

## **Ames Brewers League meeting March 13th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)**

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

### Raffle

We had a good turnout for the raffle, February 27th (Tuesday) at Torrent Brewery. It is the club's main source of funding. We were able to make about \$750 this year. Thank you to everyone who came and helped out! Thank you especially to all those who donated - we'll be posting a list of donations on our web site soon. Anyone who has pictures they'd like to share from that evening is welcome to post them on the club's Facebook page or send them to Luke or Andy McCormick to upload to our website.

### League T-Shirts

The League has used a local business in campustown for previous orders, and there was support for using the same business for a new order. If anyone would like to request a shirt, send a note or drop a line on our Facebook page.

### Website

Andy Curtis updated the club's web site. It looks great!

### Events

#### *IBU Open*

Judging starts Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at Confluence Brewery and continues through Saturday. A total of 375 entries will be judged. Judges and stewards may register online, and volunteers are also encouraged register or just stop by. Usually volunteers are rewarded with brews, plus its rumored hops will also be handed out. This is a great way to engage and see how an official competition with judging works.

<http://www.ibuopen.com/>

#### *Boone Valley Brewery*

BVB will be celebrating its 6th Anniversary with a party on Saturday, March 31, from 1 PM - 10 PM. They will be tapping a special 6-Hop, 6-grain Pale Ale that day, along with other core beers and specialties.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/881152982045584>

#### *RAGBRAI*

This year's route will take bicyclists through Ames on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Andy is looking for volunteers to help pour brews. He plans to have a couple of taps in the parking area as well as all full inside (along with cider and root beer). A half-dozen club members showed interest in helping out our club's host for the event. Mark and Colette and have helped out before for RAGBRAI events, and at the Iowa Craft Beer tent they went through 32 kegs of beer! It should be a fun time for everyone - volunteering will help keep you close to the scene.

### Grain Distribution

Club money was used to help purchase grain and extract to jump start the new brewing year for members. It's hoped this will help assist members to participate in May's "Open to All Styles" competition. Grain and extract was distributed after the club competition. Contact Luke if you are interested in getting grain for May's competition.

### Style of the Month Competition: European Ales

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.

6 entries:

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| 1. | 15A Irish Red Ale   | 3rd Place – Neal Kaloupek |
| 2. | 12C English IPA     |                           |
| 3. | 14C Scottish Export |                           |
| 4. | 14C Scottish Export |                           |

5. 14C Scottish Export 1st Place (tie) – Pete Crow
6. 17B Old Ale 1st Place (tie) – Sebastian Speer

Other participants: Ron Nelson

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	8
Ron Nelson	5.5
Sebastian Speer	3
Nadov Mer	1
Neal Kaloupek	1
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	.5
Chase Colton	.5