

# THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER *NEW YORK CITY FILES* 2009-2010

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Sixpoint Craft Ales

*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

40 Van Dyke Street, Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY 11231.

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Available in cask? – Yes, including 5.4 gallon pins.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – No, except very limited supplies of occasional brews.

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Who's who: Brewmaster – Shane C. Welch.

Notes: Sixpoint is New York City's newest brewery, which has quickly built up a big following. Some beers do not conform to strict style guidelines other brewers adhere to, as Sixpoint excels in being creative with beer recipes. Sixpoint is brewing to capacity (Sweet Action is currently brewed at Greenpoint Beer Works to meet demand).

Planned beer: **Doppelbock (name?)**, a long-awaited summer 2008 release.

*Locally brewed in New York City.*



## Ratings

Each beer has been given a rating from one to five which should be interpreted as follows.

\* Bland, one-dimensional, or tasting of cheap adjuncts – unenjoyable. Not recommended.

\*\* Nothing special but may be worth trying if nothing better is available.

\*\*\* Good, recommended.

\*\*\*\* Great, highly recommended.

\*\*\*\*\* Exceptionally good, very highly recommended.

*Ratings are based on personal taste although, in certain instances, outside evaluations have been used when a particular beer has not been sampled by the author/webmaster.*

**Lil' Frankie's Pale Ale** (5.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Clean, refreshing ale. Only available at Lil' Frankie's Restaurant, East Village – ideal to pair with one of their great pizzas.

**Sweet Action** (5.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - CREAM ALE - > – Moderately hoppy on the palate, an easily drinkable beer which is great for a session.

**Eight Days O'Wheat** (5.3%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > – A wheat beer brewed exclusively for Whole Foods Market. Soft and clean with a little tartness.

**Brownstone Ale** (5.7%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN BROWN ALE - > – Well-balanced brown ale, a superb session beer. Fairly malty and well balanced.

**Bengali Tiger** (6.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Assertive copper-colored ale with a fresh, citrusy hop bite. Great on tap but out of this world when cask-conditioned.

**Righteous Ale** (7.2%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN RYE BEER - > – Reddish beer with a bold rye spiciness on the palate.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

**Hop Obama** (5.2%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – A tasty hybrid ale brewed with five different kinds of European crystal malt and three different kinds of Pacific Northwest hops, which impart floral and citrus notes with just a hint of spiciness. Fermented with a Scottish yeast strain for a malty background. Sour on the palate of anyone named Hillary Clinton.

**Poppa's Pils** (5.4%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BOHEMIAN PILSNER - > – Czech-style Pilsner, refreshing and crisp.

**Apollo** (5.5%) \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > – American wheat beer with plenty of body and a pronounced hoppiness for the style.

**Black Market Porter (aka Carob Porter)** (6.1%) \* \* \* \* \* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Rich, black, and extremely full-bodied chocolatey porter.

**Otis** (6.1%) \* \* \* \* \* < - OATMEAL STOUT - > – Dark, fairly roasty oatmeal stout with mild coffee notes and a dry finish.

**Abigale** (6.4%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – A very well-balanced but complex Belgian-style ale.

**Atlantic Antic Amber** (6.5%) \* \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Refreshing amber ale brewed annually for Brooklyn's greatest street fair.

**Black Soul Porter** (6.5%) \* \* \* \* \* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Very dark brown porter with chocolate, coffee, and hop notes balancing well.

**Diesel** (6.6%) \* \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN STOUT - > – Malty, robust stout, black and full-bodied with notes of chocolate and licorice.

**Mugs Anniversary Ale (aka BIPA)** (7.1%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Pleasant Belgian-style ale brewed for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mugs Ale House, citrusy from the use of hops from the Pacific Northwest and nicely spicy and phenolic from the Belgian yeast.

**Rebellion** (7.4%) \* \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Amber-colored with a grassy aroma, nutty with caramel notes on the tongue.

**Belgian Rye-PA** (7.7%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – A hazy amber ale brewed with caramel, wheat, and rye malts, plus rock candy pressed from sugar beets.

**Gorilla Warfare Coffee Porter** (7.8%) \* \* \* \* \* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Dark, rich, roasty beer brewed with 40lbs of Ethiopian fair trade coffee sourced locally from the Gorilla Coffee Company.

**SMP** (7.8%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Dark and rich with some smokiness and chocolate.

**Grandad's Nerve Tonic ('G.N.T.')** (8.0%) \* \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – Reddish strong ale brewed in conjunction with rap band Junk Science and served exclusively at Bierkraft, Park Slope. Copper hued with an underlying malt sweetness perfectly balanced with hops.

**Encore** (8.2%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – Chestnut-colored ale, a Sixpoint take on a Belgian Dubbel.

**Global Warmer** (9.1%) \* \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – Amber-colored strong ale, complex, warming and assertive.

**The Bolshoi** (10.2%) \* \* \* \* \* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Rich Russian Imperial Stout, released in limited numbered bottles.

**Tripel** (10.2%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – A soft, spicy, and dangerous brew.

**Gemini** (10.6%) \* \* \* \* \* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – American double IPA, deep copper orangey-amber. Flavor is boldly grassy, citrusy, earthy, and bready.

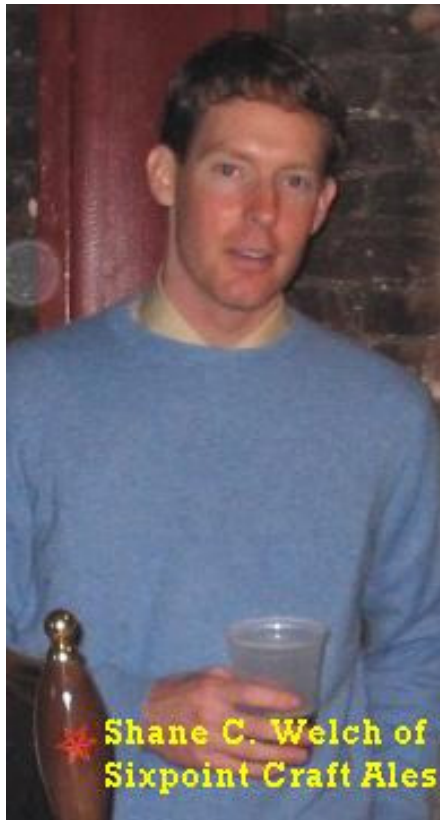
**Express** (11.3%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN BARLEYWINE / QUAD - > – An incredibly smooth, mega-complex Belgian-style beer with bread, fruit, and caramel notes.

**Grand Crüe** (12.4%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – Wonderfully complex, fruity strong ale.

**Grand Crüe Merlot Aged** (13.3%) \* \* \* \* \* B20/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Fruit, wood, and butterscotch come through in this barrel-aged beauty. This is the beer in the gravity cask on the front cover of this book.

## **SEE BEER MENUS FOR AVAILABILITY (EXTERNAL LINK)**

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/sixpoint-craft-ales>



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