

# **2019 MASH MADNESS BEER BREWING COMPETITION**

## **BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE**

### **ILLIANA BEER RACKERS UNION AND THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BREWERS SOCIETY**

The 2019 Mash Madness brewing competition between the members of the Illiana Beer Rackers Union (IBRU) and the Northwest Indiana Brewers Society (NIBS) will be hosted by NIBS and will be held on Saturday, April 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Brewhouse Supplies, 1555 West Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN. The competition and awards presentation is expected to take about two hours.

- The Mash Madness competition consists of 16 entries of homebrewed beer, with 8 entries from each club's membership. The play will be a single-elimination competition, mimicking the NCAA "March Madness" bracket basketball tournament.
- Any style home-brewed beer can be entered into the competition.
- To register for the event, club members must submit their beer for entry before the March XX deadline via an electronic entry link accessed via each club's website. Each beer will be slotted into the bracket using a random process, and then named by style only, to help hide the identity of its brewer and insure impartiality in the voting. Again, the limit is 8 entries from each club.
- The entry fee will be \$5. Only one entry is allowed per club member.
- Regarding quantities of beer to bring: any combination of 12 or 22 ounce bottles, crowlers, growlers, or a keg can be brought that add up to about 144 ounces, which will cover all rounds. Leftover or otherwise extra bottles could present a trading opportunity or else taken home.
- Anyone present can vote on the beers in each pairing of a round using their smart phone and a Google play-in form accessible on site.
- The brewer of the overall winning beer will be awarded the grand prize. Ribbons and a monetary prize will be also be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. A run-off between the two losing beers in the final-four will determine third place before the championship round.
- For an extra measure of fun, pre-printed sheets with the 16 seeds / beer styles will be available to all present who wish to participate in a fill-in-the-bracket competition after the first round is tasted but before the results are announced. Anyone present may complete one of the bracket sheets.