



Upcoming Events

Meeting Dates and Style-of-the-Month:

September 18th: Summer Picnic - see the sign up form on the web site.

September 22nd: Oktoberfest Night - Come participate in a blind tasting of Oktoberfests and discuss the style and what your thoughts are. Learn more about beer, tasting, flavors, brewing, flaws, and more!

October 27th: Homebrewing Night. This is the night we dedicate to talk of homebrewing topics like equipment, techniques, ingredients, etc. If you'd like to talk about or discuss a specific topic let an officer know.

November 17th: Brian Loughrey of Star Brands Importers, importers of Hacker-Pschorr, Paulaner, Murphy's, Fischer, and other well known brands will join us.

December 15th: Christmas Party and Officer Elections



Club Picnic

The picnic is coming up the 18th! We have the following people signed up for beer:

Lenny Beck	Pale Ale or Fat Tire Ale
Mike Schwartz	Hefeweissen and maybe something else
Tom Bellart/Bill Holtz	TBA
Jerry Kipp	Cream Ale
Mike Rice	IPA
Jeff Enders	IPA
Pat Maher	TBA
Fat Chance Brewery	Dopple Bock
Erik, Chad, & John	Raspberry Porter
Nikki	Porter
Chris Belsky	American Amber Ale
Chris George	English Pale Ale

Sign up forms for attending the picnic are available on the web site. We need to have a head count so we know how much food to buy. Please call Rich McKagan if you want to come but haven't signed up.



Officer's Meeting and Social Hour
Date: Wednesday, October 6th, 2004
Time: 7:30pm for Officers
Social hour at 8:30pm
Place: Von Trier
2235 N. Farwell Avenue
(414) 272-1775

If you're coming, don't forget to bring a dish to pass. We're back to grilling after investigating catering the main course. Everybody should like what's in the works!



World of Beer Festival

We got a great list of people interested in helping out with planning next year's festival. Over 20 people signed up to help out in addition to those who worked planning last year's festival. **We'll get the first meeting together in early October.** Be ready to get going!

Officer Elections

The elections are coming up in December with nominations in November. The elected positions and their duties are:

President:

- be Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Preside at membership meetings and Board meetings
- have the power to convene Board and special meetings
- appoint all committee chairmen except the Program Committee Chairman to serve during his term in office
- be an ex-officio member of all committees
- be responsible for the performance of all the officers of the association
- be responsible for a yearly audit of the Treasurer's records

Vice President:

- perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during his absence or disability
- be Chairman of the Program Committee and as such, be responsible for the general program of the association [this means set up the meeting topics]

Newsletter Editor:

- maintain the official current roll of the membership and provide all officers as well as the Membership Committee with the same
- maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws
- conduct all official membership and Board correspondence, except as otherwise directed by the Board
- send out proper notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board
- keep an accurate roll of the membership
- serve as Chairman of the Newsletter Services Committee
- keep an accurate file of all correspondence conducted by all officers and all committee chairmen in the name of the association as well as any correspondence conducted by any other members in the name of the association
- publish and distribute the newsletter

Treasurer:

- be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the association
- deposit all receipts in a checking account or savings accounts in the name of the association
- report all receipts and disbursements to the membership at membership meetings
- have all disbursements approved by the President or other authorized officers
- keep a listing of paid-up members, i.e., of members in good standing
- be bonded at the expense of the association

Member at Large (2):

a) such duties as they may be assigned by the Board

In addition there are two other non-elected volunteer positions and are filled on a first come basis:

Librarian

- a) maintain the club library
- b) solicit new contributions
- c) encourage members to use the resources

Meeting Recorder (new position)

a) record the meeting minutes for Officer and club meetings

If you are interested in running or would like to nominate somebody your chance is in November. If you'd like to find out more about the positions, talk to the current officers. You can always bring up nominations in October as well. All elected positions are limited to two consecutive terms. This means that the Newsletter Editor MUST be replaced. For more information on the positions and election procedures, take a look at the club constitution posted on the web site under the "About Us" link.

Brewing System Materials

Mike Rice has made contact with the people from Empire Tools and they have agreed to sell us, at scrap price, the aluminum stock that doesn't meet their tolerance for levels. The stock is shaped like an "I" and should be plenty strong to support any brewing system that you want to throw at it. This is similar to the material that Lenny Beck used to build the frame of his brewing system. It can be bolted or welded together.

Contact Mike Rice if you're interested. We need to buy a minimum quantity to make it worth their while.

Beer Events

These are all good events to learn more about beer and brewing as well as meeting brewing professionals and promoting the Beer Barons!

United German Societies' Oktoberfest

September 10-12, 17-19 & 24-26

Heidelberg Park, Glendale, WI

Fridays - 5:00PM 'til Midnight • Saturdays - 4:00PM 'til Midnight •

Sundays - 1:00PM 'til 7:00PM

Tickets: Friday and Saturday - \$4 ea. and Sunday \$3 ea.

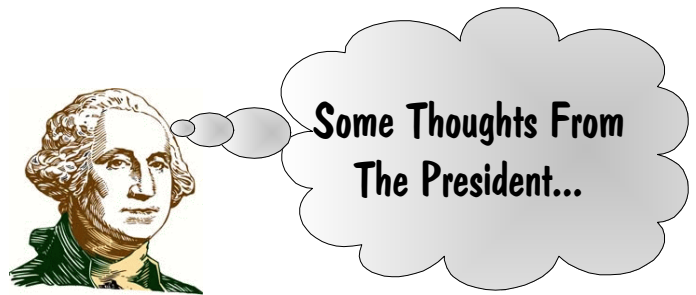
<http://www.bavarianinmilw.com/events/EventsOktoberfest2003.htm>

Harvest Fair

Harvest Fair is coming up September 24 - 26. We need some volunteers to make beer for it. You will be reimbursed up to \$20 for a keg of beer. This event has helped introduce our club to many people in the past and has brought in new members.

Contact Jerry Uthemann at the Purple Foot or home if you'd like to volunteer. We probably need about 4 - 6 kegs.

<http://www.wistatefair.com/home/Harvest%20Fair/index.htm>



Hey all:

Well once again I find myself amazed at the response to the need for volunteers for the World of Beer Fest. The officers have agreed that we will hold a special meeting for the volunteers in a few weeks to discuss plans and to hopefully find a few of you who can dedicate more time to help with the planning and help with whatever running around or phone calls that need to be made or whatever else is needed to help take some of the burden off the officers. We are hoping to have the meeting on a weekend in early October to include, hopefully, a cookout and some beer and discussion about what we, as officers, will need help with. We should have a date set by the September meeting. Thank you again and remember this event doesn't happen without all of you.

Auf ihr wohl

Paul

**From the Treasury**

We are going into a very busy month of September with our books looking in great shape. At the end of August our club account stands at \$1995.92!! This leaves us in great shape to get our supplies and orders in for the picnic. We hope to leave you smiling and full all day with the food we've chosen. You will have to attend if you want to know what is being served. And then just 4 days later we plan to kick off the Oktoberfest season with awesome imported and microbrewed favorites at the club meeting. Not a cheap undertaking, but possible with our books in such great shape and your ongoing support. Till our paths cross,

Sláinte agus saol chugat!

Mac

No children without sex...no drunkenness without beer.

Ancient Sumarian Proverb

For our food, I slaughtered oxen and killed sheep... day by day. With beer and brandy, oil and wine, I filled large jars.

Ancient Assyrian Tablet confirming
Noah brought beer on the ark

On the Competition Front



National AHA Club-Only Homebrew Competition (COC)

by Lenny Beck

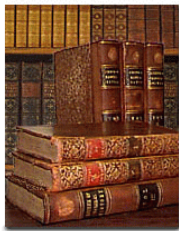
The next beer on the C.O.C. list is India Pale Ale. There are two distinct styles of India Pale Ale, the original English IPA which is a stepped up version of an English pale ale. This has more malt resulting in higher alcohol and more hops to sustain it during the voyage from England to India. The current English version is not quite what it used to be. It was the Americans who recently took this beer back to it's roots or maybe a little farther with high levels of hop bitterness and aroma from American style hops and is widely known as an American IPA. A much more recent version of this American style is the Imperial IPA that uses an enormous amount of malt and hops to make this style very high in alcohol with a malt and hop profile to match. The Imperial IPA style is more along the lines of an American style barleywine.

2004 - 2005 Schedule

Competition Style and Date	Club Member Entry Due Dates (to the Beer Baron's Meeting)
August 2004 – Wheat Beer (BJCP Category 17)	July 28 th , 2004
September/October 2004 – Smoked Beer (BJCP Category 23)	August 25 th , 2004
November/December 2004 – IPA (BJCP Category 7)	October 27 th , 2004

See last month's Baron Mind for the style guidelines and recipes.

In the Library with Nikki



Happy Birthday: Beer Barons' Library turns ONE!

by Nikki Passentino

Last month (August) the Beer Barons' Library celebrated its first birthday. Yes, the Beer Barons has a library. One year ago a library was established for my fellow beer lovers and beer nerds.

Of course every good library needs a librarian so my sidekick and I volunteered for this hot commodity.

First, I would like to thank everyone who donated books, magazines, and videos to the library. These people have made the library possible,

because it exists solely on donations. More donations are always welcome until the day when my sidekick and I can no longer transport all the materials. Transporting the library can be labor intensive as well as thirsty work, so we may require more beer.

For those of you who are new, and others who are not informed, the library operates at every meeting. The library usually is located near the men's room, because it is a high traffic area. Checking out materials is not only easy but fun. All you have to do is write your name and the title of the resource(s) on the check-out list. If it is a magazine a date is also appreciated. It would be awesome if items could be returned the following meeting, but we also realize that this is not always feasible. So just be kind and return things as soon as possible for others to enjoy.

Finally, I would like to do a little reflection. Over the last year 31 items have been checked out by 17 different people. Yep, some individuals have enjoyed the library so much that he/she has checked out more than one item. Congratulations to John O'Brien and Richard McKagan who have checked out the most items. O'Brien and McKagan have each checked out five items in the past year.

I also want to make a note in Beer Barons' history that Richard Binkowski was the first person ever to borrow something. Thanks Binkowski for being the first brave soul.

Great Taste of the Midwest



by Nikki Passentino

Experiencing the Great Taste of the Midwest must go on every beer lovers' 'to-do' list. The Great Taste of the Midwest is the second longest running craft beer festival in North America. This event celebrated its 18th annual anniversary last month on August 14, 2004.

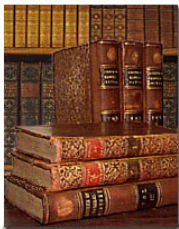
The location of the Great Taste of the Midwest is awesome. It takes place at Olin-Turville Park, which is a gorgeous park in Madison. Besides beer at the park, there is other fun entertainment such as live music, the 'Dunk Tank', food, exhibits, and more. Plus there is plenty of space to just relax on a blanket or lawn chair.

There is definitely no lack of beer at this event. This year there were 107 breweries and brewpubs offering over 400 different beers. There are five hours for sampling, however, a plan or strategy is advised. Some do their homework and bring highlighted maps with them. Others search strictly for their favorites such as: Belgians, Barley Wines, Whiskey Barrels, Meads, etc. My sidekick and I enjoyed the above but we also attempted to hit the breweries we never hit before. Plus there are tappings periodically throughout the day for special beers.

No worries if you missed all the yummy beer madness this year. Just mark your calendar for Saturday August 13, 2005 (and probably the next day too). It's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Also, there is still time to make it to Denver for the longest running beer festival in North America. The Great American Beer Festival takes place September 30-October 02, 2004. This year is the 23rd anniversary for the Great American Beer Festival. There will be about 320 breweries at this event. The selection will be endless with over 1600 beers to choose from.

Book Review



by Mike Schwartz

In keeping with the anniversary of the library, I thought I'd review a couple books from the library.

Brew Chem 101: The Basics of Homebrewing Chemistry

written by Lee Janson PhD

I checked this book out to help study for the upcoming BJCP exam. The book starts out with a basic discussion of all aspects of brewing chemistry that should be understandable by just about anybody. The first chapter covers water, malt, hops, and fermentation at a level that lets you know what's going on without bogging you down in heavy duty chemistry.

After this introduction, there are separate chapters on yeast, mashing, off-flavors, and tasting/evaluating beer. The ground covered is probably all that any homebrewer would need to know. It's a well written and thorough book where the author obviously understood the difference between writing a college text book and writing a book for a non-chemist.

I'd highly recommend this book to all levels of homebrewers beyond beginner. It can help you understand what's going on in your processes so you can figure out what might be causing your problems, how to modify your process for different styles or ingredients. It will also help you along the way to understanding the flavors, good or bad, in beer and where they come from.

If you're a really advanced brewer and have a strong background in chemistry this book may not be for you.

Overall I give it a definite thumbs up!

Brewing Quality Beers

written by Byron Burch

This is a book that I was just given by a former homebrewer to contribute to the library. It's a well written basic how to book for beginners. Though it's starting to be dated, most of the information is still good. It starts with how to do all extract brews and eventually touches on all grain brewing, though it's just 10 pages at the end of the book.

It goes through all the basics for beginning brewers including boiling, hop additions, water salts, flavoring grains, bottling, and more. It's a definite hand holder! Perfect for those just starting out.

Each step or technique is described in detail, including what equipment

you need and how to use it. It really simplifies the brewing process to a step by step method with recipes that accompany each level of difficulty.

At only 110 pages including recipes, it's a lot faster read than "The Joy of Homebrewing" by Papazian. No windy descriptions or philosophizing here, just good clear information.

The book's weakness is it's age. There are new ingredients, cleaners, sanitizers, and equipment that weren't available for the homebrewer when this was written. Most of that won't make a difference when you're just starting out and you can learn by talking with other club members once you're started.

Byron Burch was one of the early pioneers in reviving homebrewing. The advice and instruction provided in this book is complete, sound, and based on a lot of practical experience. If you follow the directions and pay attention to his warnings, you'll be making good beer.

This is a good solid book for beginners and you wouldn't go wrong by using it.

This Space Available!

For your article!

We need you to help out with articles for the newsletter. Any length, typed or hand written. Anything about beer, brewing, breweries, personal experiences in beer or brewing. Anything that's in good taste (not too offensive to the general membership).

Submitting Original Articles

If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter please do it! Original articles make the newsletter much more interesting and personal for other members. Don't be afraid that you can't write well, not everybody can. If you'd like, I'll review any article that you provide. We've had a wide variety of contributions throughout the history of the club. Just about anything will be of interest to some club members. Let me know if you have a topic in mind. All articles that are still available will be added to the clubs web site

Please welcome our **NEW MEMBERS:**
Patrick Pfohl -Milwaukee

This Month's Meeting

The **Wednesday September 22nd** meeting will be held at Clifford's Supper Club, 10448 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm. Admission to this meeting is \$5.00. Meetings are almost always the **4th Wednesday** of the month.

This month will be Oktoberfest Style night. We'll be conducting a blind tasting of several beers.



Please support Clifford's Supper Club with your patronage

Clifford's allows us to use their banquet room at reduced charge to the Beer Barons. Your support will help show our appreciation.

Famous for their Fish Fry

Served both Wednesday and Friday
Cocktail Hour 3 - 6 pm

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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