

# Appleton Libation Enthusiasts Homebrew Club

## 2010 "Iron Brewer" Competition

Brewing Starts: Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Entries Due: Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Judging: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
Party: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

We want to test your creativity and brewing skills - and have some fun while doing it.

### Here's what the competition is:

- Each brewer who participates gets to choose his/ her own ingredients to create their recipe. These ingredients can be anything, including malts (or malt extracts), hops, fruit, honey & adjuncts.
- The recipe can be for any style of Libation (any volume & OG) from your ingredients: beer, cider, mead, melomel or wine.
- You can use as much or as little of each ingredient as you choose - but you **MUST** use White Labs WLP-500 Trappist ALE yeast as the only yeast in the recipe.
- You can start brewing your Libation from your recipe at any time after January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Libations (or any part thereof) brewed before January 30<sup>th</sup> are not eligible for the competition.
- After everyone has brewed their Libation (you will have about 8 months to complete), we will get together and have a competition and each beer will be judged for taste, originality of recipe and use of ingredients.

Remember - any style and any volume - but you **MUST** use the White Labs WLP-500 Trappist ALE yeast supplied by either the ALE Club or by Northern Brewer Milwaukee in your brew.

### Eligibility

1. Open to any homebrewer. Professional brewers may compete as long as the beer they enter complies with eligibility rule #3 below.
2. Individual or group brews accepted.
3. Beer must be brewed at home. Professionally-brewed beers (brewed in a commercial brewery, microbrewery, brewpub, or BOP) are not eligible for competition.

### Entry Requirements

1. Entry Fee: \$10 for two (2) tubes of the WLP-500 Trappist Ale yeast. No other entry fee for either non-members or ALE members will be charged.
2. **Bottles: Six (6) bottles containing 10-16 ounces, or three (3) 750ml to 1L bottles for wines, meads and ciders, are required for each entry.**
  - Bottles must be brown or green in color for beer entries. Clear bottles may only be used for entry for wines, meads and ciders. Grolsch-style ceramic closure bottles are discouraged, but will be accepted for wines, meads and ciders. Bottles with raised lettering or decorations are also discouraged.
  - Bottles and caps must be free of all labels and identifying markings.
  - Caps must be plain OR be blacked out with permanent black marker.
  - Each bottle must have a bottle ID form attached to it with a RUBBER BAND. **NO TAPE PLEASE!**
  - Two (2) bottles will be used for Judging/ BOS, four (4) bottles will be used for the Iron Brewer tasting by your fellow Iron Brewers.
3. A recipe form must accompany each set of bottles.
4. All forms and recipes must accompany entries when submitted. No entry form will be returned. All entries, including bottles, become the property of the Appleton Libation Enthusiasts.
5. Entry/ Recipe Forms & Bottle Label templates will be posted to the ALE Club website: [www.aleclub.org](http://www.aleclub.org)

### **When & Where to Enter**

1. **Entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**
2. Ship entries to: Old Bavarian Restaurant, ATTN: ALE Club Competition, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914.
3. Entries may be hand-delivered to the address above after 5:00 PM, or may be hand delivered to: Steve Olson, 320 Lopas Street, Menasha or to Byron Burrier, 1038 Charles Court, Neenah. Please call ahead to make sure someone's home before dropping off your entries at any location.
4. The Appleton Libation Enthusiasts Homebrew Club is not responsible for lost or misdirected entries.

### **Shipping/Packing**

Please pack carefully and well. If asked what you are shipping, try stating that it is food products for analysis purposes. Neither the organizers of this competition nor the Appleton Libation Enthusiasts will be liable for any legal issues entrants may encounter.

### **Judging**

The 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines will be used. They can be viewed at:  
<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>

The judging will be held at the Old Bavarian Restaurant Banquet Hall, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, starting at 9:00 AM.

### **Tasting & Party**

Tasting & Iron Brewer Awards will be held at Old Bavarian on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, starting at approximately 3:00 PM after the Best of Show judging. Everyone who attends the Tasting and Iron Brewer Awards will have the opportunity to sample all of the Iron Brews.

### **Awards**

#### **Group Awards**

First, Second, and Third Place entries will be selected in each Group; however, the judges reserve the right not to award all three prizes in any given Group.

#### **Best of Show**

Best of Show shall be selected from a pool comprised of the First Place winners from each Group plus all entries receiving more than 45 points (of a possible 60) on the modified BJCP Score sheet.

#### **Prizes**

Prizes and/ or certificates will be awarded to qualifying entries. Prizes will be awarded on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 following the judging for Best of Show at approximately 3:00 PM.

### **Disclaimer**

The 2010 "Iron Brewer" Competition is not a BJCP-sanctioned competition. The Appleton Libation Enthusiasts Homebrew Club is solely responsible for the conduct of this contest. 2008 BJCP judging guidelines shall be used. All recipes, forms, leftover beer, and empty bottles become property of the Appleton Libation Enthusiasts. Entry in this contest constitutes permission for the Appleton Libation Enthusiasts to publish all results and recipes on their web site [www.aleclub.org](http://www.aleclub.org).

***The Appleton Libation Enthusiasts encourages the responsible use of alcoholic beverages in a safe manner. We neither condone nor encourage the use of alcoholic beverages by underage persons and the irresponsible abuse of such products by anyone. The Appleton Libation Enthusiasts suggests that you never drive or operate power tools or machinery while using alcoholic beverages for your own safety and for the safety of others.***

**Questions about the contest? Email us at:**

[aleclub@gmail.com](mailto:aleclub@gmail.com)

**or visit the Appleton Libation Enthusiasts web page:**

[www.aleclub.org](http://www.aleclub.org)