

March 2012 Meeting Highlights

Meeting Location: Ciao Bella, 565 Erin Drive, 7pm, 3-7-2012, meeting date was one week, one day early because of the MS Brew Movement that is schedule on our regular 3rd Thursday meeting time. Meeting at Ciao Bella because Central BBQ was booked.

Do you have any thoughts on how the meeting went at Ciao Bella? Would you like to see us move meetings there permanently? If we move there, we'd probably have to move the meetings to Monday or Tuesday (a less busy night for them than Thursday) but we may be able to work out some deals on food. **Your feedback is needed!!**

General

To open the meeting Club members tasted a Dunkelweizen

President J.L. Thomson announced he was resigning as president due to time and travel requirements associated with his new job.

The 2013 Extravaganza Competition chairman officer position will be voted on at the April meeting. Please notify a [club officer](#) if you are interested in running.

MS Brew Movement - Volunteers needed, email Joe at antrozouspallidus@yahoo.com
Joe also needs tables and any silent auction items. If you have beer, wine or mead, consider donating it for the auction.

Brewers for the MS event are comped one guest pass, email Joe your guest's name.

Newbie All Grain Brew Day, Sunday April 15, details at bluffcitybrewers.com. If you want to participate please email communications@bluffcitybrewers.com.

Presentation

No Presentation this month. We are always looking for presentations, here are some ideas, **low gravity brewing, small batches, wine kits, water treatments, ciders**, (or just about anything else)

AHA Club Only Competition and Best of the Bluff: Each month, brew clubs around the country submit entries (one per brew club) to the AHA monthly [club-only competition](#). Our brew club picks one member's beer and enters it as the club's entry. This national competition earns the club points towards AHA Brewclub of the Year. On months were there is no AHA competition the club has its own Best of the Bluff competition.

May AHA Club Only Scottish and Irish Ale beers will be judged at the April Meeting. They are due at the [AHA judging location](#) by May 10th

March AHA Club Only winner was Richard Heath for his Dry Stout. Congratulations Richard!!

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Here's the list for the next few months.

May	AHA – Scottish & Irish Ale (Category 9), will be judged at the April meeting
August	AHA - Porters (Category 12), will be judged at the July meeting
September	AHA - Light Hybrid Beers (Category 6), will be judged at the September meeting
November	AHA - Old Ale (Category 19A), will be judged at the October meeting

Beer Critique: Beers brought by members are critiqued/shared at the end of the meeting.

Raffle

There was no Raffle this month

Twitter/Facebook: We are looking for new ways to keep everybody in touch and to increase the visibility of the club locally and nation-wide. We have a Twitter account, @MemphisHomeBrew, and have a [facebook page](#). For any ideas on how to improve communications, please let Jeff Kinzer know (communications@bluffcitybrewers.com). If you use social networking, please follow us, and reference us for brew days etc... And if you have a question, beer related story or need a piece of equipment, tweet, post or send an email.

Check out our club website at <http://bluffcitybrewers.com/>

Contact our club officers with any questions you may have about club information, events, etc:

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