

Ames Brewers League meeting April 10th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)

Luke Hoekstra opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were fifteen people in attendance.

League T-Shirts

The League will use Dogtown University in Campustown for orders using the previous design. There is a variety of sizes (and colors) available. If anyone would like to request a shirt, send a note or drop a line on our Facebook page. Please include size and color request. Once all orders are received, it should take about two weeks to get the new shirts.

Big Brew for National Homebrew Day

This will be Saturday, May 5th. For the last three years we've brewed outside of Torrent in the parking area. This is usually during the Food Truck completion at the Farmer's Market downtown. Scott has approved it with Andy for a fourth year. He will send a note to coordinate, but the plan is to set up at 9am and everyone who wants to can brew a batch. The two recipes for the event are Rocky Raccoon's Honey Lager and Dusty Mud Irish-style Stout which can be found here: <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/aha-events/national-homebrew-day>, but feel free to brew whatever you'd like or just hang out and enjoy the day. Brewers can enter / share the results during August's open competition if they'd like.

Treasury

We need to find an assistant for Treasurer since there is a conflict with John's new position and meeting nights. Luke and/or Scott have volunteered to get on the account. A question was asked about the list for dues collections, and the Treasurer and Luke are keeping track of it if there are any questions.

Open Style Competition

Next month is an open competition style. Last month grain was distributed to members to help with brewing costs. Plan to attend and judge several styles. August will be the next open style competition for the club.

RAGBRAI

This year's route will take bicyclists through Ames on July 24th. Several members expressed an interest to volunteer and help Torrent Brewery pour brews. It should be a great time.

Style Comments

Sebastian provided comments on entries. It's important to classify your beer properly in order to for it to be judged at its best. You may intend to brew one style, but the result turns out to more properly fit in another. You should always submit based on the result. For an example, tonight's second entry may have more properly been a 30B Autumnal Seasonal Beer with Pumpkin and Spices. Picking the proper style is important in getting the best results.

Style of the Month Competition: Sours & Funky

1st place receives 3 points, 2nd place receives 2 points, and 3rd place receives 1 point. Entrants who don't place receive ½ point. Point totals will determine the League's Brewer of the Year.

2 entries:

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| 1. | 23D Lambic w/ Peaches | 1st Place – Luke Hoekstra |
| 2. | 28C Wild Specialty Beer – Pumpkin Spice with Lacto | 2nd Place – Pete Crow |

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	10
Ron Nelson	5.5
Sebastian Speer	3
Luke Hoekstra	3
Nadov Mer	1

Neal Kaloupek	1
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	.5
Chase Colton	.5