

## **Ames Brewers League meeting August 14th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)**

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

### **Business**

#### **Iowa State Fair**

Mark Simpson and Sebastian Speer judged. It sounded like fun with Jeff Moyer of West Des Moines stealing the show. Results are posted here:

<https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/results/home-brewers-square-off-for-state-fair-honors/>  
<https://iowabrewersunion.com/2018-iowa-state-fair-homebrew-competition-results/>

#### **Mead Day**

Mark and Colette have hosted a Mead Day celebration at their place for years. There is mead making and a fruit press for anyone who needs it. Brews and mead are encouraged for sharing, as well as food. The tentative date planned is September 29<sup>th</sup> with more details to follow later.

Mark Simpson also shared this for the group: The Ames Brewers League always holds Mead Day in the fall, but the official Mead Day is this Saturday, August 4th. Buzzed Bee Meadery near Melbourne is holding a celebration Saturday from 12 – 5. If you have never been over there I highly recommend it. Wayne and Michelle have a number of very tasty meads ranging from dry to sweet and are always willing to let you try samples. More information can be found on their facebook page and directions are also on their website: [www.buzzed-bee-meadery.com](http://www.buzzed-bee-meadery.com)

#### **Club Insurance**

We will vote on this at the next meeting. Insurance would cover the club for events, in case needed. For our club, our monthly meetings are our main event. There was quite a bit of discussion on this. It included looking out for Torrent's interests too (since they host our meetings). The cost is affordable through the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) at \$3.75 per member per year, but if more than 75% of members are AHA members, that cost is covered. This led to a discussion on who is a club member. We collect dues and have a list of paid members, but we'd need to track this better to qualify for free insurance. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Style of the Month Competition: Club Competition**

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.

This was an innovative competition designed by Sebastian and Luke. Club members who wanted to compete were randomly presented one of the three sets of ingredients below (funded by the club) in June to brew and present tonight:

##### Belgian Pale Ale:

9 lbs Pilsen malt  
8 ounces Caramel 20L  
4 ounces aromatic Malt  
.5 ounces 13% Chinook hops  
3 ounces Saaz hops  
1 Packet Safale T-58  
(Also with 6 lbs Pilsen DME instead of the pilsen malt)

##### American Pale Ale:

8 lbs 2-row  
1 lb White wheat  
8 ounces Caramel 20L

.8 ounces 13% Chinook hops  
3 ounces Cascade hops  
1 Packet Safale S05  
(Also with 5.5 lbs golden light DME instead of 2-row)

British Best Bitter:

9 lbs 2-row  
8 ounces Caramel 20L  
.8 ounce 13% Chinook hops  
3 ounces Fuggles  
1 packet Safale S04  
(Also with 6 lbs golden light DME instead of 2-row)

There were a total of 9 entries – 3 Belgians(21C), 4 Best Bitters (11B), and 2 American Pale Ales (18B). Each of the groups was judged separately first to pick the best from the group. The best of each group moved forward to second judging to select a Best of Show. The top 3 are the results of the Best of Show will be the top 3 for placement in the competition. This was an absolute blast, and made for a lot of discussion and fun.

Winners:

American Pale Ale (18B)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Brad & Beth
Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA (21C)	2nd Place – Pete Crow
Best Bitter (11B)	3rd Place – Jay

Other participants: Ron, Sebastian, Luke, Neal, Jake, Chase

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	19.5
Luke Hoekstra	7.5
Sebastian Speer	7
Ron Nelson	6.5
Neal Kaloupek	3.5
Brad & Beth	3
Jay	2.5
Nadov Mer	1.5
Zach Landhuis	1.5
Chase Colton	1.5
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	1
Jack	.5
Jake	.5