



Next Meeting – Jan 8

Back to Dirty Nellies we go for our January meeting. This month's AHA contest should attract a multitude of entries as it is virtually any beer with an O.G. > 1.040. Since the Club entry is due in Ohio on Friday, you need to bring your two entry bottles with your AHA recipe sheet and labels if you win. No contest entries accepted without them. Go to the AHA website to get the paperwork. We will ship them out for you the next day. Everyone else bring the usual 5 bottles or \$5 starting at 7:30.

January Meeting Agenda:

1. Winter Pub Crawl
2. Beer Club Book Club
3. Wild Onion Contest
4. AHA Contest
5. Committee Reports
6. Open Forum

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Feb 12 – Road Trip, Wild Onion, Lake Barrington, All-Grain Beer Entries Due, AHA Barley Wine Contest, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Mar 12 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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Dec. 2012 Meeting Notes

I turned the corner from River Road to Devon and there it was – the Café Zalute sign on the south side of the road.

Dressed in my holiday finery and with my lovely wife in tow, I descended the stairs down into their party room. Chris Kelle was there, collecting the money, and I gave him my \$30, deposited my bottle of New Glaurus Belgian Red on the ledge and put on my name tag. Official Club Wort drinking mug in hand, I sampled my own beer, the first of many that night.

Soon the room was filled with Club Wort revelers and the astounding collection of beer grew to epic proportions. Jim Arendt matched my suspenders but I think my tie out-Christmas'd his Swiss hat.

The buffet table became filled with delicious food – two types of pizza, cheese and veggie; calamari with sauce, chicken wings; baked ravioli; sausage and pepper kabobs; and stuffed mushrooms. I filled my plate followed by the rest of the Club. The steam trays and pizzas were kept filled up until the end of the party so no one should have gone home hungry.

As soon as all had gotten a plate I quickly went through the 3 pieces of business. I thanked Chris for his efforts. I talked about the upcoming January pub crawl in Paul Lange's absence, urging that all spouses/significant others give the members permission to attend. Finally, I gave a Christmas toast to our Club.

The party went on as more liquid refreshments were consumed. Phil Piotrowski continued his Christmas

Party tradition by breaking out his famous Krupnik liquor and pouring for all the members. I left around 10:00 PM following my designated driver to my car, but the party was still going.

Once again, big thanks to Chris Kelle for arranging and managing this fun event.

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.

February 2013 – Onion Pub All-Grain Contest & AHA Barley Wine (19B & C)

May 2013 – Extract Only

July 2013 – To Be Determined by AHA

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers

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