



BARON MIND

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February Meeting

STEVENS POINT BREWERY

This month Bryan Wygert will be joining us from Stevens Point Brewery. Bryan is a representative for the brewery. He will be bringing the Spring Bock, which was recently released. This beer is brewed with specialty chocolate, caramel, and Munich malts along with Hallertauer hops. Spring Bock was introduced in 1938. The availability of this beer is limited and is offered January through March.

Frank Wahle and George Ruder established Stevens Point Brewery in 1857. Since this period, brewing quality beer has been passed on throughout many generations. Currently, John Zappa is the Brewmaster. He has been the Brewmaster for twenty-six years.

Other beers are also available at this brewery. These beers include: Point Special, Honey Light, Cascade Pale Ale, White Biere, Point Amber.

Thank you Bryan for coming and speaking to the Beer Barons !!!



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Upcoming Events :
Meeting Dates and Style-of-the-Month :

March 23 –Homebrew Night

April: TBA



A New Beer Released

America's largest brewing company, Anheuser-Busch, released its latest product last week -- a beer that contains caffeine.

Obviously, this is a monumental cultural milestone and it raises important questions that we as a society must answer. For instance: Is adding America's favorite stimulant to America's favorite alcoholic beverage the greatest scientific breakthrough of the 21st century? Or the beginning of the end of civilization as we know it? Or what?

The beer is called B{+E} -- with the E raised up, like an exponent in math, which is why the name is pronounced "B to the E." (The B stands for Budweiser. The E stands for extra.) Sold in 10-ounce cans, B{+E} contains 54 milligrams of caffeine -- about half the dose found in an average cup of coffee. B{+E} also contains ginseng, the fabled herb, and guarana, an Amazonian berry frequently found in Brazilian soft drinks.

Source:

<<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A50051-2005Jan30?language=printer>>

Beer Jumbles

OSHP
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YRDREETMOH
GESPra

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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.

Spotlight
CLUB NEWS



Last Month's Meeting

I Hope those of you who joined us last month enjoyed the meeting.

Bryan Loughrey did an excellent job speaking. In addition, he was very generous and brought many beers to share.

Thanks Star Brands importers and Bryan!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

February

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—Info: 414-265-2337

Thanks to Cream City Suds for most of the
calendar events.

<http://www.sudswineandspirits.com/calendar.htm>

BEER BARONS LIBRARY

Just a friendly reminder the Beer Barons has a library. Everyone is welcome to checkout materials at every meeting. Donations are also welcome at all times.

Blessing of the Bock

Sunday March 13, 2005

Noon-4:30pm

Blessing of the Beer

Bless this creature beer which by kindness and power
has been produced from kernels of grain.

May it be a healthful drink for Mankind.

Grant that whoever drinks it with thanksgiving may find
it of help in body and in Soul.—Roman Ritual

Man time flies when you drink good beer. The Blessing
of the Bock is quickly approaching. Once again there
will be a registered BJCP Homebrew contest at this
event. The following three classifications may be
entered:

BOCK, DOPPELBOCK, WEIZEN BOCK

Bock – a strong malty beer with adequate but
not assertive hop bitterness. Color from
copper to dark brown. 6.25%ABV.

Doppelbock – similar to Bock however
darker and fuller. 7.5%+ABV

Weizen Bock – a dark wheat beer with
substantial malty body and fruity palate.
5 to 7%ABV

TICKETS AVAILABLE @ NEXT MEETING

Purchase tickets at February meeting from John
Zutz. Tickets at this time will be only \$20.00!!!

Proceeds Donated To:
My Lai Peace Park Project and Library of Vietnam
Project and Library of Vietnam Project

Sponsored By:
Vietnam Veterans Against The War
And Vietnam Veterans of
America #324



**Some Thoughts
From the
President...**

When the issue of a smoking policy was brought to my attention, I, in no way could have foreseen how divisive an issue it would become. I, and the other officers, in no way, want to alienate any one in the club, smokers or non-smokers. So, we as officers, believe the best solution would be to have a smoking area in the hall. Of course this is just the opinion of the officers. You, as members, will have the final vote on this subject. I urge you to think about why you are a member of this club and why everyone else is a member. The love of good beer. Please think about this carefully. Your decision may have a larger impact on the club than you think. There will be two choices on the ballot, no smoking or smoking in a designated area. Again, I ask you to think about this very carefully and take into consideration your fellow Beer Barons when making your choice. You will receive a ballot when you pay for the meeting and only members will be allowed to vote. I hope all of you will be at the meeting to vote on this very important issue. Whatever the outcome, I hope you will respect the the final say of the majority of the members of the club and not let this one issue affect the club as a whole. Thank you.

Paul

Recent Beer Festivities

Both the Mid-Winter Beerfest and Food and Froth were a hit again this year. The Mid-Winter Beerfest took place at the Milwaukee Ale House on Sunday January 30, 2005, while Food and Froth was at the Milwaukee Public Museum on February 05, 2005. The Milwaukee Ale House tasting was a charity event for the MACC fund. All proceeds for Food and Froth benefit museum programs and exhibits. Thanks to those who participated!



Greetings to all

Not much to share about the books this month. Many thanks to the generosity of Brian Loughrey at Star Brands Importers. If you didn't know, Brian treated our club to all the excellent beers sampled at the January meeting!! Remember to think of those great beers when your out cruising the beer isles. Hacker-Pschorr, Fischer, Birra Moretti. Our club account ending January stands at \$179,659.02 Japanese Yen. And that's after paying \$308,605.04 Italian Lira for reserving the park site for our summer picnic. Needless to say all is well and looking good for the year.

Faol saol agat agus bas in Eirinn

Mac

A Note From The Editor

I hope everyone liked last month's newsletter. As some may have noticed there have been a few changes I have made. I just want to thank all those who take the time to read the monthly Baron Mind. This is a new experience for me; however, so far I think all is going well. If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns then please e-mail me at nassentinonikki@hotmail.com.

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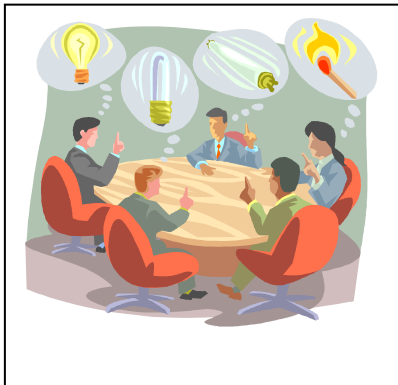


On the Competition Front

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 26th

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Officer's Meeting: Wednesday March 02, 2005
 @ 7:30pm @
 The Palm Tavern—2989 S Kinnickinnic Ave

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)
passentinonikki@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

- 4 GLASS CARBOYS(5gal) \$10.00ea
- 1 PLASTIC RACKING CANE \$2.00
- 1 CAST MEDAL—TWO HAND CAPPER \$5.00
- 1 PLASTIC BUCKET W/ SPIGOT(5gal) \$5.00
- 1 BRASS BOTTLE WAHER \$3.00
- 1 PLASTIC HOSE CLIP \$0.50
- 1 NYLON CARBOY BRUSH \$2.00
- 1 BOTTLE BRUSH \$1.00
- 100 BOTTLE CAPS \$2.00
- 1 PLASTIC BOTTLE TREE \$5.00
- 6 CASES OF 24 -12oz BROWN BOTTLES \$6.00/case
- 1 CASE OF 20 -12oz BROWN BOTTLES \$5.00

IF INTEREST CONTACT TOM:
 414-744-9978
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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, February 23rd 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 Wygert from Stevens Point Brewery.

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
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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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