



Next Meeting – Sept. 11

Durty Nellies will again be the place to be next Tuesday. We will be conducting the Club Light Hybrid contest to determine our representative in the upcoming AHA Club-only competition (which is being hosted in St. Louis by our former President, Augie Altenbaumer). We will taste everyone else's 5 bottles of homebrew or collecting \$5 from you to order some of Nellies fine beer. All this is happening at 7:30 PM.

September Meeting Agenda:

1. Picnic Retrospective
2. Wild Onion Opportunity
3. Light Hybrid Contest
4. Christmas Party
5. Committee Reports
6. Member Discussion Items

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, October 9 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, AHA Old Ale Contest, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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Aug. 2012 Meeting Notes

We were back at Durty Nellies for our August meeting after July's road trip. Commuter train problems caused me to arrive late, so the meeting went off around 7:45 PM.

First was introduction of guests, and we had 3. Due to Evan Van Dyke's sales pitch after the meeting, both Asten Rathbun and Steve Clark became our newest members.

Craig Ranshaw then talked about the upcoming picnic on August 25th. An email had been sent out with the location, which was going to be Jim Arendt's mother's property along the Fox River. The parcel was deep, cover was to be provided, and different types of pork loin along with hamburgers and hot dogs were going to be provided by the Club. No swimming could be done because of the steepness of the bank down to the river. He was going to send out an email with more detail about chairs, refrigeration availability and dish and beer to bring. He asked for RSVP so that the appropriate amount of food would be bought.

The next business was the AHA Porter contest. There were two robust porters entered, and after a close vote, Greg Hill prevailed over Seth Picocco.

Craig was back in the spotlight as he described the upcoming pumpkin beer brew-in. There was still space available for the September 22 event.

Not recalling who originally talked about the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP judging test), I polled the members but no one in attendance had any information.

Elliot showed the new stainless paddle he had

purchased. His welding equipment was being repaired, and expected that he would soon be able to continue working on the large barrels to get our capacity up to 100 gallons. The silicon tubing recently purchased would be ready for the pumpkin brew-in.

I asked the newer members/guests if they would be interested in attending individual all-grain brewing session, as they might learn more than at the brew-ins where so much stuff is going on at the same time. They thought it would be a good idea, but there was no one in attendance who expected to be brewing in the next month. I said I would poll the membership via the Google group.

Rick Jackson is still working on finalizing ideas for new Club shirts. Vince Donohue said that the Book Club would be discussing Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms" at his place in Wheeling on Sept. 14.

Club Picnic August 25th

This is based on notes provided by Craig Ranshaw and Bill Morgan, as a family wedding in Palos Hills prevented my attendance.

The location on the Fox River was beautiful. Kudos to Jim Arendt for the use of the place. The summer afternoon was perfect and the mosquitoes were minimal. Kudos to Mother Nature.

Five kegs of beer were on tap: Kainz Brau Pilsner from the Wild Onion; Club Wort Oktoberfest; Craig's Honey Wheat; Procter Pale Ale; and Procter Porter. There were plenty of miscellaneous other microbrews and home brews in bottles.

Four pork loins were prepared on the grill: Barbeque; Cracked Pepper and Parmesan Cheese Crusted; Garlic and Rosemary Infused; and Bacon Wrapped. The crowd favorite seemed to be the garlic/rosemary.

Turn-out was low compared to other years – only 25.

Thanks to the following people:

Mark & Laura for the jockey box, kegs and tables.

Elliot for the canopies.

Craig for the grill, canopy, keg and miscellaneous grilling equipment.

And, most importantly, the Club's thanks to Craig Ranshaw and Bill Morgan for organizing the 2012 Picnic.

AHA Beer Contests

Note the style guideline numbers (and letters) after each beer. You can check at www.homebrewersassociation.org to get the style info.

October 2012 – Old Ale (19A)

January 2013 – Any Beer O.G. > 1.040

March 2013 – Barley wine (19B & C)

May 2013 – Extract Only

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers

Classified Section

Club Wort T-Shirts; New Style (hop plant) (xxl); Old Style (glass of beer) (medium), \$5.

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is \$8.00; Contact Elliot Hamilton at elliioth@ml1.net