



Next Meeting – June 10

We'll be getting together at Durty Nellies for our usual 2nd Tuesday meeting. See you at 7:30 PM with your 5 bottles of home brew or \$5.

June Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. May Double-Header Brew-in
3. Committee Reports
4. Homebrew Competitions
5. Club Merchandise Update
6. Education Presentation
7. Picnic
8. Summer Road Trip

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, July 8 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, August 12 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM. Club Oktoberfest/Marzen contest.

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May 2014 Club Meeting

It was nice to be back in the upper room at Nellies on a 2nd Tuesday. Craig, being aware of the Blackhawk – Wild playoff game that was going to begin at 8:00 PM, started the meeting close to 7:30 PM as he could.

There were 3 guests in attendance. Jeff had been brewing 1 year and had already done 15 batches. Eric was the son of member Steve Luth and just visiting. Nick had brewed 1996-2000, and decided to get back into the hobby.

Two brew-ins were scheduled for Sunday, May 18. At 7:00 AM ten members were starting an IPA, and at 10:30 AM 7 more members were doing a Czech Pils.

In Linda Shannon's absence, Rick Jackson talked about the Book Club meeting on Friday at 7:30 at Linda's place in Elk Grove Village.

Elliot Hamilton talked about the rules governing use of Club brewing equipment. You should email him with your requirements and arrange a pickup and drop-off date and time. You must be a member in good standing. Elliot said that all equipment was accounted for.

Asten Rathbun announced he was collecting dues for 2014-2015. Half of the members had still not renewed.

Due to Andre Lukatsky's wife's birthday, the educational presentation was cancelled.

The Club English Pale Ale contest began with the tasting of the calibration beer, Fuller's London Pride. There were 2 entries. After a very close vote, Evan Van Dyke prevailed over Bill Hatzold.

Myles Powell showed everyone the Club Wort

bottle opener that his wife's godson had made for him with the Club Wort logo and Myles name. Myles then accepted orders for personalized openers at \$5 apiece.

Asten reported the treasury at \$1,021.00 not counting tonight's dues payments.

Elliot said that he was considering building another natural gas burner for the 2nd 55-gallon drum.

Brad Miller was not in attendance. Craig thought that he might mail membership cards because of worries about expiration, but it was pointed out that the old cards were good until the end of May.

I asked the members to support the VFW sale of poppies coming up on Saturday.

Craig then concluded the meeting talking about Mark Dolezal's desire to have Nellies host a beer fest on September 20. Mark was looking for us to do a homebrew demonstration. Members pointed out that the last time we tried this at Nellies we were in a bad location and had little traffic.

A Great Investment

Near the end of 1995 a newcomer to the brewing world, Boston Beer Company, decided to raise money through an IPO (Initial Public Offering).

Normally all the stock is distributed through brokers who then give their best clients first opportunity to buy. If it is a much-anticipated IPO, the number of shares wanted by those clients usually is more than the shares being issued. The general public never sniffs at the shares.

Boston Beer, as befitted their underdog status at the time, decided to put aside a certain number of shares and sell them to the drinking public directly. I was lucky enough to buy the individual limit of 33 shares for \$15 a share, which was \$5 less per share than they were offered through brokers.

While in the early days I wondered why I ever wasted \$495, over the years I have been proven wrong. The stock has performed so well that it was

the best investment I ever made in my life, increasing in value by 17.5% every year. Love that Boston Lager.

Club Wort Beer Contest

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

August 2014 – Oktoberfest/Marzen (3B)

November 2014–Smoke-Flavored/Wood-Aged (22)

Classified Section

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

