

Ames Brewers League meeting June 12th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)

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

Brew Your Own (BYO) Magazine Subscriptions

If we have 10 sign-ups, we receive a discounted rate of \$15/yr for 8 issues through the club. We have 9 members signed up. The league may pay the upfront costs to cover up to 10, but if you're interested, please send a note so we can turn in the sign-up sheet before June 30th.

Iowa State Fair Homebrew Competition

This is a sanctioned AHA competition, and the entry fee is low - \$5.00. There are several drop off sites so you don't have to mail your brews for judging, but Sebastian is submitting and has offered to drop off entries from club members. Please contact him if you are interested. The entry deadline is July 1st, but entries will be accepted until July 8th with a late fee. More information is available here: <https://www.iowastatefair.org/upl/downloads/competition/premium-books/oenology-amateur-wine-beer-making-23.pdf>

Upcoming Club Competitions

Next month's competition will be American Beers (BJCP Category 18-22). August will be our club competition, and several members signed up for it. Grain, hops, and yeast were distributed to them after the regular meeting. All-grain brewers contributed \$5.00 and extract brewers contributed \$10.00 for the complete set of ingredients, and the club paid the rest. There are three different brews which were randomly assigned. Each brewer can use the ingredients however they see fit to make the best beer for the style, e.g. this means your hop schedule can be anything you like (including dry hopping). The recipes as ordered from C&S are shown below:

Belgian Pale:

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 Strong 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)

Style of the Month Competition: Session Beers (less than 1.045 OG)

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.

We had some great entries and a great variety. Every beer was great!

7 entries:

1. American Light Lager with Honey (Alternative Sugar Beer (31B), Base American Light Lager (1A))
2. Cream Ale (1C)
3. Saison (25B) 3rd Place – Zach Landhuis
4. Saison (25B)
5. Gose with Honeydew Melon (Fruit Beer (29B), Base Gose (27A)) 1st Place – Luke Hoekstra
6. Irish Red (15A) 2nd Place – Pete Crow
7. Dark Mild with Coffee (Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer (30A), Base Dark Mild (13A))

Other participants: Sebastian Speer, Jay

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	12.5
Luke Hoekstra	7
Sebastian Speer	6.5
Ron Nelson	6
Neal Kaloupek	3
Nadov Mer	1.5
Zach Landhuis	1.5
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	1
Chase Colton	1
Jack	.5
Jay	.5