



P.A.L.S. Minutes 7-26-02

So good it was to be together again! All were present for this July meeting at Joan's, our 5 year anniversary of the conception of beer club. We had a great time celebrating and renewing. We began with the beginning. Our homebrew from May was ready to drink and so we sampled "**P.A.L.S. Anniversary Brew**", which was the

hazelnut brown ale recipe from the LONGSHOT box that got this whole thing of beer club started. Our version was DELICIOUS and we couldn't stop at just one! We were so pleased that we may just have to try this homebrew idea again! (Thanks Lisa for getting the ball rolling, for bottling the beer, and for tending it so carefully!) After toasting and tasting we moved on to Joan's selections which were a trip around the world. We sampled beer from Canada, Germany, Italy and Japan (thanks to Ryan who actually imported it for us!). All were varied and interesting. The Japanese beer label states that it is "The beer for all seasons – Super 'DRY'", and let me tell you that it IS! I found that especially interesting. As usual there was a great deal of catching up to do – especially concerning our children. I guess they grow older as we do, but saying goodbye to them as they move away can seriously tug at the heart; downtown Milwaukee is a hop away, Madison is a skip and a jump, Chicago is several traffic jams away, and Florida is a half-continent away (Heidi, we're glad you were with us). Thank goodness for telephones! Good luck kids!

We spent the evening outdoors enjoying the "woods" around Joan's backyard. Conversation flowed, as well as the beer, and no topic was off limits, although we're not going to mention the fringe – not everyone has it. Joan's puppy Bailey was also very entertaining; he was quite interested in our snacks – and the Styrofoam. Good thing we were outside and not in the trailer, as Joan referred to her house (since she's so used to partying at the trailer)!

As usual we left satisfied and with an ache on our faces from the laughter that graces our meetings (you know what I mean).

Next meeting: August 16th, Friday, 7:30pm

HOST - JAN

Bring calendars to plan the next meeting or two.

"Whoever makes poor beer is transferred to the dung hill".

–City ordinance, A.D. 1000, Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland)

Respectfully submitted,
Mariana

