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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Thanks to you we have a great start to a new brew club. We are seeing a group of people who represent a wide variety of skills and who have a genuine enthusiasm for homebrewing. I'm seeing an interest in getting involved in this club that will do more to promote the art of homebrewing. Welcome.

Jim Rathbun

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NOTES OF LAST MEETING

At our February meeting we decided on the name of our club. It was unanimously named Prime Time Brewers. We also held an election of Club officers. The newly-elected officers are:

President	Jim Rathbun
Vice President	Keith Schutter
Secretary/Treasurer	Mike Host

We also collected dues. Please see the Treasurer Report in this newsletter for information regarding the financial details of the Club.

One of the items on our agenda was a sign up sheet for continuing education on topics of interest. Our esteemed President has volunteered to give an All-Grain brew presentation at the club, on a date yet to be announced.

A list of upcoming monthly activities was compiled. It is as follows:

MARCH Contest -- Please remember to bring your Porter to the meeting on March 19. Porter is a very dark beer, not as dry, typically, as a stout; it has a deep red hue, is maltier than a stout, and is 6% alcohol by volume. As our tasting reference we will be comparing our homebrewed porter against Bell's which we will supply.



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APRIL is Bock month. If you haven't started your bock yet, please do so. Bock is strong, 6 % alcohol minimum by volume. It is dominated by a malty flavor, it is well aged, has a low hop content and its color varies. Any name you give your bock must end in "ator" (Salvator, Celebrator, etc.).

<i>MAY - STD BRITISH BITER</i>	
June --	No meeting
July --	Summer party <i>at Lager ale</i>
August --	No meeting
September --	OctoberFest
October --	Stout
November --	Barley Wine
December --	Christmas (spice/herb) beers

Use this list to plan your brewing activities to share with the members. Remember, if you don't have any brew you made, just bring a commercial example of the month's feature brew.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

At the February meeting we collected dues. The dues for club membership is \$10.00 per person per year. Thanks to everyone who has already paid their dues. Anyone who has not yet paid dues, please do so as soon as possible.

I am pleased to announce that we have opened a Club savings account at Credit Union One for the dues collected. We currently have \$150.00 on deposit. At the present time, we will be using these funds for miscellaneous expenses in preparing this newsletter and for stamps. I will also be purchasing a ledger book with these funds to keep record of all deposits and withdrawals. I will bring this ledger book with me to all future meetings, where everyone is welcome to review it.

Also, at every meeting we will be collecting \$2.00 from all members, which will be used to purchase munchies for the next monthly meeting.

I would like to see all members trying to generate interest in our club, as the saying goes: "The more the merrier!"

Mike Host

PUB REVIEW

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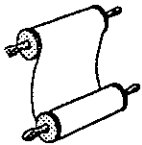
With the advent of this newsletter a review of West Michigan's best watering holes will periodically be featured. It was my pleasure to be introduced to Arie's London Grille/Gunga Din's Pub on Bridge Street in downtown Plainwell. The pub area is an intimate three tables and the long wood bar. The grille area makes up the balance of this small but comfortable traditional London style pub.

The bar sports some great beer to select from. On tap they offer Fullers London Pride, Fullers ESB, Guinness, Woodpecker Cider, as well as a few USA pilsners. Their bottled beers include Samuel Smith Taddy, Double Diamond, Whitbread, Harps, Bass and Labatts Indian Pale Ale.

Its worth the 30 minute drive from Grand Rapids to enjoy the old world charm of the London Grille/Gunga Dins. Relax and have a brew! If directions are needed, call (616) 685-1877.

Rob Dolinka

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BREWERS IN GOOD STANDING

We wanted to recognize all of our members for their enthusiasm and support of our new Club. Following is a list of all members:

Dan Aument	John Lemke
John Beadle	Mark Mundwiler
Sue Beadle	George Nosky
Robert Bearup	Bob Ogilvie
Thom Bland	Mark Pike
Mike Cartwright	Jim Rathbun
Chris Cudworth	Greg Schutter
Rob Dolinka	Keith Schutter
Mike Host	Larry Simonson
Jon Koeze	Sky Skrycui
Dirk Koning	

Attached to this newsletter is another list which includes the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and occupations of current members. This list is attached separately for the reason that copies of this newsletter will be sent to a couple local businesses, and we figured they didn't need this type of personal information.

GETTING INVOLVED

Special thanks to Rob Dolinka for this month's special article on his recent pub review. Thanks Rob!



We would like to encourage everyone to prepare an article of interest for publishing in the next edition of The Rubber Chicken. Please bring something (anything) of interest with you to the meeting on March 19 and it will be printed in our April newsletter. Following is a list of possible topics which you might like to write about: hops, all grain brewing, specialty grains, brewing with malt syrups, yeasts, water factors, brewing equipment, brewing techniques, etc.

We want everyone to take advantage of this newsletter. If you have something (brew related) that you want to sell, or if you want to buy, or if you found a terrific supplier, or if you learned any new techniques, etc., please write it down and turn it in at any meeting and we will include it in our next edition of The Rubber Chicken.

We want to thank all of you for your participation and enthusiasm. Please, don't be afraid to get involved. You CAN participate!

We look forward to our March meeting (at Keith Schutter's house, 1018 McReynolds, N.W.). Keep brewing and we'll see you on the 19th!

Prime Time Brewers

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Happy St. Patty's Day!

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