

Ames Brewers League meeting October 9th, 2018 (Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)

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

Business

Mead Day

Members discussed the annual Mead Day celebration hosted by Mark and Colette on September 29th. A mixed case of outstanding meads was sampled.

Barntown OctoBeerFest

Barntown will hold an Octoberfest on Saturday, October 13th. Grant Brower, member of the Ames Brewer League for many years, is the head brewer at Barntown in Waukee. More information can be found here:

<http://barntownbrewing.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/barntownbrewing/videos/2320825144609802/>

ISU Hop Trials

Scott Nelson mentioned we're ready to move forward with the ISU Hop Trials. This would be a club opportunity where we use a common wort but differently hopped batches - one with commercial hops and one with hops grown by Iowa State. We can compare and contrast differences between the hops. Torrent may be willing to brew a batch of wort we could distribute, but we could also reach out to Alluvial or Olde Main to participate.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/smallfarms/new-project-offers-research-growing-hops>

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 month's competition is European Lagers (German, Czech, etc). There were a total of 4 entries.

Festbier (4B)	3rd Place – Luke Hoekstra
German Pilsner (5D)	1 st Place – Ron Nelson
Marzen (6A)	2nd Place – Mark Simpson
Munic Dunkel (8A)	

Other participants: Pete Crow

Current Running Point Standings:

Pete Crow	21
Ron Nelson	9.5
Luke Hoekstra	8.5
Sebastian Speer	7.5
Jay	4.5
Neal Kaloupek	3.5
Brad & Beth	3
Mark Simpson	2
Nadov Mer	1.5
Zach Landhuis	1.5
Chase Colton	1.5
Mike	1
Andy Curtis	1
Jack	.5

Jake	.5
unknown January	.5