks on boat rides up the ol' Mississipp. Come one, come all; it's always a fun time.

2011 Bluff City Brewer's Extravaganza

Planning is already underway for our annual homebrew competition. We receive entries from all over the United States and want to make next year's event a great one. Committees have formed to help the Brett Donnals (Extravaganza Chairperson) make this event happen smoothly and would like your help:

- Roger Hall is handling the Extravaganza Communication Committee to let other homebrew clubs and organizations know about our contest to help increase participation. We've got a list of people that we want to inform and update, if you'd like to help out please contact Roger at Hall.Roger@bellsouth.net.

Club Only Competitions:

Each month, brew clubs around the country submit entries (one per brew club) to the American Homebrew Association (AHA) monthly club-competition. Each month our brew club picks one member's beer and enters it as the club's entry. This national competition earns the club points towards AHA Brewclub of the Year.

Congratulations to Mike Lee who won July's club-only with his semi-sweet mead.

The Bluff City Brewers is in a 5th place tie for 1st place for the 2009-2010 season!!

Here are the categories and Bluff City Brewers judging dates for the upcoming season:

July	Meads (Category 24, 25, and 26)
August	Sour and Wild Ales (Category 17, plus American Wild Ales and Specialty Wild Ales)
November	Strong Ale (Category 19)
January	English Pale Ales (Category 8)
March	Bock (Category 5)
April	Wood-Aged Beer (Category 22C)

Club Meeting Presentations:

It is the goal of the BCBC to give at least 1 educational presentation each month. Ben Pugh gave a presentation in July's meeting on acid etching to add volume marks on his glass carboys. Steve Russell gave a presentation on yeast experiments. He divided a batch of wort in half and used hefe yeast in one batch and trappist yeast in the other. Great presentation on the contribution of yeast. Thanks Ben and Steve, folks got a lot out of your info!

Contact Ben Pugh if you have a presentation you'd like to give at an upcoming meeting.

Presenters get a \$10 gift certificate to Midsouth Malts.



OTHER INFO FROM THE MEETING:

Upcoming Brew Sessions

Keep an eye out for information on locations for upcoming brew sessions where you can come and brew with other club members, watch and learn, or just hang out. If you're interested about hosting a group brew session, contact a club officer (info below).

Club Raffles

Each meeting the club raffles great items at the end of the meeting. Among other things, this month's raffle included several bags of hops.

Check out our club website at <http://memphisbrews.com/>.

Club T-Shirts are available at <http://www.cafepress.com/bluffcitybrewer>

Visitors

We had 7 visitors come to our July meeting. Thanks for coming! If you have friends that are interested in learning to brew or learning more about brewing, bring them to an upcoming meeting!

Club Membership

The Bluff City Brewer's and Connoisseurs is a private club whose purpose is to bring together its members to educate and inform about all things beer. Annual club dues of \$20 opens the door to meeting lots of great people interested in the brewing and tasting of beer. Your membership is your invitation to annual club events such as the Christmas Party, Oktoberfest, National Homebrew day, and many others. Club members also enjoy member pricing to Dixon Art Gallery events and happy hour pricing (all the time) at Bosc's. Contact Mike Lee at Midsouth Malts (midsouthmalts@bellsouth.net) to pay dues.

Be sure to contact our club officers with any questions you may have about club information, events, etc:

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