



BARON MIND

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Happy New Year Beer Barons!



January's Meeting

The first meeting of 2005 will be celebrated with Brian Loughrey of **Star Brands Importers**. This company imports many well known brands such as: Hacker-Pschorr, Fischer, Birra Moretti, as well as other outstanding brands.

Hacker-Pschorr has a worldwide reputation. It has been brewed in Munich since 1417! This brewery has a wide range of beers which include Alt Munich Dark, Munich, Original Oktoberfest, Weisse, Weisse Dark, and Weisse Kristall. Hacker-Pschorr brews only with the finest two-row Bavarian barley and wheat, Bohemian Hallertau and Saaz hops, centuries old yeast, and pure water from the Alps.

Fischer Brewery is located in Strasbourg, France. Fischer LaBelle and Fischer "Tradition" Amber have been brewed since 1821. Both of these beers are lagers.

Birra Moretti is an Italian brewery located in Northern Italy. Birra Moretti is the signature brand of the Moretti family. Luigi Moretti first brewed this beer in 1859. This beer is a slightly hopped Pilsner. Moretti La Rossa, which is a robust double malt red beer, is also brewed here.



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Upcoming Events :

Meeting Dates and Style-of-the-Month :

February 23rd: Guest Speaker: Bryan Wygert

March Meeting: TBA



Spotlight CLUB NEWS



Change of Guard

The December meeting was filled with numerous festivities. Although there was a lot of eating and drinking at this meeting, club business was covered as well. During our meeting elections were held for 2005. Most of the board members will carry on their responsibilities into this year. However, there have been a couple of changes.

New Board Members

Kevin Moon will be replacing **Phil Rozanski** as **Member at Large**

Nikki Passentino will be replacing **Mike Schwartz** as **Newsletter Editor**

Thanks Phil and Mike for all your hard work!!!

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Don't forget that the Beer Barons' World of Beer Festival is approaching soon. This festival was a hit last year so let's make sure it goes smooth this year. If you are interested in helping it would be greatly appreciated. Contact an officer for further information BEFORE the festival.

One Less Beer Baroness

I am sad to say my sidekick has left Milwaukee. Kim Kirsch joined the Beer Barons about a year and an half ago. She has been a beer lover for many years and has helped me brew on numerous occasions. Kim has been a huge asset to the Beer Barons' library. Thank you for helping with the library. Especially for carrying all those books.

Kim moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin to pursue her career. She works with autistic children and loves it. Recently, she received a promotion which is the reason for her departure.

Unfortunately, Northwoods is the only microbrewery in Eau Claire. I visited Northwoods a few months ago. Sadly, I was not impressed. However, no worries Kim! I will bring plenty of beer to you.

Although Kim is leaving she still intends to join us in the fun at numerous beer events. She will visit often. Plus we hope to continue to brew together. So it may be goodbye, but not forever.

Kim I will miss you tons! The Beer Barons will not be the same without you. Thanks for being a part of the Beer Barons. You'll be missed by many!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

January

23- Beer Baron's Monthly Meeting
Clifford's, Hales Corners, WI

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

29-Chicagoland Brewpub Microbrewery Shootout!
Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL

30 - Milwaukee Ale House Mid-Winter Beer Fest - 1-5PM
-\$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

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** - 7-10PM-

\$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

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, W

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

Jumble Answers

WORT
LAGER
BARLEY
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**Some Thoughts
From the
President...**

Hey All:

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I know I did. I would like to give a boat load of thanks to all of you who did so much to make the Christmas party a huge success. From the people who went and purchased raffle prizes and the businesses who donated prizes. Including (in no particular order) The Purple Foot, The Frugal Homebrewer in West Allis, The Homebrewers Depot, Scott Raguth and of course Marie at Discount Liquor. And to everyone who brought a side dish to share with all the members. I, for one, had a wonderful time and I am fairly sure all of you who attended enjoyed yourself as much as I did.

Well the planning for The World of Beer Festival is in full throttle. We will need even more volunteers this year than last. In fact, I don't think we will turn anybody down this year. We learned last year that we could have used everyone who asked to help. We should start passing around a sign up sheet at the next meeting, so please sign up to help and make this years festival better than last years. Our treasurer Rich McKagan has sent a letter to the Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild to try and set up a meeting to help us with the growth of our festival and a few accounting questions we have. Hopefully we will hear from them soon.

We will be starting a new feature at the meetings some time soon. A club only competition! We will have some of the more experienced judges work with some people who are interested in judging and have a competition with members in the club. Prizes will be awarded along with some ribbons and of course the pride of knowing you brewed one of the best beers in the club in a particular category. These competitions will be held on the months that we have "Homebrew Night". I will tell you more when the officers and I have a more definitive idea how to proceed. Anyone interested will be given plenty of time to brew and bottle a batch for the upcoming competition.

Lastly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest officer and member at large. For you of us that were not at the December meeting for the elections, Nikki Passentino is our new Newspaper editor and Kevin Moon is our new Member at Large. I will introduce them at the meeting for those of you who are not familiar with them.

Well, we have a brand new year ahead of us, so if you have any ideas for the club or a speaker you would like to see, etc. please bring them up as soon as possible so we, the officers, can try and do what we can to facilitate your idea the best we can.

It is a brand new year, try and make it the best year you can!

Happy Brew Year to all!
Paul



Happy New Year Everybody!

The books for 2004 are done and it's been an active year for the club. For 2004 our receipts totaled \$20,620.76 and expenses totaled \$20,661.54. Our club only overspent our income by \$40.78 and without a budget to follow that's quite incredible. We are starting the year in good financial shape. For 2005 we are starting with \$1,821.86 in the club account and \$989.92 in the Festival charities account. The board reviewed the books and we are off and running. Looking forward to a great year ahead of us. Thanks to everyone for there participation and support of our club.

Sláinte!

Mac

A Note From The New Editor

Hello everyone! Since some of you may not know who I am I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Nikki and I love beer. I have been a homebrewer for over four years and my passion for the art continues to grow daily.

Some of you may recognize me as the librarian. Yes, I have two hats. I am going to continue my duties as librarian for now because I feel the positions complement each other. I am excited to be the new editor and hope to make the newsletter exciting and fun. I am always open to suggestions so don't be shy.

My fantastic friend Philly has contributed a lot to this newsletter as well so I would like recognize him for all his great work. Thanks Philly! He will continue to help throughout the year, which I greatly appreciate.

Cheers
Nikki Passentino



On the Competition Front

2005 Schedule

Competition Style and Date	Club Member Entry Due Dates (to the Beer Baron's Meeting)
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
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 26 th

New Year's Resolutions

Yes, it is that time of year again where new goals and aspirations are set by many. A long list is made by some while others focus on just one thing. Wouldn't that be great if that one thing was BEER? Yes, beer should be a big part of all our lives this coming year. So this year become more active in the beer world. Taste more BEER. Make more BEER. Research BEER. Cook with BEER. Embrace the sweet nectar of God and love it!

BUY/SELL/TRADE

THIS SECTION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE BEER BARONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING, SELLING, OR TRADING BEER EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES

(IF INTERESTED EMAIL THE EDITOR WITH YOUR INFORMATION)
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OFFICER'S MEETING & SOCIAL HOUR

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Time: 7:30 for Officers/ 8:30 Social Hour

Place: Onopa Brewing Company

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

FOR YOUR ARTICLE!

We Need your help please. Articles for the newsletter are always are encouraged. Any length, typed or hand written is fine. Everyone's voice needs to be heard.

This Month's Meeting

The Wednesday, January 26th 2005 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 are pleased to have as guest speaker, Brian Loughrey from Star Brands Importers.

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

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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