



# BARON MIND

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## A Word From Our President

by Jeff Enders

Fellow Beer Lovers,

Here's to another great year of beer. The first thing I want to do as the new President of the Beer Barons is to thank last year's officers for the great job they did. We had a bunch of interesting speakers, two field trips to local breweries, a couple of great bus trips, and a fantastic picnic with gallons and gallons of beer brewed by club members. And they topped it off with a great Christmas Party. Who would have thought an accordion band could sound so good? Again, my thanks to all of last year's officers.

I'm looking forward to working with this year's officers. Mike Schwartz (our new Newsletter Editor) and I are fortunate to have Karen, Richard, Phil and Lenny returning. Since they've been through all this before, I know they will be a great help.

And I want to ask all of you Beer Barons to pitch in and help. If you have a suggestion for a meeting, or if you have an interesting connection somewhere, please let us know. Sometimes a simple introduction will open a lot of doors. And please feel free to submit articles to the newsletter. They could be on brewing techniques, recipes, reviews of beers, bars, restaurants, anything you think might be interesting to fellow club members. We also need people to help us with the picnic, Christmas party, State Fair beer judging and a handful of other events. It's a great way to meet other Beer Barons.

We already have another great year in the works. Besides the annual picnic and Christmas party, we have some interesting speakers lined up, a field trip in the works, and a bus trip to the Real Ale Festival on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Real Ale Festival is one of the world's premier beer festivals, featuring the largest collection of cask ales outside of Britain (they're expecting 200 this year). So join us if you can. It's going to be another great year of beer.

Cheers,

Jeff

## A Note From The Editor

I'd like to emphasize Jeff's comments about contributing to Baron Mind. It's your newsletter and your contributions make it better. Phil was able to get quite a few good articles ranging from beer and brewery reviews to reminiscences of brewing in the Army when it may not have been completely legal to book reviews. Keep them coming, don't be shy. I'd like to start a new column, if there's enough interest. It would be written by club members and cover brewing systems, gadgets (homemade or store bought), techniques, etc. This could be a big help to club members in improving their brewing or just getting somebody started. Let me know what you think and if you're interested in contributing.

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## Upcoming Events

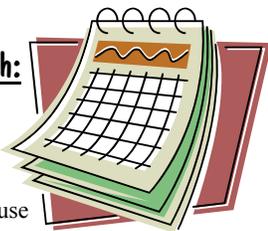
### Meeting Dates and Style-of-the-Month:

**January 22nd:** Beer Style - Strong Beers

**February 26th:** TBA

**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Kris Kalev of Joseph Huber Brewing Company, Monroe

**April 23:** John Harrison of Delafield Brewhouse Meeting at Delafield Brewhouse



## Spotlight CLUB NEWS



## Officer Elections

Well, the election results are final and the new officers are listed on the front page of the newsletter. Several familiar faces are still around including: Karen Grade as Vice President, Richard Binkowski as Treasurer, and Lenny Beck as Member at Large. Returning in a new role is Phil Rozanski as Member at Large. Two new faces on the board are Jeff Enders as President and Michael Schwartz as Newsletter Editor.

The members of the board, and I'm sure the membership, would like to thank Bob Mountcastle for being President for the last year, Rich Heller for being a Member at Large and Phil Rozanski for being Newsletter Editor, both for the last two years. They all served the club well and deserve a round of thanks.

## Food and Froth

Food and Froth at the Milwaukee Public Museum is coming up on February 8 from 7 – 10 PM. The beer barons have a booth at the event and will be serving several brews made by club members including:

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| David Stanton   | IPA                |
| Jeff Enders     | American Brown Ale |
| Richard McKagan | Chocolate stout    |
| Lenny Beck      | Dopple Bock        |
| Kevin Moon      | Kolsch             |

This is a great opportunity for the club to promote itself and we should thank these members for participating and contributing the fruits of their efforts as well as Jeff Kane for organizing this.

More details are available at <http://www.foodandfroth.com/>

## Real Ale Festival Road Trip!

Rich Benkowski is organizing a club bus trip to the Real Ale Festival on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Not all the detail are available yet but as it stands now the bus can hold 50 people and reservations will be on a first come - first served basis. Rich doesn't know the final price yet but it should be pretty reasonable. At this point, he anticipates the bus ride, admission to the real ale Festival, and, hopefully, a tour of Goose Island afterward will be included.

## Blessing of the Bock

The Milwaukee Beer Festival featuring The Fourteenth Annual Blessing of the Bock. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

Sunday, March 9, 2003 Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Serb Memorial Hall

5101 Oklahoma Ave

<http://www.milwaukeebeerfest.com/>

\$30 at the door, \$25 advance admission  
6 or more - Advance Tickets \$20 each  
Homebrew Contestants \$15

We hope to have some club entries in the homebrew contest and maybe (?) a table at the event to promote the club, after all, we are co-sponsors of the contest and we are the Beer Barons not the Beer Wimps.

## AHA Club-Only Competition

by *Chris Belsky*

Little did we know in November that our new club president would coincidentally be the first club member to have his beer entered to represent the Beer Baron's at the December National AHA Club-Only Homebrew Competition (NCOC). No, it's not a conspiracy, but how fitting that our new president led us into the fray of homebrew competition! Anyway, enough babble and let's all give Jeff Ender's a congratulations on his Spruce Ale scoring in the 30's. Unfortunately, that quite wasn't enough to get a medal, but congratulations Jeff on your great score and representing the club, and let's see if we can get other club members to join! For all you club members, remember, if your beer were to score a medal, not only would you get the joy of medaling in such a prestigious competition, but also you'd be putting the Milwaukee Beer Baron's in the national spot light!

As mentioned before, this is a great opportunity for members of the club to bring national recognition to the Beer Baron's. I know we have a lot of great brewers in the club, and now you can show off your skills for the club.

The next competition that the club is eligible for is the February competition for English Bitter & Pale Ale (BJCP category 4). If you're interested in representing the club for this beer style, bring in four (4) bottles of your best brew on the January 22<sup>nd</sup> club meeting (bottles must be 10-14oz brown bottles with no marking/labels. No flip-top Grolsch style bottles please.). If you'd also be so kind, please fill out the 'Recipe Information' sheet that you can obtain at this link: judges that will select which beer gets to represent the club and be entered in the club-only competition. There are only three (3) more competitions for the 2002-2003 year! So come on out and bring forth your best beer!

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## WhiskyFest 2003 - Chicago

The Malt Advocate is sponsoring a whisky tasting on March 27 at the Hyatt Regency. Tickets are \$75. More information is available at <http://www.maltadvocate.com/>

## CANCER-FIGHTING BEER

German scientists say they have developed a beer that could help fight cancer. It contains high levels of a potent antioxidant called xanthohumol, which is found in hops and has been shown in previous laboratory studies to stem the growth of tumor cells. Achim Zuercher, a scientist involved in the study, said an as-yet-unnamed brewery in Bavaria would sell the beer early in 2003. He also expects it to be sold outside Germany. Tests on the effects of xanthohumol have only been carried out the laboratory, he said, but were promising. He stressed it would not be possible to say conclusively that the beer will fight cancer in humans until tests are completed several years down the line. Thank you Deutschland!

## BEER IS GOOD FOR YOU

Drinking alcohol at least three or four days a week appears to protect men from heart attacks, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Other studies have found that moderate amounts of alcohol appear to protect the heart. But this is the first to suggest that it is the frequency of drinking - not the amount or type of alcohol - that appears to reduce the risk of heart attacks in men, according to the lead author, Dr. Kenneth Mukamal at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. The study, which followed 38,077 male health professionals ages 40-75 for 12 years, found those who drank moderate amounts of alcohol three or more times a week had up to a 37% reduction in the risk of heart attacks compared to nondrinkers. But Mukamal cautioned that the study was not a license to consume excessive amounts of liquor or ignore healthy lifestyle choices. "The current alcohol recommendation is no more than two drinks a day (for men). There's nothing in our study that says otherwise," Mukamal said.

## LONG LIVE THE BRITISH PUB

Reports of the 'death of British pubs' are premature, writes Roger Protz. Being sensible people, the Brits still have more pubs than either petrol stations or doctors' surgeries. <http://www.protzonbeer.com/documents/27660-001792.html>



### February Officer's Meeting and Social Hour

Date: Wednesday, February 12th

Time: 7:30pm for Officers  
Social hour at 8:30pm

Place: Landmark 1850 Inn  
5905 S. Howell Ave  
Milwaukee

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Please make a head's-up to the new 2003-2004 NCOC schedule, and see if there are any styles that you're interested in. Some of the styles are lagers or strong beers, so you may want to start preparing now if you're interested in any of those styles.

So that members have plenty of time to prepare their schedule for brewing of particular styles, here's the complete club-only competition schedule and entry due dates for the AHA Club-Only Homebrew Competition (NCOC).

#### 2002-2003 NCOC Schedule

| Competition Style and Date                                   | Club Member Entry Due Dates |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| February, 2003 – English Bitter & Pale Ale (BJCP category 4) | January 22, 2003            |
| April, 2003 – Brown Ale (BJCP category 10)                   | March 26, 2003              |
| May, 2003 – English & Scottish Strong Ale (BJCP category 11) | April 23, 2003              |

#### 2003-2004 NCOC Schedule

| Competition Style and Date                                                           | Club Member Entry Due Dates       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| August, 2003 – European Pale Lager (BJCP category 2)                                 | July 23, 2003                     |
| September/October 2003 – Specialty, Experimental/Historical Beers (BJCP category 24) | September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2003 |
| November/December 2003 – Koelsch & Altbier (BJCP category 8)                         | November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2003  |
| January/February 2004 – Barleywine (BJCP category 12)                                | January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2004   |
| March/April 2004 – Mead (BJCP category 25)                                           | March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2004     |

Competition Basics: The AHA Club-Only homebrew competition is the national homebrew competition that awards clubs for their outstanding efforts and products. The competition runs from August through May, ending in the National Homebrew Competition (NHC) Conference where the homebrew club of the year is crowned. There are six competitions during this August to May period, with each competition focusing on a predetermined BJCP style. Each club can enter *ONE* entry for each competition. Points are awarded on a 12, 8, 4 point basis for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively. Additional points can be awarded to the club for individual entries in the NHC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round on a 6, 4, 2 basis for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively.

For a complete description of all the BJCP categories, go to <http://www.bjcp.org/style-index.html#download>. There you can download BJCP style guidelines 'til you get thirsty.

If you're interested in brewing for a certain style, please email me at [christopher.m.belsky@jci.com](mailto:christopher.m.belsky@jci.com) and let me know. This simply helps out the club organize and prepare for this competition. But by all means, even if you didn't sign up and you have a beer that you'd like to enter, bring it on in!

If anyone has questions concerning this, feel free to either email me at the above address, or give me a call anytime at 414-807-5230. So let's have some fun with this, and hope to see (and taste) your beers!

~Chris Belsky

## This Month's Meeting

The Wednesday, January 22nd meeting will be held at Clifford's, 10448 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm. Admission to this meeting is \$5.00.

This month we will be tasting strong beers. Tentative beers are: Capital Dark Doppelbock, Bigfoot Barleywine, Morretti LaRossa, Youngs Old Nick, and City Brewery Winter. We may have to substitute some beers based on availability.

## Please 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 Their Friday Fish Fry**

Cocktail Hours: 3 to 6 p.m.

### 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 \$15.00. In addition, we normally charge a \$5.00 fee for each meeting attended to cover the cost of the featured beer style we taste that evening. However, additional fees may be required to cover the cost of special events such as the annual party in December. Annual dues may be paid at the monthly meeting, or a check may be sent to:

**Treasurer, Beer Barons of Milwaukee  
P.O. Box 270012  
Milwaukee, WI 53227**

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