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OKTOBERFEST

Once again the largest festival in the world has begun. It is that time a year again when millions flock to Munich, Germany to consume bountiful liters of beer. This year will be the 172nd anniversary of Oktoberfest. On September 17, 2005 the festivities will have begun. At noon on that day, the mayor of Munich will tap the first keg and the madness will continue for sixteen days, ending on October 03, 2005.

Some may already know the history of Oktoberfest, however, others might not be as informed. It all began about 200 years ago on October 12, 1810 with the royal wedding between Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese. Five days after the wedding, on October 17, 1810, a festival, which included horse races, took place, and the citizens of Munich were invited to attend. Since the festival was such a great success, it has been an annual tradition. In the early decades, there was little entertainment besides horse races and small beer stands at the event. But over the years, the festivities have expanded and the first beer tents appeared in 1896. Today the horse races no longer exist, but lots and lots of beer at 14 different tents is still plentiful. One could choose from various German breweries including but not limited to: Hofbrau Festzelt, Hacker Festzelt, Lowenbrau Festhalle, Augustiner Festhalle.

So why is it Oktoberfest when it is in September? As noted earlier, the first Oktoberfest took place October 12, 1810. So why didn't the tradition continue? As the celebration continued it moved into September due to weather conditions. The evenings in September were a little warmer for enjoying delicious beer on the gardens. Historically, the last Oktoberfest weekend takes place in October.

So if you were not able to make it this year then, no fret, the party goes on. There will always be time to celebrate in years to come. Mark your calendars.

Oktoberfest Schedule

2006—September 16 thru October 03

2007—September 22 thru October 07

2008—September 20 thru October 05

2009—September 19 thru October 04

2010—September 18 thru October 03

2011—September 17 thru October 03



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Some
Thoughts from
the President

Hey all

The Beer Barons summer picnic was a great success. There was an abundance of food, homebrew, raffle prizes and good times had by all. The homebrew that was brought was excellent, and believe me I tried those all several times! So thank you to all the brewers you did an excellent job. I would also like to thank everyone for bringing food to share at the picnic. I believe we had 4 picnic tables full with food, quite the spread! Thanks to Rich Binkowski for procuring most of the major picnic needs such as utensils, paper plates, brats, Italians, and a whole bunch more. Also I would like to thank Rich (Mac) McKagan for getting the raffle prizes, there certainly were a lot of them. If you were not able to attend the picnic this year you must try to attend next year, it is always a great time.

Just a quick reminder that the officers elections are coming up quickly, so please consider running for a position. The officers positions do not require a lot of your time and actually can be quite fun. If you have not served as an officer yet please consider running. We need people to help make this club to keep getting better.

I will see you all at the meeting.

Paul T.

\$\$\$TREASURER REPORT\$\$\$

Greetings All,

Our Club needs someone to step up and take over the treasurer duties. My time as your treasurer is coming to a close. Requires gathering, depositing, and tracking of club assets from where they are coming from and going. Not a bad job at all and you get to spend money that's not yours. I've had worst duties in my life.

As for this month our club account at the end of August was at \$1962. We are in great shape going into the last quarter of this year.

Mac

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ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Officer nominations are at the November meeting. Then, at the December meeting, we as a club will vote on the new officers for 2006.

Nominations are needed for all six positions: president, vice president, treasurer, editor, and 2 members at large. Paul Tinsen (president), Richard Binkowski (vice president), and Richard Mckagan (treasurer) have each had two terms and are unable to be nominated again for their present positions. However, they are eligible for other positions if desired.

Plus, as noted in other newsletters and meetings, there will also be a separate World of Beer Committee. The members of this committee will be different from the members elected on the board. This committee will be formed on a volunteer basis. Duties include organizing, advertising, marketing, networking, and much more.

If interested in the board or committee then please contact a current officer. Also, anyone is always welcome to attend an officers meeting, which is the first Wednesday of the month. The locations of these meetings vary. The October meeting will be at The Palm on Kinnickinnic. Business is conducted from 7:30pm to 8:30pm and then a social hour follows.



Dells on Tap—Autumn Harvest Fest

As a club we like to have fun. How does that fun happen? Bus Trips! Once again Richard Binkowski is doing his magic by organizing a bus trip to yet another beer festival.

On October 15, 2005 an organized Beer Baron bus will be heading to the Wisconsin Dells for Dells on tap. This event takes place from noon-6pm. Samples of a variety of Wisconsin microbrews will be available at this event.

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Dells on Tap Continued-

A bus will be departing from two different Milwaukee locations. The first stop is at 9am at the Brown Deer park and ride. The second stop is at 9:30am at Watertown Plank Road.

The total cost of this spectacular event is at a low low price of only \$30.00. Sign up for a spot on the bus at the September meeting. The \$30.00 for this event includes the bus ride, beer on the bus, food, admission to the event, and loads of fun. Don't miss out on the roadie!

This is an outdoor event so come prepared for all weather conditions. If you have any questions contact Richard Binkowski 414.281.3521.



Judging--

For those of you who are interested in taking the BJCP(Beer Judge Certification Program) exam, the club is still in the process of putting classes together.

The exam is a comprehensive test to determine your knowledge of brewing techniques, beer history, styles, and flavor/judge ability. The exam consists of two parts: essay + tasting. The essay portion is worth &70%, while the tasting portion is worth 30%.

When you pass the exam you are a 'recognized' BJCP judge until enough judging points is earned to become 'certified'.

Hopefully, soon the classes will start rolling. If interested contact Mike Rice-414.423.8610.

For more information or study tools log onto www.bjcp.org

Upcoming Events: Meeting Dates and Styles

Sep 28: October Meeting-Oktoberfest

Oct 05: Officer's Meeting-The Palm Tavern
2989 S Kinnickinnic Ave

Oct 15: Dells on Tap-Wisconsin Dells

Oct 22: Walkers Point Pub Crawl



German Amber Lager: Oktoberfest/Maerzen
www.bjcp.org

Aroma: German malt aroma
no fruitiness/hop aroma

Appearance: dark gold to reddish amber color

Flavor: distinctive + complex maltiness
hop bitterness is moderate
hop flavor is low to none
balance is toward malt/finish is not too sweet

Mouthfeel: medium body with a creamy texture
medium carbonation

Overall Impression: smooth and rather rich

History: Origin is credited to Gabriel Sedlymer, based on an adaptation of the Vienna style developed by Anton Dreher around 1840.

Typically it was brewed in spring, which was the end of the traditional brewing season. It was stored in cold caves or cellars during the warm summer months.

OG: 1.050-1.064
IBUs: 20-30
FG: 1.012-1.016
SRM: 7-14
ABV: 4.8-6.5%

WALKERS POINT PUB CRAWL

Sample craft brews at Milwaukee Brewing Co.'s new facility, take a tour, and continue sampling beers at participating restaurants & taverns in the Walkers Point neighborhood. Attendees may register in advance (\$20) or register on the day of the event (\$25). Fee includes t-shirt, tour, map, & beer samples at about 15 different spots. See www.sudswineandspirits.com for ticket outlets.

Date/Time

Saturday October 22 2005

12p-3p—registration and tours of Milwaukee Brewing Co
12:30p-9p—Beer Sampling at neighborhood taverns/restaurants

Place

Milwaukee Brewing Co
613 s 2nd St
Milwaukee, WI 53204

*the proceeds from ticket sales & sponsorships will be donated to the Museum of Beer & Brewing, a non-profit

--DRINK AND EXERCISE FOR A CAUSE: BEER!!!--

24th Annual Great Taste American Beer Festival

America's oldest and largest running beer festival is upon us once again. This fabulous event takes place at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. It is a three day (September 29- October 01) event with 1,669 American beers on tap.

This festival is dedicated to educating the public about beers presently produced in the U.S.

Some Wisconsin breweries represented include: The Great Dane Pub and Brewing Co., Lakefront Brewery, New Glarus Brewing Co., Sprecher Brewing Co.

Kuhnenn Brewing Co.

Good Beer, Good Times! That pretty much sums up Kuhnenn's. While traveling through Michigan I had the opportunity to see this great place and sample some of their fine beers and mead.

Kuhnenn is located in Warren, Michigan. Eric Kuhnenn and Brett Kuhnenn, two brothers, are responsible for the craftsmanship behind their delicious products along with assistant Brad Giguere.

At the brewery my fellow travelers and I experienced nothing but kindness. We sampled many beers and enjoyed a great brewery tour.

The beers we tasted are as follows:

- Tangerine Wit (4.2%)
- Loonie Kuhnne (5.6%)-pale ale
- Maibock (7.5%)
- Brothers Gold (5.5%)-gold ale
- Penetration Porter (6%)
- Classic American (4.5%)
- IronMonger Dunkel (6.1%)
- Nine (9%)-belgian style abbey ale
- IPA (5.8%)
- Fourth Dementia Olde Ale (9.5%)-ruby red ale
- Simcoe Silly (10%)
- Hefeweizen (6.1%)

All the beers were yummy, however some were more remembered than others. The Tangerine Wit was quite unique. It had a blend of tangerine, chamomile, and coriander which was refreshing. The Loonie Kuhnne tasted very clean and it is their most requested beer. The Brothers Gold was terrific. The nine was both strong and sweet. And finally, the IPA was out of this world—lots of hops.

If anyone is ever in the area this is a great place to check out. Or watch for this brewery at festivals. I have seen this brewery at festivals such as the Great Taste of the Midwest.

Kuhnenn Brewing Co
5919 Chicago Rd
Warren, MI 48092

Hours: Mon-Thurs-11a-12a
Fri & Sat-11a-2a
Phone: 586-979-8361

Got beer milk?

French farmer invents milk-based drink with 2% alcohol

Sept 9, 2005 - A French dairy farmer has invented a product he calls milk beer.

"Everyone thought I was crazy to try to make a milk-based alcohol," said Marcel Besnard.

He said low prices and strict quotas had led him to look for other ways to market milk. The new drink, Lactiweil, made from milk and malt, contains 2% alcohol by volume. It is brewed using a fermentation process similar to that of traditional beer, except that instead of using beer yeast for fermentation Bernard uses kefir (a Turkish milk product) yeast and lactic bacteria.

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Homebrew ban

Utah city ordinance reminds citizens home beer making illegal in state

Aug 30, 2005 - Because the state of Utah has not legalized homebrewing, one city is drafting a ban to make it clear homebrewing is illegal.

"We haven't had any problems with homebrewing in our city, but under state law it is illegal and we just wanted to make that clear," said South Salt Lake City Attorney David Carlson.

The state legislature last considered legalizing homebrewing, as most of the nation have, seven years ago - but the effort died in committee.

"Under state law, nothing precludes the sale of homebrewing and wine-making equipment," said Earl Dorius, regulatory director of Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (DABC). "But once the equipment is put to use, there's a technical violation of the law. We don't have a good answer for you if you want to do home production.

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On The Competition Front

Date: November/December

Style: Baltic Porter

Club Entry Due: October 26, 2005

It would be great as a club if we could get many entries for this style. Overall, we have not had many entries this year.

Entries are to be given to Richard Binkowski by the October meeting.

Club Members

Lenny Beck had moved. We will miss you Lenny. You have brought a lot to the club. Hopefully, we will see you at special events or occasional meetings. Good Luck and Best Wishes!

Congratulations Chad Sheridan! Chad recently started working with Lakefront brewery.

October Meeting With Todd

We will be having a guest speaker for the October meeting. **Todd Ashman** will be speaking with the Beer Barons about Belgium and his upcoming trip there.

Thank you Todd for taking time to be with the Beer Barons!

If anyone is having problems receiving the newsletter than contact Nikki at passentinonikki@hotmail.com

Also, a reminder that trial memberships last for only three months. After three months have passed, you will then be taken off the list.

Finally, articles and ideas for the newsletter are always welcome. It would be nice to hear from other Beer Barons and their experiences.

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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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, September 28th 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 celebrating Oktoberfest.

Please Support Clifford's Supper Club With Your Patronage



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

Cocktail Hours: 3 to 6 p.m.

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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