

August 19, 2010 Meeting Highlights

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

Meeting Location Change: Central BBQ, Summer Ave, 7pm 3rd Thursdays

CLUB EVENTS:

Bluff City Brewers Beer Certification Program – Steve Russell

Steve introduced a great new program to recognize our member's brewing accomplishments and get folks brewing different brew styles. 30 minutes prior to our regular club meetings, brewers will get together and bring beers to be presented for the Beer Certification Program. Participants will get the chance to have their beer critiqued and taste other member's beer towards the goal of broadening the club's brewing experience. Full details on Steve's program will be posted soon on the Bluff City Brewer's website.

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 (midsouthmalts@bellsouth.net).

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.

Cooper Young BeerFest, Oct 9th. 1-5pm

Let Ben Pugh (bdpagp@bellsouth.net) know if you'd like to participate.

Nashville Brew Club Competition, October 8th, 9th, 10th

Let's show our support for Nashville's contest; enter beers and receive great feedback from experienced judges. Alan McLaughlin will be able to bring your entries to Nashville. Get in touch with him or Mike Lee to see when he'll be driving them over. Remember, the better support we show Nashville the better support we'll get for our contest in February.

If you're interested in going to the contest and would like to carpool, contact J.L. Thompson (J_L_T@hotmail.com).

2nd Annual Beer and Cigar Fest, Oct 30th, Jackson TN

Sign up with Ben if you're interested in attending, this is a great festival to participate in.

Winter Warmer, Central Station, Downtown Memphis, January 15 or 22

We just received word that Martin Daniel (Autozone organizer) is putting on a beer festival focused on heavy, full bodied beers and is expecting 6-700 in attendance. They're looking for 5-6 kegs(5 gallon) kegs. Stay tuned for details.

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 Alan McLaughlin who won August's club-only with his Flanders Brown. The Bluff City Brewers is in a 5-way 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) Mike Lee
August	Sour and Wild Ales (Category 17, plus American Wild Ales and Specialty Wild Ales) Alan McLaughlin
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. Next month J.L. Thompson will present several home-made beer gadgets to help minimize manual lifting in your brewing process.

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 2 visitors come to our August 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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