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From the Presidents Desk...

Hi, fellow Brewers

Well, in a few weeks my first term as President comes to an end, and what a time in history it is. It's perhaps my favorite time of the year, getting together with family and friends and enjoying a Big Beer. Have any of you noticed the Millennium Beer made by Salvator? It would make any Beer Connoisseur a Happy Camper.

I also want to wish each of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Next, a special thanks to the club officers and members that made my life as president a real joy. A plus for our club this year was the quality of the speakers that we had, and of course the

great brew that they offered.

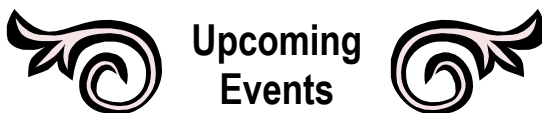
It amazes me how Craft Brewers use their talent to produce a product that our forefathers would be proud of.

So in closing, I hope that your Holidays are safe, and please introduce one new person to our great hobby. It's our only link to keeping our heritage alive.

I hope to see you at our Christmas Party!

Esprit De Boire
Be With You

Larry Tischer



Upcoming Events



Meetings

Dec 15th: Christmas Party and Officer Elections

Jan 26th: Dr. David Ryder, VP Brewing Research and Quality Assurance at the Miller Brewing Company

Feb 23rd: To be determined

Tastings & Competitions, etc

December 11th & 18th, Delafield Brewhaus Christkindl Market; 25 Vendors, food and beverages outside under the tent; 11AM-8PM, Delafield Brewhaus

December 31st, ZappaFest Memorial Party; Cactus Club, 2496 South Wentworth, Milwaukee WI

January 15th, 2000, Minocqua Ice Cold Beer Festival & Homebrew Competition; Minocqua Brewpub, 238 Lakeshore Drive, Minocqua WI (715) 358-3040

February 6th, 2000, Mid-Winter Beer Festival; Milwaukee Ale House, Milwaukee WI

March 18th, 2000, Blessing of the Bock Homebrew Competition; AHA Styles: Bock, Doppel-

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December Meeting

The December monthly meeting will be held at Clifford's, 10448 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 15th. This is one week earlier than normal due to the Christmas Holiday season.

This meeting is the annual Christmas Party; admission is \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the food, etc.

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,
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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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bock & Maibock; Details will be in upcoming Newsletters and club meetings

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.

Monthly Homebrew Competition

The November meeting marked the final monthly Homebrew judging session of 1999.

The final scores for the year reflect a change in standings due to an exceptionally good score posted at the November meeting. Mike Teed entered an Imperial Stout that left the judges looking for more.

Beers were judged at the August through November meetings, with 19 total entries over these 4 months. A complete listing of adjusted average scores accompanies this article.

Scores were adjusted in any case where a single judges' score deviated from the average of the other judges

Homebrew Entry Scores

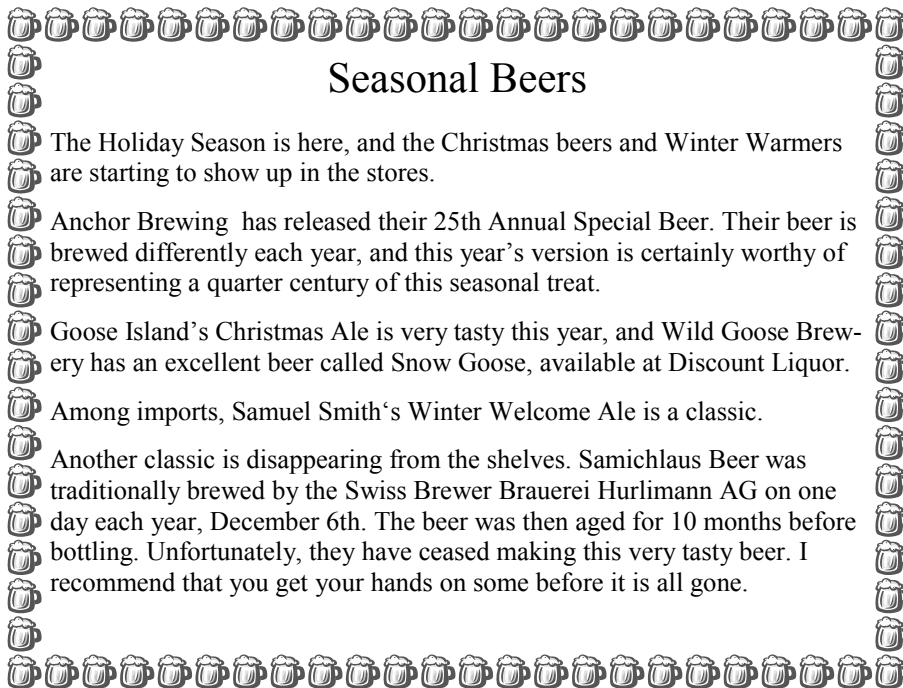
1	Mike Teed	Imperial Stout	43.8
2	Paul Martinez	Bohemian Pils	38.0
3	Paul Martinez	IPA	38.0
4	Phil Rozanski	Blonde Ale	37.7
5	Mike Teed	Belgian Tripel	37.5
6	Jeff Enders	Robust Porter	36.8
7	Dan Schlosser	Belgian Dubbel	36.3
8	Paul Martinez	Munich Helles	34.8
9	Dan Schlosser	Fruit Beer	32.5
10	Jerry Kipp	Bavarian Weiss	31.7
11	Paul Martinez	Munich Dunkel	30.3
12	Jeff Enders	IPA	28.5
13	Jeff Enders	American Pale Ale	28.4
14	Larry Tischer	American Pale Ale	24.7
15	Glenn Wells	Blonde Ale	24.0
16	Dan Schlosser	Robust Porter	23.5
17	Lora Moon	American Light Ale	23.3
18	Jeff Enders	Strong Belgian Gold	21.8
19	Bob Bauer	American Amber	21.4

by at least a factor of 25%. A few score were increased, none were lowered using this technique.

One intent of these judgments was to allow members who had never judged an opportunity to give it a try. Another intent was to get some good feedback to the members of the club who are brewing. We have managed to achieve those goals, and we were able to have some fun in the process.

These competitions will be held again in the year 2000. It looks like we will not have them every meeting, but we will have a judging at several meetings during the year. You are encouraged to participate as an entrant, a judge, or both.

Watch for announcements of future judgments in this Newsletter.



Seasonal Beers

The Holiday Season is here, and the Christmas beers and Winter Warmers are starting to show up in the stores.

Anchor Brewing has released their 25th Annual Special Beer. Their beer is brewed differently each year, and this year's version is certainly worthy of representing a quarter century of this seasonal treat.

Goose Island's Christmas Ale is very tasty this year, and Wild Goose Brewery has an excellent beer called Snow Goose, available at Discount Liquor.

Among imports, Samuel Smith's Winter Welcome Ale is a classic.

Another classic is disappearing from the shelves. Samichlaus Beer was traditionally brewed by the Swiss Brewer Brauerei Hurlimann AG on one day each year, December 6th. The beer was then aged for 10 months before bottling. Unfortunately, they have ceased making this very tasty beer. I recommend that you get your hands on some before it is all gone.

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Officer Elections

The December meeting is the time when the club elects officers to serve for the next year. Nominations were held at the November meeting.

The members nominated to serve office is as follows:

President: Larry Tischer

Vice-President: Karen Grade Rich Grzelak

Treasurer: Terry Keefe Dave Van Der Wegen

Newsletter Editor: Dan Schlosser

Motions for further nominations for each office will be entertained prior to the voting.

Following that, each candidate for office will give a short speech describing why they would be a good match for the position.

Then we vote.

And then we party.



Christmas Party



The December meeting is the Annual Christmas Party. We have a gala feast planned for the club members and guests.

The Party will feature food provided by Cliffords, door prizes, raffle prizes, and of course we will have beer.



We are looking forward to a Cask Conditioned Scotch Ale brewed by Paul Martinez and other club members at the Mitchell Park Domes Octoberfest show. In addition, we will have some commercial examples of recently released Holiday Beers and Winter Warmers.

The food menu will feature finger foods and appetizers, and will include Chicken wings, breaded mushrooms, two kinds of meatballs, veggies, and more.



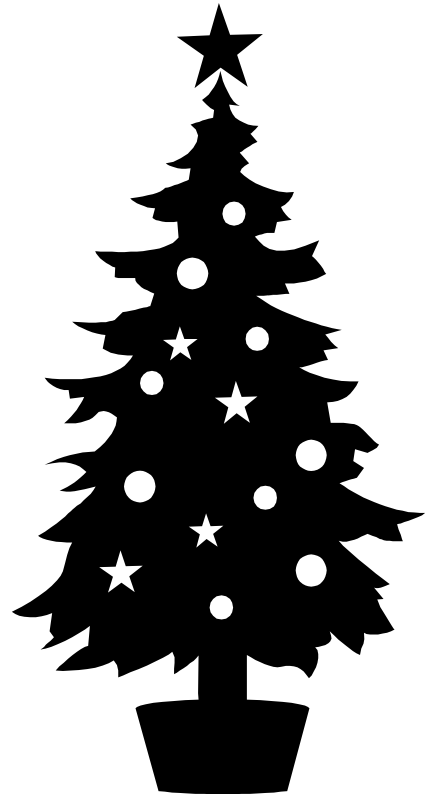
The admission to the party is \$10 per person. This will cover the food and the beer, and will also cover door prizes for attendees.

Raffle tickets will be available

for those who are interested. We have lined up a good selection of items for the raffle, so make sure that you get your tickets before the drawing.

The party, like all of our meetings, is open to members, guests, and anyone interested in talking about making and enjoying beer.

This is one meeting that you do not want to miss !!



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December Meeting Reminder

The December Christmas Party is 1 week earlier than usual, on Wednesday December 15th.
Be there or you'll miss it.

Support Clifford's Supper Club with your Patronage

Clifford's allows us to use their banquet room at no charge to the Milwaukee Beer Barons. Our support will help show our appreciation.

Famous For Fish Fry

Cocktail Hours: 3 to 6 P.M.