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BARON MIND

**A Monthly
Publication of
the Beer Barons
of Milwaukee
Dedicated to
the Education
and Enjoyment
of Fermented
Malt Beverages**

From the Presidents Desk...

HI FELLOW BEER LOVER,

Well here we are the middle of August; so much to do before Summer ends, its evaporating faster than a shot of Jack Daniels in Las Vegas during a 120°F Day.

The Fair this year had a fantastic turn out, the new building our booth was in turned out to be a pleasant surprise; no sunlight to contend with, comfortable temperatures, a nice change from past years. The beer we

brewed this year should turn out in nice shape with a true homebrew flair. For the first time we used a liquid yeast and starter. Hopefully the effort will pay off.

Now for some important business. We really need help at the September picnic. I will be passing around a list at the August meeting; please sign up with side dishes you could bring. I also could use help with the cooking, your help would be very Welcome. Please think of a craft brewery and

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Upcoming Events



Meetings

Aug 23rd: Wheat Beers

Sept 27th: Oktoberfest

Oct 25th: Gray's Brewing Co. (Tentative)

Other Club Events

September 9th, Annual Club Picnic;
Valley View Park, 5051 Sunnyslope Road,
New Berlin WI 53151

Tastings & Competitions, etc

August 25th, Egan's Beer Dinner IV; Gallagher's, 330 Reid Street, DePere WI; (920) 339-2701

September 1st-3rd, Sprecher Fest; Old Heidelberg Park, Glendale WI; (414) 964-2739

September 8th-10th, Tosa Fest; Hart Park, Wauwatosa WI; (414) 536-2160

September 22nd-24th, Harvest Fair; Wisconsin State Fair Park; (800) 884-FAIR

September 22nd, Easter Seals Beer Tasting; Hart Park, Wauwatosa WI; (414) 449-4444

Thanks to the Cream City Suds for some of the above information: www.creamcitysuds.com

August Meeting

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

The usual \$5.00 meeting fee will be assessed.

We will be featuring a variety of German wheat beers, some great brews for the heat of summer.

We expect to be serving: Hacker-Pshorr Hefe-Weiss, Dunkel, and Weizen-Bock, Paulaner Hefe-Weiss and Kindl Berliner Weiss

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.

Harvesting Hops

If you are grew hops in your backyard this summer, the time is fast approaching for harvesting.

Hops are ready for harvest when the yellow lupulin glands in the cones become very evident and the

aroma gets strong. The best way to check the aroma is to pick a cone, crush it in your fingers and give it a sniff.

Another clue that it is time to harvest is that the cones will appear drier and will develop a papery feel. A bit of browning on the edges is OK, but you don't want to let the whole cone get brown.

President's Desk

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style of beer we might be able to serve at the picnic, or if you are so inclined to do, please bring a keg of homebrew.

It has been brought to my attention by a few members of Beer Barons that our club is moving away from it's intended purpose, to sample beer, to talk beer, to inform others of different styles of beer, to homebrew together or alone, and to participate in club outings.

Maybe this isn't the direction you as members want to go as a club. Please let us know, we can go in any direction you want. Just meet and have few beers together, no formal meeting needed. It's up to you. We can meet as usual, drink a beer and socialize, and enjoy each others company, its your choice, make the call.

Esprit De Boire
Be With You

Larry Tischer

Picking is pretty straight forward. The easiest way is to cut the hop vine down and then gently remove the cones from the plant (you only want the cones, not the leaves).

Once picked the hops should be dried and then packed into air tight containers and stored at low temperatures.

Drying can be done with a food dehydrator, a well vented oven, or simply air dried. If heat is used it should not exceed 140°. Air drying can be done using window screens stacked together. Put a loose layer of hops on each one and then put the stack in a well ventilated place so that the air moves freely around the cones.

When dry, store in the best air-tight bag you can find. Commercially packed hops are stored with Nitrogen to keep them away from Oxygen, but regular freezer bags work OK if that is all you can get your hands on. Store as cold as possible, preferably in the freezer.

Next month we'll discuss the best ways to use your homegrown hops.

Club Picnic

The 4th Annual Club Picnic will be held on September 9th at Valley View Park in New Berlin.

Valley View park is located just off Sunnyslope Road between Beloit Rd and Grange.

Details are being finalized, and will be discussed at the August meeting.

In the area of Food, entrees will be similar to last year. President Larry will again be the head chef, grilling Chickens Breasts and Prime Rib Sandwiches.

In addition to the entrees, we will be having side dishes such as Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, etc.

Simple snack foods such as pretzels and chips will also be provided, along with soda and beer.

In order to keep costs at the same level as last year, we will also be looking for attendees to bring dishes to share with the group. Deserts and finger foods will be greatly appreciated, but bring anything you like.

We are finalizing arrangements for some Craft brew, and we are also looking for members to bring in kegs and/or bottles of homebrew to share.

The cost of the picnic will be the same as last year, \$10.00, with children free.

The picnic will be an item up for discussion at the August meeting, so show up if you have any input.

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4th Annual Picnic

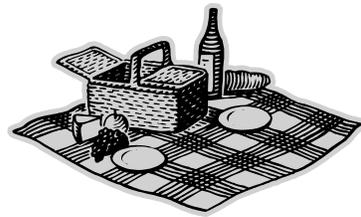


Valley View Park
5051 Sunny Slope Road
New Berlin WI 53151



September 9, 2000
1:00 PM to ???

Food, Fun and Beer



Reservation Form

Bring to August Meeting, or Send Payment to:

Name _____

Treasurer
Beer Barons of Milwaukee
P.O. Box 27012
Milwaukee WI 53227

Address _____

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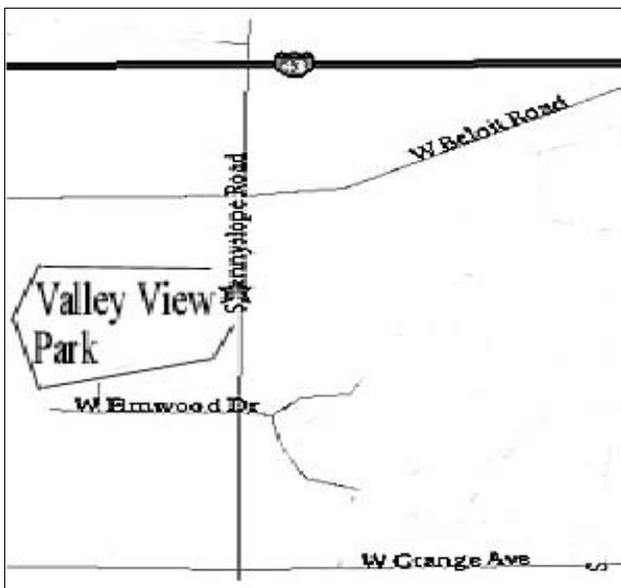
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The Club Picnic will be held at Valley View Park in New Berlin on Saturday, September 9, 2000.

Valley View Park is located on the west side of Sunnyslope Road, between Beloit Road and Grange Avenue.



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