

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting is at James Page Brewery on Saturday, June 6th at 5 p.m. Jim is going to have tables set up in front of his building and the street will be blocked off for our use. You may park in the lot at Quincy and Broadway. Jim has asked that you bring your own chair. If you are interested in a tour of his brewery, show up about 4:30 pm.

The scheduled topic will be All-grain mash systems. For those all-grain brewers, if you can bring along the part of your system that is particularly clever it would be appreciated. If you happen to have a photo of the whole set up bring it along. If you remember the prices of your system parts, jot them down. New brewers and extract brewers will want to know "how to" and "how much". If you have the phone number of some person who was involved in the fabrication or supply of parts, bring that along too. ➤

The other important item will be the taste testing for the competition with the Northern Ale Stars. Bring out your brews! The categories are:

- PALE ALE
- WHEAT
- STOUT
- OPEN CLASS

Due to the less than overwhelming response for would-be judges (i.e., nobody) we will have to wing it for the tasting.

### **REMINDER:**

Please bring a couple of formatted 5 1/4" diskettes to get copies of the "Joy of Brewing" index and home brew recipe files.

## **ROSS PEROT FOR PRESIDENT**

Mr. Perot is running for president of the MBA as the "outsider" candidate. In his case, that means he doesn't drink beer. If you would like to run for president or any other office, come to the meeting with your soap box. Being a club officer is not a measure of your brewing abilities, so if you are a beginning brewer but have good organizational skills don't hesitate to get involved.

## **AHA CONFERENCE**

The AHA Conference in Milwaukee is coming up June 9th. If you can't make the whole conference, you may go to the events open to the public. There is club night on Thursday the 11th, and another event Friday night and all day Saturday. While you do not need to be registered to go to the public events, there may be a charge. See your last issue of Zymurgy for more information.

I regret to report that we will not be able to have an All Minnesota hospitality suite. The AHA held the Micro-brewery conference at the same hotel a few months ago and there was a bit of a problem with the brewers staying up until the wee hours and disturbing other guests. To resolve the problem the AHA is allowing the conference area to be used as the hospitality area by all participants. This is intended to keep the noise away from the sleeping areas of the hotel.

Bill Nuenschuander still intends to stake out a corner of the conference room with the other Minnesota brewers and homebrewers. James Page, Schells, and Summit are still going to have their brews represented. I would like to thank each of them for offering to chip in for the hospitality suite.

## BREWING MARATHON

We are having problems scheduling the marathon. For those of you who have signed up, we will contact you when we have an intended date.

## KEGGING SYSTEMS

Phil Asao has done a lot of leg work hunting down best prices for keggering systems. He was not able to get it under \$100 but came pretty close. There was little difference in price between getting a group purchase and going out to buy your own. Therefore we will not be doing a group purchase. Here are the best prices Phil was able to find:

A word of warning on the CO<sub>2</sub> tanks; you may get a used one cheap, but if it hasn't been hydrostatically tested, nobody can fill it for you. The test may cost more than a new tank.

Yes, he has compared prices with many of those in Zymurgy and these are much lower.

A new SS keg costs about \$55-\$60. You may be able to find a used one at a garage sale, estate sale, or going out-of-business sale. This will be your greatest potential saving. Five and ten pound CO<sub>2</sub> tanks were \$35 and \$45, respectively.

Vendor	Description	Price
Brew & Grow 780-8191	5 Gal. used SS keg	\$35.00
	1 keg outlet connector	5.25
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	5 feet air hose	2.15
	5 feet liquid hose	2.15
Superior Products (800)328-9800	1 Single gauge CO <sub>2</sub> regulator	30.00
	1 tap faucet model 3-P-258	1.90
All-Fire Test Co. 332-6268	2.5 LB. CO <sub>2</sub> tank, tested/full (available in limited quantities) (other sizes available)	25.00
SUBTOTAL		\$106.70
TAX		\$ 6.94
TOTAL		\$113.64

## AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 8th, 3:00 at Summit Brewery. Mark your calendars. Another newsletter will be sent out before the meeting to confirm this date or advise you of any change. No topic of discussion is on the agenda.

At the last meeting somebody offered to do a project, but I have misplaced your name. You did computer images on shirts at summer events. Please contact me since I have the perfect project for you.

Any questions, comments, or concerns, call John DesHarnais at 227-2216, or James Frechette at 891-5458.

## Club Funds

Previous amount	\$463.05
Additions	101.00
Expenses	<u>123.00</u>
New Balance	\$441.05

