

Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Dedicated to the informed enjoyment of Fermented Malt Beverages

April 1990 Newsletter

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Hello Beerlovers!!! Once again we come to another newsletter filled with wonderful news and goodies about our favorite beverages. A little might be mentioned about our club as well.

First things first. By unanimous vote of all attendees at the March meeting, **Clifford's Supper Club**, 10418 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners, WI has been selected as our meeting place for the balance of the year. If all works out well, this probably will be our permanent meeting place for a long time to come. The meeting fee will be fixed at \$5.00 unless something very special comes up.

One of the things we need to do to retain our good relationship with the management is to have as many of our members as we can to have dinner there before our meetings. We would like to see at least 12 people there for supper. A well prepared and very plentiful meal can be purchased for around \$6.00. You will need to be at Clifford's by about 6:00pm to eat if you want to be sure you will be finished in time for the meeting.

Another thing we need to do is to clean up the meeting hall after the meeting. We need to put away chairs and tables and clean up paper/plastic cups, papers and beerspills (sacrilege), etc.

Finally, if you want to enjoy any of the refreshments provided at our meetings, you will have to bring your own glass.

A reminder from last month: In order to promote recognition of the club at beer and wine judging, beers could be entered on an individual basis or we could possibly enter as a club. Steve Byers of the Milwaukee Journal will be contacted by someone in the club for more information. Volunteers from the club are needed to be stewards and other support help for the beer judging (You get to sample a lot of different beers). Judging is on July 14 & 15, 1990.

And another one: We need to set up a calendar of events for the club and to set up functions with other clubs (see the updated information on the challenge from the Brewtown Brewmasters later in the newsletter). We can really use some help with this.

A welcome was extended to us to join the Wisconsin Vintners at their summer picnic, but it was decided that we should do our own.

A monthly social night was agreed to. It will be held every month on the Second Tuesday of the month at a pub that will be announced in this newsletter at least a month in advance. April's meeting was at Benno's. If some of you that went would like to comment at the next meeting, please do. May's pub will be the Bavarian Wurst Haus, 8310 W Appleton Ave.

The club agreed to pay for a prize for Larry Krolikowski's Brown Ale competition which was mentioned last month. This prize will not exceed \$25. Information about the competition will be available at the next meeting again.

April's meeting will feature a guest speaker: Mr. Joe Kortuem. Mr. Kortuem has a brewmaster's degree from the Doemen's Brewing School in Munich, Germany and has worked in large and small breweries in Germany and the US. He currently works for Kronen, Inc as Customer Relations Manager. Kronen manufactures machines used in the brewing industry and has operations in Franklin, WI. His subject at the meeting will be Brewing materials and their proper care and utilization. This could be very helpful to the homebrewers among us. It could also help those of us who are only beer drinkers figure out why a beer tastes so bad (or so good).

Our May meeting has been pushed back one week to accommodate another speaker: Mr. Robert Hafenbrack. Mr. Hafenbrack is the Midwest representative for the following breweries:

Young's (of London)
Mannekin-Brussels Imports (of Belgium)
Aass (of Norway)
Paulaner Munich beer
Sprecher (of Milwaukee) for the Chicago market

His presentation will be a component tasting showing how the various components of beer affect its diverse flavors. The components will be presented in exaggerated forms allowing us to identify them more easily. He will also have a pleasant surprise for us.

The club will be applying for incorporation sometime this month.

We will be trying to set up a tour of the Sprecher Brewery for an off meeting week sometime in May.

Treasurer's Report: In February we started with a balance of \$199 and received \$15 in dues and \$85 in meeting fees for a total of \$299. We spent \$125 for beer leaving \$174. After the meeting we obtained another \$33.50 in dues for a balance of \$207.50.

A representative of the Brewtown Brewmasters was present to discuss their Homebrew challenge mentioned in the last newsletter. He presented us with further refinements to the challenge including the following:

1. They are planning a June Kickoff competition with a June picnic competition. (This is somewhat tentative yet)
2. They propose competitions 3-4 times a year.
3. Each competition will be in 3 categories. These categories will be Pilsners, Porters and Pale Ales with One club entry per style.
4. Judging will be per the American Homebrewer's Association scoring system.
5. There will be a \$10 entry fee per club.

After all the business was done, Mr. John Dallman, the Brewmaster for the Water Street Brewery gave a very enjoyable talk on their brewery and the brewing methods that they use. He also provided the refreshments for the meeting and the talk. Three very enjoyable beers were on tap for us to sample and enjoy. Thank you very much Mr. Dallman.

April Meeting:
Wednesday, April 25, 1990
7:30pm
Clifford's Supper Club
10418 W Forest Home Ave

May Meeting
Wednesday, May 30, 1990
7:30pm
Clifford's Supper Club
10418 W Forest Home Ave

May Social
Tuesday, May 8, 1990
7:30pm
Bavarian Wurst Haus
8310 W Appleton Ave

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