



# BARON MIND

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## JULY MEETING FEATURE

The July meeting will feature "The Beers Of Summer."

There will be an assortment of light beer styles that quench your thirst on a hot Summer day. Lighter beer styles require sound brewing techniques. Because of their light body and flavor, lighter bodied beers do not mask subtle flaws that their bigger brothers can mask.

Our discussion will focus on eliminating the off flavors in your home brew. Home brewers bring your questions!!

Mike Rice VP

## JULY OFFICERS MEETING REVIEW

The July officer's meeting was held at Delafield Brewhaus. Only three board members could attend so it was a short meeting with only a few topics.

The picnic was discussed, mainly raffle prizes and the board authorized spending \$300, though that will likely be raised after input from other members.

Both constitutional amendments passed at the last regular meeting so the constitution and by-laws will be updated to reflect these.

Mike Chaltry proposed a change to family membership to allow both spouses to vote where they are both active club members. The idea would be that the second person would get the rights of full membership for an additional \$5/year. The way the family membership works now is that only one newsletter is sent and all family members can attend meetings. This will be discussed at the next board meeting and recommendations made to the club.

Non-profit is complete and was discussed at the last club meeting.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Homebrewing season is in full swing for those who have to work outside. I'll be making two batches this weekend if all goes well, though I've been trying to make this beer for over a month now! I need to get it going so it's ready for the picnic.

Speaking of the picnic, we have a tradition of bringing a lot of homebrew to the picnic. I'm hopeful we'll keep that going this year with more excellent beers like in the past several years.

I'd also encourage people to bring homebrew to our meetings, especially if you have something that fits in with the styles we're talking about. Because not everybody brews and the cost of making beer has gotten to be a pain in the wallet, we've started reimbursing again based on how much beer gets drunk and how much it cost to make. No need for the brewers in the club to take a hit every time they're nice enough to share their beer.

The way most of the meetings for the rest of the year will go will make it easier to match homebrews to the meeting style. We won't be covering just one style of beer but at least a couple in each meeting. That gives use a more diverse group of beers to try, we get to see the contrasts between them, and we can talk about general considerations in brewing them.

An example is our next meeting "The Beers of Summer" which will be a couple different styles of wheat beer, and some non-wheat beers. If you have anything that you think would fall into this general category bring it in! I'd love to try some.

Let Mike Rice know if you're bringing homebrew so we can plan and have serving equipment ready.

Skol

Mike Schwartz

## WORLD OF BEER UPDATE

As most everybody knows, attendance was down this year and we had some serious weather problems! Final paid attendance looks like 256. This was partly due to several causes including fewer posters being distributed, the bad economy, and iffy weather this spring.

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## MILWAUKEE BEER BARONS BOARD MEMBERS

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## EVENT CALENDAR

\* JULY 26  
**4th Lac du Flambeau Lions Brewfest – 1-5 PM**  
 Torpy Park, Minocqua, WI

\* JULY 31 - AUGUST 10  
**Benno's Micro Beer Tent, Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI**

\* AUGUST 1  
**"Savor the Best of Wisconsin," Wisconsin Craft Brewers Guild 20 Beer & Food Pairing Event with Homebrew Demonstration - 6-9 PM - \$40 includes State Fair entry ticket**  
 Saz's Hospitality Village, Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI - [www.buyguildticketsonline.info](http://www.buyguildticketsonline.info)

\* SOLD-OUT: AUGUST 9  
**22nd Annual Great Taste of The Midwest - 1-6 PM**  
 Olin-Turville Park, Madison, WI

\* AUGUST 10  
**New Glarus Brewery Tasting - 5-7 PM - 3 Cellars, Franklin, WI**

\* AUGUST 15 - 16  
**Point Brewery Brews, Brats & Bands - 5-11 PM Friday & 11 AM-11 PM Saturday**  
 Brewery Park, Stevens Point, WI - (715) 344-9310

\* AUGUST 23 - 24 & 30 - 31  
**Schwabenhof Oktoberfest**  
 Schwabenhof, Menomonee Falls, WI

\* AUGUST 31  
**Festival of Iowa Beers - 1-5 PM - \$12**  
 Millstream Brewing Company, Amana, IA - (319) 622-3672

\* SEPTEMBER 5 - 7, 12 - 14 & 19 - 21  
**United German Societies Oktoberfest**  
 Bavarian Inn, 700 E. Lexington, Glendale, WI

\* SEPTEMBER 6  
**Wisconsin Rapids Lions Fall Brew Review - 1-6 PM**  
 Robinson Park, Wisconsin Rapids, WI - (715) 423-0669

\* SEPTEMBER 11  
**Sam Adams Tasting - 5-7 PM - 3 Cellars, Franklin, WI**

\* SEPTEMBER 13  
**Great Lakes Brew Fest - 2-7 PM**  
 Racine Festival Park, Racine, WI - [www.greatlakesbrewfest.org](http://www.greatlakesbrewfest.org) - (800) 272-2463

\* SEPTEMBER 13  
**Thirsty Troll Beer Fest - Noon-5 PM**  
 Grundahl Park, Mt. Horeb, WI

\* SEPTEMBER 13  
**2nd Taste of Wisconsin Craft Beer & Cheese Tasting Event**  
 Downtown Beaver Dam, WI - [www.beaverdamchamber.com](http://www.beaverdamchamber.com) - (920) 887-8879

\* SEPTEMBER 14  
**Museum of Beer & Brewing Karl Strauss Award Dinner, honoring "4 Generations of the Siebel Family."**  
 Join the Museum of Beer & Brewing and the late Karl Strauss as we raise our glasses and toast the 2008 recipients of the 4th Annual Karl Strauss Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Beer & Brewing Industry. The Board of Directors will present family representatives Ron and Bill Siebel with the prestigious Karl Strauss Award at this event.  
 The Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee, WI - [www.brewingmuseum.org](http://www.brewingmuseum.org)

\* SEPTEMBER 20  
**Milwaukee Beer Barons' Annual Picnic**

\* SEPTEMBER 26 - 28  
**Harvest Fair, Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI**

\* OCTOBER 18 - 19  
**Wisconsin Dells On Tap**  
 La Crosse Street Festival Site, Wisconsin Dells, WI

## JUNE 2008 TREASURERS REPORT

By Bruce Buerger

|                        | Debits  | Credits  | Total      |
|------------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| Beginning Balance      |         |          | \$5,855.61 |
| Income                 |         |          |            |
| June Meeting Admission |         | \$405.00 |            |
| Membership Fees – June |         | \$225.00 |            |
| Apparel                |         | \$70.00  |            |
| Total Income           |         |          | \$700.00   |
| Expenses               |         |          |            |
| Postage – Newsletter   | \$84.00 |          |            |
| Officers Meeting       | \$50.00 |          |            |
| Total Expenses         |         |          | \$134.00   |
| Ending Balance         |         |          | \$6,421.61 |

\* Note:

Both June newsletter and June hall charges will be billed and paid in July.

### MEMBERSHIP

June Meeting Attendees: 81  
 New Memberships: 7  
 Membership Renewals: 8  
 Memberships Expired Last Month: 6

Total Membership:

Paid Members: 164

Trial Members: 13

## WORLD OF BEER UPDATE

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On the bright side, it looks like we may actually be able to give a donation to the Museum of Beer Brewing ! Yes it looks like we still made a profit this year. Not as much as in past years but not the potential loss we had anticipated. We don't have all the final numbers yet but we hope to have everything in stone by the July club meeting.

We'll be starting to ask for volunteers for the planning and early work for the 2009 festival starting in August. The actual work starts in January but we need the people who will be running it set up well in advance. People are needed for just about every aspect of the planning and promotion so if you have any interest please let it be known. You can talk with any of the committee heads: Mike Schwartz, Rich Binkowski, Rich McKagan, and the Kanes.

If we don't get enough people to help with this phase, the festival will die. That would be a shame considering the exposure and recognition we get as a club for putting it on.

This year I talked with people who came from Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa - just to attend our festival! Several people from outside our area said they come every year because it's their favorite beer festival.

Mike Schwartz

## UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITIONS

\* 08/02/2008  
13th Montgomery Co. Agricultural  
Fair Homebrew Competition  
Gaithersburg, MD  
Contact: William Ridgely  
Phone: (301) 762-6523  
Entry Fee: \$5.00  
Entry Deadline: 07/26/2008

\* 08/02/2008  
Baker County Fair  
Baker City, OR  
Contact: Linda Collier  
Phone: (541) 742-2790  
Entry Fee: 0  
Entry Deadline: 08/01/2008

\* 08/06/2008  
Tillamook County Fair  
Homebrew Competition  
Pacific City, OR  
Contact: Darron Welch  
Phone: (503) 965-7007  
Entry Fee: 0  
Entry Deadline: 07/28/2008

\* 08/08/2008  
Lane County Fair  
Homebrewing Competition  
Eugene, OR  
Contact: Robin Chitwood  
Phone: (541) 342-2397  
Entry Fee: free  
Entry Deadline: 08/06/2008

\* 08/09/2008  
Homebrew Beer Competition  
Salem, OR  
Contact: Curt Hausam  
Phone: (503) 378-0774  
Entry Fee: \$7.00  
Entry Deadline: 07/30/2008

\* 08/09/2008  
"Go For The Gold" Homebrew  
& Label Contest  
San Mateo, CA  
Contact: John Watson  
Phone: (408) 732-6193  
Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry  
Entry Deadline: 07/09/2008

\* 08/09/2008  
Evergreen State Fair 2008  
Monroe, WA  
Contact: Eric J. Wilson  
Phone: (425) 303-0585  
Entry Fee: No Entry Fee  
Entry Deadline: 08/06/2008

\* 08/09/2008  
First Northeast Ohio State  
Beer Brew Master Championship  
Rock Creek, OH  
Contact: roberta loach  
Phone: (440) 474-4280  
Entry Fee: \$6.00  
Entry Deadline: 07/25/2008

\* 08/10/2008  
Kentucky State Fair  
Contact: Chuck Harp  
Phone: (502) 254-3734  
Entry Fee: \$0.00 before July 1st  
Entry Deadline: 07/01/2008

\* 08/15/2008  
20th New Mexico State Fair Pro-Am  
Albuquerque, NM  
Contact: Michael Griesmeyer  
Phone: (505) 255-6120  
Entry Fee: \$6/Entry Amateur,  
\$7/Entry Pro  
Entry Deadline: 08/02/2008

\* 08/16/2008  
Minnesota State Fair  
Homebrew Competition  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact: Sean Hewitt  
Phone: (651) 604-0314  
Entry Fee: \$5  
Entry Deadline: 08/08/2008

\* 08/16/2008  
Alamo City Cerveza Fest  
San Antonio, TX  
Contact: Mike Molloy  
Phone: (210) 867-9088  
Entry Fee: \$8.00  
Entry Deadline: 07/26/2008

## Support Your Local HOMEBREW SHOP

\* **Bitter Creek**  
(262) 644-5799  
206 Slinger Rd., Slinger 53086

\* **Brew & Grow,**  
(262) 789-0555  
285 Janacek Rd, Brookfield 53045

\* **Cedarburg Homebrew Shop**  
(262) 377-1838  
W62 N590 Washington Ave., Cedarburg

\* **Frugal Homebrew**  
(262) 544-0894  
238 W. Broadway, Waukesha

\* **Hop to It**  
(262) 633-8239  
234 Wisconsin Ave., Racine 53403

\* **The Marketbasket,**  
(800) 824-5562  
14835 W. Lisbon, Brookfield

\* **Homebrewing Depot**  
(414) 778-0781  
8008 W. National, West Allis

\* **Purple Foot**  
(414) 327-2130  
3167 S. 92nd St, Milwaukee

## UPCOMING BREW-U EVENTS

### \* **Brewing 302 - Recipe Formulation:**

Wondering which grains and hops you need to use to make that favorite style of yours. Struggling to figure out why your favorite recipe is so inconsistent? Want your beer to do better in competitions? This class is for you! Highly recommended for those considering taking the BJCP test. Like other Baron events, there will be brew present.  
When: **August 23rd, 2008 1pm**  
Where: **House of Hamburg (formerly Port of Hamburg)  
5937 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207**

### **A Brewing Double Feature!**

#### \* **Brewing 101 - Bare Bones Basic Brewing**

#### \* **Brewing 301 - Intro to All Grain Brewing:**

When: **September 20th, 2008 10 a.m.**

Where: **Picnic area #1 on the Root River Parkway, near  
92nd Street & College Ave.**

We're going to start the picnic off a little different this year. Before the site is taken over with the wonderful aromas coming off the grill we'll brew up some aromas of our own. Both classes together in one colossal event (well actually two things kind of going on at once before a bigger event). Come see how both methods are done and participate in discussions with experienced home brewers. This is the picnic so yes, brew will be present and plentiful.

#### \* **Brewing 301 - Intro to All Grain Brewing:**

Tired of doing extract brews and want to take it to the next level? Frustrated from reading how it's done and wondering if you would be doing it right? This is the course for you. We'll take you from crush to boil. This course will cover the mash, sparge, and boil.

#### \* **Brewing 101 - Bare Bones Basic Brewing -**

Thinking about giving Home Brewing a try? Maybe you gave it a try but it didn't turn out quite so well? Tired of hearing about Home Brewing at Beer Barons meetings and wishing you could see how it's done? We'll take you through the full process - making the wort, fermentation, and bottling. No super technical jargon, no advanced homemade brewing equipment, and no complex beer recipes. We'll make simple ale without the geek speak and use equipment from a Home Brew shop starter kit.

If you're interested in attending this brewing spectacular, or if you have additional class ideas, please visit the Brew-U sign up page and let us know. - <http://www.beerbarons.org/Brew-U/classCatalog.html>

#### \* **Brewing 401 - Intro To Sensory Analysis & Brewing 402 - BJCP Training:**

Plans are currently under way for these two courses to be offered up in the fall and winter. Stay tuned to the Brew - U web page for additional updates.

Thanks - Bruce Buerger

**UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**JULY 23: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - "Beers of Summer" - 7:30 PM**

**AUGUST 5: Officers Meeting @ Silver Creek Brewery, Cedarburg, WI - 7:30 PM**

**AUGUST 27: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 PM**

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