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JUNE MEETING

ESB & IPA

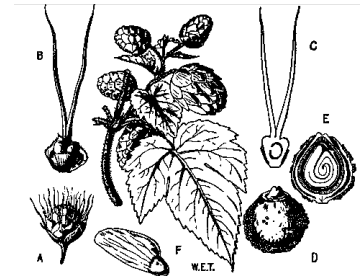


FIG. 69. *Humulus lupulus* L. (Cannabaceae). A, female inflorescence. B, female flower. C, vertical section of same. D, fruit. E, vertical section of same. F, seed. (After Baill.)

This month at the Beer Barons meeting we will taste a variety of Extra Special Bitter (ESB) and Indian Pale Ale (IPA) beers. Both of these beers are sub-styles of pale ale. ESB's and IPA's have many great qualities.

ESB's are a popular style in British pubs. Originally this beer was kegged and served fresh with no pressure at cellar temperature.

The hop flavor in ESB's is medium to strong, while the hop aroma is high to nonexistent. Color appearance is copper to dark brown and the malt should balance and complement the hops well.

IPA's were a popular choice among British soldiers in Colonial India. This beer is a hoppy, moderately strong pale ale. IPA's have more hop flavor, bitterness, aroma, and alcohol content than ordinary pale ales. The high alcohol and hop content in IPA's helped it make the journey from England.

IPA's hop flavor is medium to high. The hop aroma should be similar to the flavor, which is floral, earthy, and/or fruity. The range of color of IPA's is medium gold to deep copper. The malt in IPA's should also support the hops well. There should be a nice balance for a good body.

Next meeting is a good opportunity for all members, both experienced and inexperienced beer drinkers, to sample these types of beers. Sampling is a convenient way to compare styles and judge the different beers on your own.

As always, beer will be provided at this meeting. However, if anyone has any homebrew or favorites in these styles and would like to share them with the club then that would be fantastic.

ESB

Extra Special Bitter

OG=1.048-1.060+

IBUs=30-50+

FG=1.010-1.016

SRM=6-18

ABV=4.6-6.2%

IPA

India Pale Ale

OG=1.050-1.075

IBUs=40-60+

FG=1.010-1.018

SRM=8-14

ABV=5-7.8%

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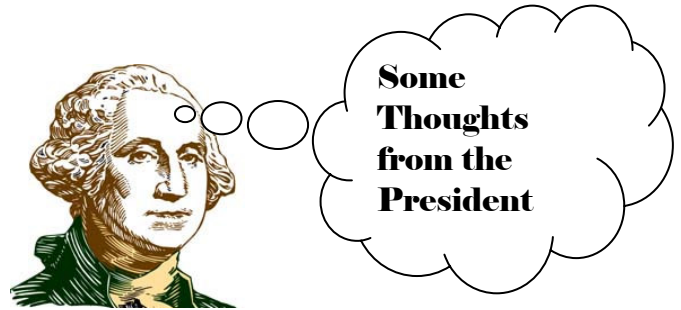
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Well summer is upon us once again. And as usual I am ear deep in projects around the house. I apologize for missing the last meeting but I was having a tree moved on my property and needed to get several things done before it could happen. I heard it was a good meeting and that John Kretsch was an outstanding speaker. Sorry I missed it. I hope all of you who were at the meeting were able to learn something that you can teach me!

For those of you who did not get my e-mail, the wrong letter was sent to Nikki last month. No, I didn't get 2 cameras stolen 2 years in a row! Last months letter will follow this one.

I hope all of you received the invitation to the Sprecherfest homebrew competition. I would love to see our club run away with all the awards! Speaking of competitions I have to send a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** out to Dan Schlosser for his victory at the State Fair Homebrew Competition. I think we have a brew monster on our hands! Also a big congrats goes out to Andy Hemken for his winning mead entry.

As you will see in the following letter our own competition has started and I hope I haven't screwed up anyone's chances of getting in. If I have all I can say is I'm sorry. Please read the next letter to see about the beer style and all the details.

May President's Letter—Take II

Another Successful Fest

The World of Beer Fest has come and gone. Preliminary numbers tell us that the fest was a success. I can not stress how important everyone who volunteered was to the success of this festival. So I want to say thanks to everyone who was involved with the fest. I know I say it all the time, but there would not be a festival without all of you who volunteer each year.

I realize that very few of you had the opportunity to see any of the speakers at this year's fest. I just want to say don't worry. Randy Mosher said he will be happy to come to a meeting and speak to the group. I will let you know when we arrange a date for him to speak. I was one of the lucky ones who saw his presentation and it was excellent. You won't want to miss that meeting. I also believe Jeff Sparrow said he would speak as well. I was not able to see him but I heard he was excellent as well.

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Another Successful Fest-continued

Well, a few months ago I brought up the idea of a club only homebrew competition. With the WOB, the idea was placed on hold. We are now ready to proceed. In July, we will have the first ever homebrew competition. July's style will be Pale Ales. There will be 3 categories; American Pale ales, India Pale ales and English Pale ales. We will have 9 judges, 3 of our recently accredited judges who will be helping 6 members from the club who are interested in learning about judging. Each group of 3 will judge one style in the category. They will then pick a winner in that category. When all three categories have winners, those 3 beers will be judged strictly by the 3 accredited judges and a best of show will be awarded. All 3 winners will be awarded prizes(yet to be determined) with the best of show winner getting first and the other two going for second and third. There will be no entry form, just show up in July with 3 bottles of your best Pale Ale and match your beers against the other brewers in the club. Good luck!!

See you at the meeting
Paul



Slainte

It's June and finally summer so I'm going to keep this short. Our club balance for the end of May is \$1894.68. Great way to go into summer! A final calculation of money spent and received for our World of Beer Festival is ready. The festival costs totaled \$3333.40 and income generated stands at \$7346.59. Everyone who donated sweat and time helped to put our profit for this year at 4013.19. THANK YOU ALL! Have a great summer and I will see you in July. Sorry to say I will miss the June meeting and the IPA's I really love. Be nice to whoever I can get to step in to do my job at the June meeting.

Slán agus beannacht leat
Mac

Thank you John Kretsch for spending time with the Beer Barons last month! You did a great job. We appreciate the information you offered us.

Spotlight
CLUB NEWS



Now is the time to reflect on the Beer Barons' success of the 2nd annual World of Beer Festival. Once again we had a superb event. Enclosed are the end results.

Total Ticket Sales: **354 Tickets**

- 18 tickets by mail
- 23 tickets sold by Kettle Moraine
- 32 tickets sold by Purple Foot
- 38 tickets sold at the door
- 43 tickets sold to club members
- 67 tickets sold by PayPal
- 133 tickets sold by Discount Liquor

The proceeds will go to the planned Museum of Beer and Brewing in Milwaukee.

As a club this is the time to decide how we can improve the festival in the future. How can we make it even bigger and better next year? As noted before some suggestions include more volunteers, better marketing, a separate World of Beer Committee, and a bigger venue. So what are everyone's thoughts? Please feel free to give ideas and input to officers either directly or via e-mail. Everyone's feed back is important, so don't be shy and get more involved. We would love to hear from you.

Finally, once again enough thanks can never be given to everyone who made the second annual World of Beer Festival happen. A billion thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, vendors, speakers, and everyone else who participated. As beer lovers we gathered and made it happen!!!

THANKS!



HOMEBREWER'S COMPETITION – July 2005

TO ALL NOTICE HOMEBREWERS!

Sponsored by Sprecher Brewery Co., in conjunction with
“**SPRECHERFEST**”

- \$5 entry fee.
- Judging the following BJCP categories (descriptions at www.bjcp.org):

Category 5b – Bock (traditional bock)
Category 3a – European Amber Lager (Vienna Lager)
Category 4b – Dark Lager (Munich Dunkel)
Category 11a – English Brown Ale (mild)
Category 14a – India Pale Ale (English IPA)
Category 15a – German Wheat & Rye Beer (weizen/weissbier)

- Beer must be brewed with **10%** or more grain.
- ***(note there has been a recent change in the percent of grains from 50% to now 10%)***
- Instructions and entry forms available soon through the Beer Barons and www.sprecherbrewery.com (similar to the State Fair competition).
- Registration forms and fee due at the Sprecher Brewery by July 8, 2005.
- Bottled competition beer due at the brewery by July 15, 2005.
- Judging will take place at the brewery the week of July 17th.
- Awards given out at “**SPRECHERFEST**” on Sat. July 23, 2005 at Heidelberg Park – Glendale, WI.
- Contact for questions: Tom Strelka c/o Sprecher Brewery Co.
414-964-7837
701 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale WI 53209
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Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition

Re-cap

The Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition was a big success. 204 beers and meads were entered, 37 more than last year. 107 ribbons were awarded, with the top 6 awards going to:

Best of Show: Dan Schlosser, with a Dortmunder Export
Second Best of Show: Kenneth Meyer, with an English-Style Barleywine
Best Amber Beer: Dan Schlosser, Irish Red Ale
Best Brown Beer: Russell Harbach, Scottish Light 60/
Best Black Beer: Trevor Larene, Baltic Porter
Best Specialty Beer or Mead: Andy Hemken, Raspberry Melomel

Congratulations to everyone. This is Dan Schlosser's 4th Best of Show Win in the past 8 years. Way to go, Dan! We'll have the complete results posted at www.beerbarons.org soon. Ribbons and plaques will be sent out after the State Fair in August.

And finally, a BIG thanks to all who helped out and those that tried to help out (curse those damn colds). You can't have a competition without Stewards and Judges, and you guys and girls were great Stewards and Judges. Thanks again.

So start brewing those beers for next year's competition, and I hope to see you there.

Cheers,

Jeff Enders
Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition Coordinator
Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Hello fellow Barons!

I'm writing to give a huge thanks to my fellow Barons that not only made it to my wedding on May 7th, but they also pulled through in outstanding fashion with an awesome assortment of homebrews on tap for my wedding reception. I got lots of compliments on the beer selection at the reception. Perhaps I'm biased, but I think that was the finest display of homebrew that this club has done! My thanks go out to Mike Rice & Peggy Young, Jerry & Mary Uthemann, Rich Heller (sorry to here that you couldn't make it, Rich, and my prayers go out asking for a full & speedy recovery from surgery), Kevin Moon, Jeff Enders, Lenny Beck, and Rich Binkowski for their outstanding brews and putting forth the effort to setup their brew at my wedding reception.

For those of you that didn't make it, my wedding was held in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, May 7th and the reception was held outdoors at Keller Park in Fall Creek, WI. The Barons put on an awesome spread of fresh tapped homebrew and wowed all the locals with such an awesome variety. Most people that were at the reception hadn't been exposed to such a variety of beer and there were many curious and amazed individuals there that night.

Well, now I'm living up in the St. Paul area in Minnesota, and I'm going to miss you guys. Perhaps I'll see some of you at a judging event either up here in Minnesota or down in the Milwaukee/Chicago area. God's blessings to you all and thanks again for adding a huge contribution to my wedding reception.

~Chris & Toni Belsky

Upcoming Events: Meeting Dates and Styles

June 22: ESB/IPA Night-Sampling

July 27: German Light Lager Night

Aug 13: Great Taste of Midwest
Madison, WI





On the Competition Front

2005 Schedule

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

MEETINGS



Officer's Meeting: Wednesday July 6, 2005
@ 7:30pm @
Paddy's Pub-2339 N Murray Ave

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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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2nd Annual Bayview Pub Crawl

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2005
-NOON-

Who likes beer and could use a little extra exercise? Then the Bayview Pub Crawl is perfect for you.

Eric Peterson is hosting the second annual Bayview Pub Crawl, which is a great way to drink excellent beer and burn calories. For those of you who might not know what a pub crawl is; this one is a neighborhood tour of bars and restaurants, where you sample a different beer at each.

There is a variety of ways to sign up for this glorious event. Tickets will be available at the next Beer Barons meeting for \$20.00 (see Erik Peterson). Tickets are also available for pre-registration at the Groove for \$25.00. However, even if you wait until the last minute then no worries. Tickets can still be purchased the day of the event for \$30.00 from noon until 3pm at the Groove.

Proceeds are donated in the Museum of Beer and Brewing in Milwaukee.

The Groove
3007 S Kinnickinic Ave.

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

FOR YOUR ARTICLE!

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

This Month's Meeting

The Wednesday, June 22nd 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 will be sampling a variety of ESB's (Extra Special Bitters) and IPA's (Indian Pale Ale).

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Clifford's allows us to use their banquet room at a reduced price. Our support will help show our appreciation.

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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
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