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of Milwaukee
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the Education
and Enjoyment
of Fermented
Malt Beverages

Club Membership List

From time to time a situation arises where it would be nice if we could get information to the membership in a quick manner. Events occasionally occur between regular meetings, and we have no way to get the word out to everybody.

Our current membership list has names and addresses, but only a few phone numbers. We also have a handful of e-mail addresses.

If you are interested in hearing about short notice events, we need to have your phone number. This can be given to the treasurer at a monthly meeting, either when you pay when you come in or later in the evening when things are more relaxed. An alternative would be to mail the information to the P.O. Box listed on Page 2.

We sometimes get information about competitions, etc from other clubs via e-mail. If you would like to get a copy of those things, simply provide us with your e-mail address.

None of the information will not be shared with anyone, and you do not need to provide anything if you do not wish to. Like most things in this club, your level of involvement is up to you.



Upcoming Events



Meetings

- Oct 27th:** Kirby Nelson, Capital Brewery Co.
Nov 17th: John Harrison, Delafield Brewhaus
Also, Officer Nominations
Dec 15th: Christmas Party and Officer
Elections

Tastings & Competitions, etc

- October 30th,** Sprecher Halloween Tours; Sprecher Brewery, Glendale WI; For information call (414) 964-2738
November 1 – December 17, MATC Hops Internet Seminar; Cost \$65.00; For information call (414) 456-5451
November 7th, Milwaukee Eastside Brewers Brewing Demonstration, Oktoberfest at the Domes; Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes, 524 South Layton Blvd. Milwaukee WI

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October Meeting

The October monthly meeting will be held at Clifford's, 10448 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 27th.

The usual \$5.00 meeting fee will be assessed.

Our guest speaker will be Kirby Nelson, Head Brewer at Capital Brewery Co.

www.capital-brewery.com

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I've tried something new in this edition of the Beer Baron Newsletter. On page 3 there is a report from the Brewing demonstration at the Mitchell Park Domes, illustrated by photographs.

I don't know how well the photos will reproduce after going through the various copy steps that go into putting out this newsletter.

If they work out OK, I will probably use more in the future. If they end up looking like dark smudges, well, we can chalk it up to a learning process.

Let me know what you think.

- Dan

Membership Information:

The **Beer Barons of Milwaukee** is open to anyone 21 years of age or older. Annual dues, which cover the cost of producing this newsletter, are \$10.00. In addition, we normally charge a \$5.00 fee for each meeting attended to cover the cost of the beer we taste that evening, however, additional fees may be required to cover the costs of special events. Dues may be paid at the monthly meeting, or a check may be sent to:

**Treasurer, Milwaukee Beer Barons,
P.O. Box 27012,
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This newsletter will be sent free to prospective members for 3 months. The date that appears on the address label of your newsletter is the date that your membership expires. We do not send reminders, so be sure to check the date on the label to see when it is time to renew.

Tastings & Competitions

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November 13th, American Homebrew Association (AHA) "Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day"

March 19th, 2000, Blessing of the Bock; Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI

March 23rd-26th, The Real Ale Fest; Goose Island Brewpub – Lincoln Park, 1800 N. Clybourn, Chicago IL; For information call (773) 665-1300

April 26th-29th, IBS National Craft Brewers Conference and Brew Expo; Midwest Express Center, Milwaukee WI; (303) 447-0816 x131

Thanks to the Cream City Suds for some of the above information.

Beers on the Road

Dan Schlosser

Whenever I travel I try to research the beer situation at my destination. I look for local Brewpubs for potential lunch and dinner sites, and I check into Regional and Micro breweries in the area so that I know what to look for at bars and in liquor stores.

I normally carry out my research on the Internet. My favorite site for finding breweries and brewpubs is Pubcrawler (www.pubcrawler.com). You can search by City, State, Zip Code, Area Code, or by Name. The search returns a list of names and addresses of establishments. Reviews posted by the general public are available for most of the places that are found.

If you do not have access to the Web, there are a few books on the market

that can be used. The problem with books is that Pubs open and close so frequently that the data is out of date by the time it is printed. A couple of titles that I have seen are "Beer Across America" by Marty Nachel and "On Tap" by Steve Johnson.

I just returned from a short vacation in the Central Texas area. We attended my youngest brother's marriage in College Station, and we took advantage of the trip to visit the Texas Hill Country.

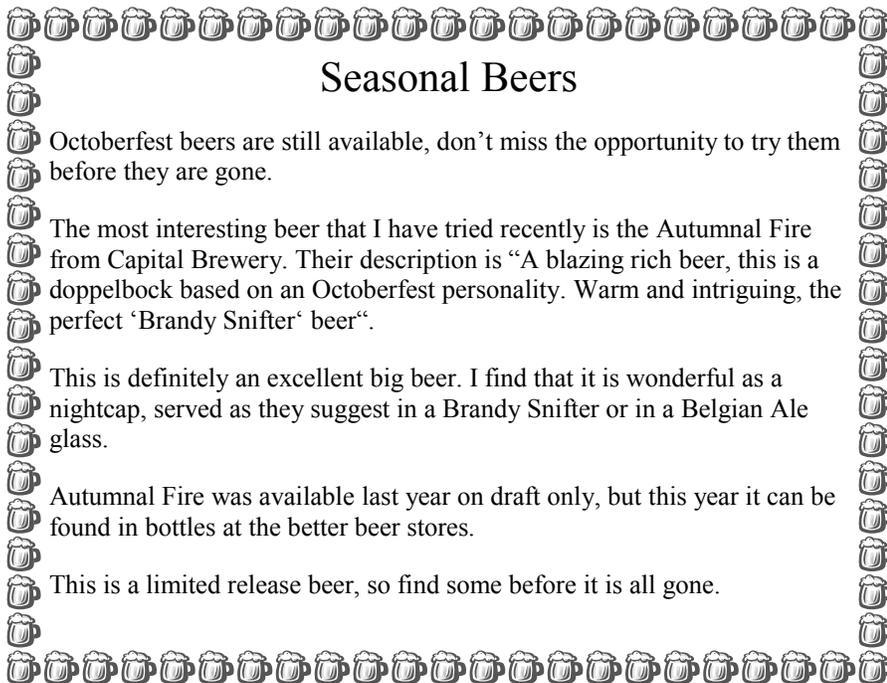
I visited two brewpubs in Austin and one in San Antonio. The beers ranged from OK to pretty good, while the food was general Pub fare. I also got to try several different bottled beers, primarily from the St. Arnold Brewing Co. in Houston. I thought that these were fairly well done.

I also got to check out a beer that I have heard about for years, Shiner Bock. Produced by the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner Texas, this beer is somewhat of a cult classic.

It is widely available in Central Texas, both on tap and in bottles. It is not a true Bock, but it does taste OK. I would loosely compare it to Huber Bock or Point Bock, however either of those two is a better brew.

I did feel that Shiner Bock was a great choice if the only other beers available were Bud/Miller/Coors.

With all of the beers made locally these days, travelling can have some added benefits with a bit of research before you leave.



Seasonal Beers

Octoberfest beers are still available, don't miss the opportunity to try them before they are gone.

The most interesting beer that I have tried recently is the Autumnal Fire from Capital Brewery. Their description is "A blazing rich beer, this is a doppelbock based on an Octoberfest personality. Warm and intriguing, the perfect 'Brandy Snifter' beer".

This is definitely an excellent big beer. I find that it is wonderful as a nightcap, served as they suggest in a Brandy Snifter or in a Belgian Ale glass.

Autumnal Fire was available last year on draft only, but this year it can be found in bottles at the better beer stores.

This is a limited release beer, so find some before it is all gone.

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Brewing at the Domes

It is Oktoberfest at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes, and the Beer Barons did their part by putting on a Brewing demonstration on Sunday October 17th.

Paul Martinez brought his equipment and served as head brewer, assisted by Jim Jesse, Dick Karshna, Ray Karshna, and Jerry



and Mary Uthemann.

Jerry and Mary set up an information table like we had at the State Fair and the Harvest Fair.

Paul's recipe was loosely based on a Scottish Ale. The results of the brewing effort will be served using Paul's Cask and Beer Engine at the Christmas Party meeting on December 15th.

During the day there was musical accompaniment. A piano/clarinet duet performed early in the day, followed by a choral group in the afternoon.

There was a slow but steady stream of visitors to the area, intrigued by the aromas and the equipment. Many of them sampled the "State Fair Ale" that was on tap. Some seemed to be

very interested in what was happening, so perhaps we'll have a few new members before long.

It was a good time in a peaceful location, spending the day brewing a batch of beer with friends.

Consider taking advantage of this type of event the next time the opportunity arises.





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