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of Milwaukee
Dedicated to
the Education
and Enjoyment
of Fermented
Malt Beverages

From the Presidents Desk...

Hi fellow Beer Barons;

Hopefully most all of you have cleared the hurdles of Y2K without too much trouble. I personally had plenty of beer and pretzels for at least a month, enough time for the masses to go off the deep end, the World to end and all.

Any member of Beer Barons hoarding extra beer for this major disaster should call me or our club to help you with this

extra beer problem. I wouldn't want the beer police to confiscate your high test booty.

Have any of you noticed the unusual style of brew for sale lately at the liquor stores? Try Tequila beer for instance. I tried it, light and tart with a Tequila aftertaste. If this is what the

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Upcoming Events



Meetings

Feb 23rd: Black beers (The anticipated speaker from Guinness could not make it and will be rescheduled).

Mar 22nd: We are expecting a Hacker Pshorr representative as a speaker; Beers to be determined.

Apr 26th: To be determined

Tastings & Competitions, etc

February 26th, Capital Brewery's Bock Fest; premiering 2000 Blond Doppelbock and Dark Doppelbock; Capital Brewery Biergarten, Middleton WI, 1-6 PM; (608) 836-7100

March 4th, Urban Knaves of Grain "Drunk Monk Challenge" Homebrew Competition; 2 Brothers Brewing Company, Warrenville IL; for info, call (630) 305-0554 or visit their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~mckennst/ukg.html>

March 6th, Historic Milwaukee Inc. "In Search of the Beer Barons" Bus Tour; Visit Miller and the sites of Pabst, Blatz, Gettelman, and Schlitz, with lunch at Water Street Brewery; Bus departs from the McKinley Marina at 10 AM for a 5 hour tour. Cost is \$45; for info, call (414) 277-7795

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February Meeting

The February monthly meeting will be held at Clifford's, 10448 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 23rd.

The usual \$5.00 meeting fee will be assessed.

The featured beers will be Black beers, along with an Irish ale. We expect to be serving Guinness, Grays Porter, Youngs Porter, Sam Smith Oatmeal & Imperial Stout, Caseys, and Cafferys Irish Ale.

We will also be judging homebrew beer, so bring some to the meeting if you would like some feedback on your efforts.

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,
Milwaukee, WI 53227**

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.

President's Desk

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Industry of Beer Makers want us to drink, they are barking up the wrong beer truck. Beer and Ale are and always will be a product of water, yeast, barley or similar grain, hops or spice, but never hard liquor. Hard liquor is meant as a compliment to Beer and Ales.

Personally beer has always been a beverage I have enjoyed, changing season to season, with or without liquor. Our hobby needs to teach the public, and help them understand the diversity of the world's beers.

Many countries around the world have been brewing Beers and Ales dating back 400 – 500 years and more. Many styles are the same as their forefathers and ales wives made long ago. Beer made long ago defined their culture then and now.

We as U.S. citizens must form our own beer culture for the world to either enjoy or curse; More than likely to curse, as past history has shown us.

So in closing, go forth and spread the word of beer; we are the link between homebrewing or no

Tastings & Competitions

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March 11th, Blessing of the Bock Homebrew Competition; AHA Styles: Bock, Doppelbock & Weizen Bock; For details contact Jerry Uthemann at Purple Foot; (414) 327-2130

March 12th, Blessing of the Bock; Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI

March 23rd-26th, The Real Ale Fest; Goose Island Wrigleyville, 3535 N. Clark, Chicago IL; For information call (773) 832-9040

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

May 6th, Stevens Point Spring Beer Fest; Stevens Point Brewery, Stevens Point WI

May 7th, Goose Island's Bock Fest; Goose Island Clybourn, 1800 N. Clybourn, Chicago IL; 1-5 PM, \$20; Limit of 150 tickets; (312) 915-0075

June 17th, Southport Beer Fest; Brewmasters Pub Southport; Kenosha WI

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

brewing if the non-believers have their way.

Esprit De Boire
Be With You

Larry Tischer

Brewing News

The Siebel Institute in Chicago has long been recognized as one of the premier places to get an education in the art and science of brewing. It has been providing brewing education for industry professionals since 1872. However, due to financial problems they were on the brink of shutting down.

In the nick of time an alliance was established with the Alltech company, a leader in the studying of fermentation as it applies to distilled beverages and fuel alcohol. Alltech will take over the day to day running of Siebel Institute.

It was announced that courses will resume in March under the current curriculum, with enhancements to come.

If you dream of a career in the brewing industry, Siebel is a great place to get yourself started.

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“If God had wanted us to filter our beer, he wouldn't have given us livers.”

- Larry Bell, Kalamazoo Brewing Company

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Blessing of the Bock

The Twelfth Annual Blessing of the Bock will be held in conjunction with the Milwaukee Beer Festival at Serb Memorial Hall on Sunday March 12 from Noon to 4:30 PM. Serb Hall is located at 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee.

Bock and specialty beers will be available. Admission is \$25 advance, or \$30 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the My Lai Peace Park Project and the Vietnam Veterans Art Museum. Contact John Zutz at (414) 372-0749 for further information.

A Homebrew Competition will be held in conjunction with this event. Our club is a co-sponsor of the Competition, along with the Cream City Suds, The Purple Foot, and Lakefront Brewery.

The competition will be limited to 3 beers styles: Bock, Doppelbock, and Weizen Bock.

Entry fees are \$5 for each exhibit, and an entry will qualify you for a 50% discount on admission to the Blessing of the Bock event.

The judging will be held at the Lakefront Brewery, 1872 N. Commerce Street, Milwaukee, on Saturday March 11th starting at 10:00 AM.

Announced judges include Hans Kessler of Huber Brewing Co., Mike Bieser of the Milwaukee

Food and Froth

The Beer Barons teamed up with the Purple Foot to host a booth at the Food and Froth event at the Milwaukee Public Museum on February 5th.

We demonstrated the brewing of some beer, and poured out samples of homebrew. Many people expressed an interest in our hobby, and hopefully we will gain some recruits.

This event attracts many of the breweries in Wisconsin, big and small. Local restaurants are well represented, along with historical exhibits, etc.

The event was very well attended, with long lines at times at some of the food and beer tables from time to time.

This is a nice event for a good cause, worth making plans to attend next year.

Alehouse, Robert Wilbur of the Rothaus Brewing Co., and Russ Klisch of Lakefront Brewery.

Beer Baron members are welcome to assist in the judging. Experienced judges are needed, along with stewards, etc.

Entry forms and information are available at the Purple Foot, 3167 S. 92nd Street, (414) 327-2130. These will also be available at our February meeting.

Homebrew Judging

The February meeting will mark the return of Homebrew Judging to the Monthly meetings.

In the year 2000 these judgments will be held at Meetings when there is no speaker and occasionally at other times.

The format will remain similar to last year. Entries should consist of at least one bottle of beer, 12 oz or larger, in a plain unmarked bottle (preferably brown).

All beer will be judged according to the style which it is entered as. The AHA has agreed to judge beers according to the BJCP beer style guidelines, so we will also use those. The AHA and BJCP guidelines were very similar in most cases, so this is not a big change.

Entries will be accepted at the table where you pay your monthly meeting dues. We will have style guideline sheets available so that you can select the category for your beer when you enter it. There is no cost to enter your beer in these judgments.

Anyone who wants to develop skills in analyzing the taste of beer is welcome to join in the judging. No experience is necessary, but bring an open mind and a willingness to learn.

Join in the fun of Homebrewing.


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