



# BARON MIND

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## It's time for our holiday party!

The December meeting is our holiday party. The meeting fee is \$10 and includes beer, lots of food, and music by the Polka Kings. The socializing is good as always. Bring your latest homebrew to pass around and **don't forget to bring a side dish to pass!** The club buys some hot main dishes and veggie trays from Clifford's and has cheese and sausage plates. We've got a big raffle lined up this year as well.

## Membership Recognition

I'd like to start a new annual tradition to honor 5 year member anniversaries. Some of the people below are founding members, some newer. I think we should all give them a round of applause as without them going before us there would be no Beer Barons of Milwaukee. I apologize if I missed anybody. Our records aren't perfect!

### 5 Years in 2004 (joined in 1999)

Rich Heller  
Scott Rauguth  
Paul Liebenthal  
Erik Peterson

### 10 Years in 2004 (joined in 1994)

Dean Halonen  
Jeff Kane  
Jim Jesse  
Michael Rice  
Robert Kustra  
Dave & Wendy Van Der Wegen

### 15 Years in 2004 (joined in 1989)

Jerry & Mary Uthemann  
Robert Wilson  
Jerry Hetzel  
Richard Grzelak  
Roger & Esther Franklin

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## Upcoming Events

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

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party  
and Officer Elections.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Brian Loughrey of  
Star Brands Importers, importers of Hacker-Pschorr, Paulaner,  
Murphy's, Fischer, and other well known brands will join us.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Brian Wrent of Stevens Point Brewing Co. Will  
join us



## Officer Elections

The elections are this month. Think of who you'd like to see run  
and bring it up at the meeting. We need nominations for  
Newsletter Editor AND a Member at Large as neither Mike or  
Phil can run again.

Nominations made at the last meeting are as follows:

### President:

Paul Tinsen (Incumbent)  
Kevin Moon

### VP:

Rich Binlowski (Incumbent)  
Eric Petersen  
Kevin Moon

### Newsletter Editor:

Mike Chaltry  
Gary Metzger  
Kevin Moon

### Treasurer:

Rich McKagan (Incumbent)



**Officer's Meeting and Social Hour**  
**Date: Wednesday, January 5th, 2004**  
**Time: 7:30pm for Officers**  
**Social hour at 8:30pm**  
**Place: Benno's**  
**7413 W. Greenfield, West Allis**  
**(414) 453-9094**

Kevin Moon

### Member at Large (2):

Karen Grade (Incumbent)  
Kevin Moon

I think somebody had the idea that if we nominated Kevin for  
everything he'd come to the meetings again.

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.

## World of Beer Festival!



We've kicked off the planning for the  
festival and are getting things into  
high gear.

Some of the committees that you can  
participate in are: Sponsors,  
Promotions, Ticket Outlet/Sales,  
Advertising, Vendors, Facilities, Day  
of Logistics. If you're interested in helping out with these things,  
especially **BEFORE** the festival, contact an officer or let's talk at  
the next meeting.



## Annual Calendar of Beer Events

### January

20 - Grand Event - International  
Beer, Wine & Spirits Tasting- \$5  
- 5:30-7 PM  
Shops of Grand Avenue,

Downtown Milwaukee, WI

27 - 29 - Upper Mississippi Mash Out  
Holiday Inn Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN

30 - 7th CBS Brewpub & Microbrewery Shootout  
Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL

30 - Milwaukee Ale House Mid-Winter Beer Fest - 1-5 PM  
-\$30 Milwaukee Ale House, 233 N. Water, Milwaukee, WI - (414)  
233-2337

### February

UKG Chicago Brewpub & Beer Bar Train Crawl

5 - Milwaukee Public Museum Food & Froth  
Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI

12 - 8th Annual Barley Pop Pub Beer Tasting - 1-3:30 PM - \$15 Barley Pop Pub, N116W16137 Main St., Germantown, WI

13 - Badger Bunch Beer Can & Breweriana Show -9 AM-2 PM Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI -(414) 672-3544

27 - Capital Brewery Bock Fest -1 — 6PM  
Capital Brewery Biergarten, Middleton, WI

### March

CANCELLED (Booooo!) - 2005 Real Ale Festival

Goose Island Wrigleyville Stout Fest  
1800 N. Clybourn, Chicago IL -(312) 915- 0071

**5th Annual Riverwest Pub Crawl** ,Milwaukee WI

12 - Drunk Monk Challenge, Chicago, IL

13 - **Blessing of the Bock & Milwaukee Beer Festival** - Noon-3:30 PM -\$40 (\$30 Advance)  
American Serb Hall, 5101W. Oklahoma, Milwaukee, WI

15 - **Country Inn “March Mania” Beer Tasting** - 7-10 PM-\$20 Advance tickets Only  
Country Inn Hotel, 2810 Golf Rd., Waukesha, WI

19 - St. Joseph’s Day: 1st Annual Zur Krone Reunion, Blessing of the Bar & Feast of the Three Wisemen Milwaukee, WI - Details (414) 265-2337

### April

Spielmannzug Bockbier Fest -6 PM  
Hart Park Hall, Wauwatosa, WI

15 - **“Beers around the World” Brew Fest**  
South Milwaukee Community Center, South Milwaukee, WI

### May

Hessicher Verein Maifest, Germantown, WI

MACC Fund Beer & Wine Tasting - 6:30-9:30 PM  
Lakefront Palm Garden, Milwaukee, WI - (414) 918-0626

1 - MHTG Great Taste of the Midwest tickets on sale

Do not cease to drink beer, to eat, to  
intoxicate thyself, to make love and celebrate  
the good days.

~ Instructions of the Ancient Egyptian Gods

1 - **Beer Barons’ World of Beer Festival**-\$20 Advance, \$25 Door. Serb Hall, Milwaukee, WI

14 - “Worldwide Wine, Spirits, Dining & Brewing Event”  
Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI

22 - **Wisconsin Microbrewers’ Beer Fest**  
Calumet County Fairgrounds, Chilton, WI

### August

13 - **Great Taste of the Midwest**, Madison, WI

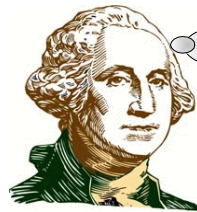
### September

Several weekends - Oktoberfest  
Heidelberg Park/Bavarian Inn, Glendale, WI

17 - Great Lakes Brew Fest  
Racine Festival Park, Racine, WI

September 29 - October 1  
Great American Beer Festival  
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

Thanks to Cream City Suds for most of the calendar events.  
<http://www.sudswineandspirits.com/calendar.htm>



Some Thoughts From  
The President...

Hey All,

Well the holidays are upon us again. Now is the time to reflect on the past year and think about the up coming year. I hope your year was filled with many wonderful times spent with family and friends and doing the things that you love to do. Take the time to think about the coming year and all the goals you'd like to achieve during the year and make a plan to achieve them. Remember how precious time is and make the best use of every minute of it, especially the time you have with family and friends. I truly wish each and everyone of you a great holiday season. And please, remember to be smart and safe during this wonderful time of year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## From the Treasury



Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise duit!  
(A prosperous and enjoyable Christmas!)

And a prosperous year it has been for our club! One more month of stats and the financial journey our club has taken in 2004 will be revealed. Our yearly income will likely exceed \$17,000 with festivals, picnics, parties, trips, competitions, beer, dues and merchandise. At this point it looks like our financial balance after expenditures and donations will be on the plus side by about \$400 for the year. As for the month of November our account balance is at \$1249.89. See you at the Christmas Party!! Bring some extra cash for the raffles because Santa has outdone himself this year with big ticket items and you're going to want to take them all home.

Cad is ainm duit, le do thoil?  
(What is your name, please?)

Mac (Beer Loving Druid at Heart)

## On the Competition Front



### National AHA Club-Only Homebrew Competition (COC)

by Lenny Beck

The beer category for December is Irish Red Ales BJCP category 9D, listed below is the BJCP guidelines for this style and a simple recipe give it a try and don't forget to put some away for March 17th.

#### BJCP Style Guide 9D. Irish Red Ale

**Aroma:** Low to moderate malt aroma, generally caramel-like but occasionally toasty or toffee-like in nature. May have a light buttery character (although this is not required). Hop aroma is low to none (usually not present). Quite clean.

**Appearance:** Amber to deep reddish copper color (most examples have a deep reddish hue). Clear. Low off-white to tan colored head.

**Flavor:** Moderate caramel malt flavor and sweetness, occasionally with a buttered toast or toffee-like quality. Finishes with a light taste of roasted grain, which lends a characteristic dryness to the finish. Generally

no flavor hops, although some examples may have a light English hop flavor. Medium-low hop bitterness, although light use of roasted grains may increase the perception of bitterness to the medium range. Medium-dry to dry finish. Clean and smooth (lager versions can be very smooth). No esters.

**Mouthfeel:** Medium-light to medium body, although examples containing low levels of diacetyl may have a slightly slick mouthfeel. Moderate carbonation. Smooth. Moderately attenuated (more so than Scottish ales). May have a slight alcohol warmth in stronger versions.

**Overall Impression:** An easy-drinking pint. Malt-focused with an initial sweetness and a roasted dryness in the finish.

**Comments:** Sometimes brewed as a lager (if so, generally will not exhibit a diacetyl character). When served too cold, the roasted character and bitterness may seem more elevated.

**Ingredients:** May contain some adjuncts (corn, rice, or sugar), although excessive adjunct use will harm the character of the beer. Generally has a bit of roasted barley to provide reddish color and dry roasted finish. UK/Irish malts, hops, yeast.

#### Vital Statistics:

OG	FG	IBUs	SRM	ABV
1.044 - 1.060	1.010 - 1.014	17 - 28	9 - 18	4.0 - 6.0%

**Commercial Examples:** Moling's Irish Red Ale, Smithwick's Irish Ale, Kilkenny Irish Beer, Beamish Red Ale, Caffrey's Irish Ale, Goose Island Kilgubbin Red Ale, Murphy's Irish Red (lager), Boulevard Irish Ale, Harpoon Hibernian Ale

#### Irish Red Ale Recipe

4 oz Briess Roast Barley  
8 oz Briess 80L Crystal  
8 oz Briess Victory  
8 oz Briess Cara-Pils  
8 lbs Briess 2-Row (your 6-7 lbs of pale extract is equiv.)  
1 oz Cascade (6%), boiling  
1 oz Fuggle, finish  
Wyeast European Ale

#### 2004 - 2005 Schedule

Competition Style and Date	Club Member Entry Due Dates (to the Beer Baron's Meeting)
January 2005 Irish Red Ale (Category 9D* Irish Red Ale)	December 15th
March/April 2005 Sour Beers (Category 17* Sour Beers)	February 23rd
May 2005 Extract Beers All BJCP beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of fermentables.	April 27th

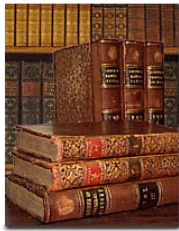
\*See new 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).

## 2005 - 2006 Schedule

August 2005 Belgian and French Ale (Category 16* Belgian and French Ale)	July 27th
September/October 2005 European Amber Lager (Category 3* European Amber Lager)	August 24th
November/December 2005 Baltic Porter (Category 12C* Baltic Porter)	October 26th

\*See new 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).

## Editor's Farewell



It's been great serving the club for the last two years as Newsletter Editor and Board Member. I've been able to do a lot of different things and learned a lot about putting a newsletter together (never did it before this!). I've learned a lot about beer and brewing during the course of it as well. The flip side of the coin is that I've been able to do a lot for the club, at least I think I have.

Some of the things I'm most proud of are the blind beer tastings, the improved web site, and last but not least - my contributions to the World of Beer Festival. While it's been a lot of work at times, it's all been very rewarding.

Serving the club is something I'd recommend to all the members. You not only get a sense of reward but strengthen the club. As with most everything in life, nothing good comes without effort. If everybody just shows up to drink beer (the fun part) but nobody does the work, the club won't grow and may not last.

I'll be staying on as the club Web Master, continuing to serve the club. It's not an elected position so I can do it as long as needed, just like Librarian, AHA CoC coordinator, State Fair Homebrew Competition coordinator, and mailing list manager. As the club grows and expands, I'd expect more of these positions to show up. Maybe you can think of a place where you can help the club!

## Feast of Fools

**December - 26 or thereabouts**

**A medieval European church festival lasting around three days, where people would wear donkey masks, drink copiously, and make fun of the senior clergy. It was put to an end in 1435 by church decree.**

Man's first civilizations gave great place to intoxication. Long before there was decadence or world weariness, men and women wanted to change their response to the planet on which they had evolved to self consciousness.

~ Jaquette Hawkes,  
The First Civilization

# 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).

## This Month's Meeting

The **Wednesday December 15th** 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 \$10.00. Meetings are almost always the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of the month except November and December which are the third Wednesday.

This month is our Holiday Party. Remember to bring a dish to pass. Bring homebrew if you have it!



*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**

This newsletter will be sent free of charge 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 out reminders, so be sure to check the date on the label to see when it is time to renew.

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