



CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are more than just an opportunity to talk and drink beer. We have special events every other month, such as Porter Night, Big Beer Night, Mild Night and the Octoberfest tasting. Another key goal of our meetings is to increase our individual awareness of brewing. To this end, we've had judging seminars, style presentations and club only competitions.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WIZARDS?

For more information, visit our web page at <http://www.brewbeer.org> or call Bill at 978-568-3359.

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at Deja Brew on Route 9 in Shrewsbury. Directions can be found on our web site or by calling Brian at Strange Brew (508-460-5050) or Deja Brew (508-842-8991).

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IMPROVING YOUR EXTRACT BEERS



A frequent topic at our club meetings is how to make a truly exceptional beer using malt extracts. So often its easy to pick out an extract beer from the sampling line up as they all seem to have that "tinny" or "twangy" taste. Or do they? Both the first and second choice beers in this past year's Octoberfest tasting were extract brewed which goes to show a great beer can be made with extracts.

So what made these extract beers so much better than the rest? After much debate, sometimes a bit heated, we've come up with the following guidelines:

- Use the freshest malt extract possible,
- Use fresh hops – instead of the extracts already in the can,
- Always boil as much of the full volume of beer to be brewed as possible (ie, as much of the five gallons as you can),
- Maintain a rolling boil for an hour or more, and
- Always use a properly prepared liquid yeast.

These few simple tips should make a world of difference to your extract beer. It could be the next blue ribbon beer!

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WHO ARE THE WIZARDS?

We are the Worcester Incorporated Zymurgists Advancing Real Draughts, an American Home-brewers Association registered home-brew club. The purpose of our club is to share ideas and home-brews with the goal of improving our own beers and advancing the hobby of home-brewing.

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 at Deja Brew in Shrewsbury to discuss the latest home-brew and microbrew news, share home-brewing advice and sample each other's home-brew.

In addition to our monthly business meeting, we have weekend outings to tour local microbreweries, attend brewers' festivals, or crawl through the New England brewpub scene.

No matter where you are in your home-brewing career, you are welcome. Our membership ranges from novices to brewers with many years of home-brewing experience; extract brewers to all grain. Whether your brew at home or at a brew-on-premise like Deja Brew, everyone can learn something at our meetings -- we are brewers helping brewers. We look forward to meeting you!

As an added bonus, Strange Brew offers a 5% on all purchases to all active club members.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

To give you an idea what the club is all about, here are just a few of our annual club activities and events.

Quarterly Beer Styles – Four times a year everyone in the club brews at a particular style of beer home for sharing at one of club meetings. To get everyone on the right track, we'll talk about the style right before its time to brew it.

National Home-Brew Day – A day of brewing, BBQ and fun held at Strange Brew in Marlboro. Brew days are a great opportunity to learn from others and have a good time in a not too serious environment!

Fall Brewing Day – Another club brew day in early October.

Octoberfest Tasting – Our October meeting features an Octoberfest competition where we pit the home-brews against the big boys in a blind taste off. For three years in a row club members have beat out the likes of Sam Adams, Hacker Pschorr, Spaten and Harpoon.

Pub Crawl – Every Earth Day the club takes a pub crawl through the streets of Boston. We like Earth Day because the trains are free which makes for an exceptional pub crawl. This year we visited John Harvard's, Rock Bottom Brewing and the Cambridge Brewing Company before heading off to Redbones for dinner!

WIZARDS ANNUAL HOME-BREW CONTEST

Our annual home-brew competition, sponsored by Strange Brew and Deja Brew, is a great way to get constructive feedback on your beer and to get involved with the club. It's also a great chance for our members and their friends to show off their work! As an extra incentive to win, the best of show beer is commercially brewed at Deja Brew and put on tap at the Horseshoe Pub in Hudson for the following year!

The best way to learn more about the WIZARDS is to visit our web page at <http://www.brewbeer.org> and then look for our most recent newsletter. In it, you will find information about our recent activities and upcoming events. In each issue you'll also find a feature article that discusses something related to home-brewing.