English Pub Ale

Our take on a mix between a classic British Mild Ale and Best Bitter. Expect soft caramel and slight nuttiness from the use of medium kilned English caramel malts, with a stone fruit and cask ale smoothness from the English yeast. Subtle hopping with classic English aroma hops give the beer it's earthy and slightly spicy hop aroma and flavor. A true "session" beer if there ever was one.

Ingredients

4 lb Moutmellick Light LME 2 lb Munton's Amber DME 1/2 lb. Thomas Fawcett Crystal Malt* 45° L 1/4 lb. Hugh Baird Crystal Malt* 15° L 20z. Hugh Baird Crystal Malt* 130° L **Statistics**

Original Gravity 1.042 Final Gravity 1.013 Alcohol Cont 3.9%

1 oz. Pilgrim Hop Pellets (Bittering) with 60 minutes left in the boil. 1/2 oz. Pilgrim Hop Pellets (Flavoring) with 10 minutes left in the boil.

1/2 oz. Pilgrim Hop Pellets (Finishing) at the end of the boil.

Wyeast 1469 - West Yorkshire Ale Yeast

5 Muslin Bags5 oz Priming Sugar (for bottling)

Procedure

A *few hours before you begin to brew*, prepare your liquid yeast according to the package instructions. We assume that you are familiar with basic homebrewing techniques, so these procedures are abbreviated.

- 1. Divide the cracked grains among 2 of the muslin bags (about ½ pound per bag) and add them to your brew kettle along with up to 2 gallons of cold water (keep enough head space to avoid boil-overs). Heat slowly.
- 2. Steep the grains in hot water (about $145^{\circ} 160^{\circ}F$) to extract flavor and color do not allow to boil. After about 30 minutes, remove the grain bags and then bring the water to a boil.
- 3. Remove the pot from the heat and add the can and bags of malt extract. Keep the kettle off the burner and stir until the malt extract is *completely* dissolved.
- 4. Put the pot back on the burner and bring it to a boil. Once boiling commences, place the bittering hops into a muslin bag (no more than 1 oz per bag), add them to the pot, and set your timer to boil for 1 hour. Keep an eye on the pot to avoid boil-overs.
- 5. After 45 minutes of boiling, add ½ teaspoon of Irish Moss, or 1 Whirlfloc tablet, to help clarify your beer (optional).
- 6. After 50 minutes of boiling, add the flavoring hops (in a muslin bag).
- 7. After 60 minutes of boiling, turn off the heat and add the finishing hops (in a muslin bag). Put a lid on your pot and cool it in an ice bath (use your sink) for about 30 minutes. Remove the hop bags from the kettle.
- 8. Pour 1½ gallons of cold water into your sanitized fermenter, add the cooled wort (the stuff in your pot), and top up with additional water to 5 gallons. Aerate the wort with vigorous stirring, rocking the fermenter, etc.
- 9. Make sure the wort is below 80°F before adding yeast. Take a hydrometer reading if desired. Add the yeast.
- 10.Store the fermenter where the temperature will be a fairly constant $65^{\circ} 70^{\circ}F$. Active fermentation may take only a few days, or it can last up to 2 weeks. A hydrometer reading is a great way to determine when the fermentation is done. Keep the beer in the primary fermenter until active fermentation is complete (no signs of active fermentation for the last 2 to 3 days).
- 11. When ready to bottle, siphon the beer into your sanitized bottling bucket, leaving sediment behind. Boil the priming sugar in 1-2 cups of water for a few minutes, gently stir into the beer, and bottle as usual.

^{*} The malted grains are all **crushed together** in the clear plastic bag.