



Next Meeting – Nov. 11

Durty Nellie's as usual, 7:30 p.m. Bring 5 bottles (or equivalent) of homebrew or pay a \$5 toll.

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Club Wort Christmas Party, 7 p.m., location TBD

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Oct. 2014 Club Meeting

1. Beerfest Recap

Lake Zurich Beer Fest: Attendees said that beer was better than expected and a good value with the Groupon. Workers noted that the organization and tapping equipment could have been improved.

Great American Beer Fest: Was attended by several members, who spoke highly of attending over multiple sessions. Craig met Charlie Papazian!

2. Guests

Chris, who has been brewing for one year, and Steve, who was a previous guest and introduced a pressurized conical fermenter.

3. Fall Pub Crawl

Bus pub crawl will not happen, but a Palatine pub crawl was suggested for Nov. 22.

4. Brew-in

Potential brew-in for November, dates and beers TBD. Contact Elliot with suggested brews.

5. Treasury Report: Club assets \$1,267

6. Equipment Check-out

Elliot and Craig explained a new system for checking out equipment, which includes a sign-out sheet that will better track equipment and users.

7. Picnic: Club toasted Jim S. for hosting!

8. Christmas Party

To be held in place of the December meeting, location TBD (suggestions on venues included Durty Nellie's and Tap House Grill in Palatine).

9. Book Club

Meeting planned for January hosted by Craig and Cindy. Follow-up to be sent out with reading selection.

10. Learn to Brew Day

Nancy F. is hosting a beginner's event at What's Brewing on Nov. 1, showing all-grain and extract techniques. Volunteer opportunity for ambitious brew-teachers.

12. Travel Report

Val, the new newsletter scribe, went on a beer trip through the northeast with her husband, visiting Brooklyn Brewery, Harpoon (Mass.), Allagash (Maine), Maine Beer Co., Hill Farmstead (Vermont), and Port City (Virginia). Get thee to Maine Beer.

13. Apple Cider Caramel Recipe

My caramels were well received; the recipe is from the [Smitten Kitchen blog](#).

Oct. 2014 Beers

Here is a list of homebrew beers that members brought to this meeting:

- Honey Blond (Matt #1)
- Hefeweizen (Matt #2 & Jim #1)
- Rye Strong Ale (Myles)
- Harvest Ale (Nancy)
- SNAFU Pale Ale (Jim #2)
- Irish Red (Jeff #1)
- Saison (Mark & Laura)
- Jalapeno Saison (Mark & Laura)
- IPA (John)
- Sorachi Ace Clone (Vince)
- Oktoberfest Triple Decoction (Jeff #2)

Club Wort Beer Contest

Note the style guideline numbers (and letters) after each beer. Check the [Homebrewers Association](#) to get the style info.

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



“You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline - it helps if you have some kind of football team, or some nuclear weapons, but in the very least you need a beer.”

— Frank Zappa