



BARON MIND

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FEBRUARY MEETING

By Jason Heller

The February meeting will feature beers from Tyranena Brewing Company. Tyranena is based in Lake Mills, Wisconsin with beers including Bitter Woman IPA, Three Beaches Honey Blonde, and others. The final tasting “menu” is still being finalized, but will likely include something from their “Brewers Gone Wild!” series of “Big Bold, Ballsy Beers”. Coming up, the March meeting will feature Stone Brewing Company out of California. A great tasting opportunity is also in the works for April, with more details to follow as I get the arrangements finalized. As always, keep those brew pots and fermenters going too! Another homebrew meeting will be planned again soon, and the Wisconsin State Fair competition is going to be here before you know it.

-Jason Heller, VP

WORLD OF BEER

Planning is underway for the 2009 festival. We've had a meeting with a new sponsor, GreatBrewers.com, and had an initial planning session. If you'd like to get involved, there's a lot to do and we can always use help and ideas. Just talk to any committee member and let them know you're interested in helping out.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Mike Schwartz

We've got a busy spring coming up between the State Fair homebrew competition, World of Beer, bus trips and a few other things. There's a new Homebrew Competition committee that Jeff Enders was able to bring together with a great enthusiastic group of people. I'm sure it'll be very successful and capable. A big round of applause to Jeff for his efforts!

World of Beer Festival is gearing up as well. We've had the first meetings and planning is well under way. Tickets will be going on sale March 1st and the festival is on June 6th at the Schwabenhof. We've got more support from sponsors this year. Hopefully we can turn that into greater success. As always, if you're interested in helping with the planning step up. Just let any of the committee heads – Me, Jeff & Diana Kane, Rich Binkowski, or Bruce Buerger – know that you're interested and we'll gladly have the help.

The upcoming meetings are going to be excellent! We're starting off with a local favorite Tyranena this month. The only major business at the meeting will be a vote on the proposed constitutional changes. Additional discussion will be limited as we've already been over this extensively both on-line and in a meeting. March brings us another great brewery, though from the distant land of hop bombs – Stone Brewing. A great year to look forward to!

Don't forget to look at the proposed 20th anniversary logos on the web site home page and payments page. I'll also bring copies to the meeting. If you have ideas for a 20th anniversary logo don't be shy bring it up and we'll include it.

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Mike Schwartz

UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th: Monthly Meeting featuring Tyranena Brewing
We will be sampling the current line-up! @ Clifford's—7:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd: Officers Meeting @ Three Cellars on 76th and Rawson
Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7pm Sharp

Bare Bones and Intermediate Homebrewing Recaps

Both the Bare Bones and the Intermediate Homebrewing classes were pretty big hits this year. We had 26 attendees turn out on a cold January day for Bare Bones. Everyone there learned how to take a simple ale kit from boil to bottle.

A few weeks later on February 7th we had our second annual Intermediate class. A record setting 41 attendees turn out to learn about yeast starters, kegging, counter flow pressure filling, wort chilling, and grain crushing.

Initial feedback from both events was pretty positive and we'll definitely keep them on the calendar for 2010. Special thanks go out to Mike Rice, Jason Heller, David Glazewski, Mike Schwartz, Jeff Enders, Dan Schlosser, Rich Heller, and Jerry Uthemann for their help with the classes.

The beer made, bottled, and kegged at these two classes can be found under the Club Brews member on the brewblog or by clicking on this link - <http://brewblog.beerbarons.org/index.php?page=brewBlogList&filter=Club%20Brews&sort=brewDate&dir=DESC>

There's still more on tap for 2009 though. In the works are interactive partial mash and all grain brewing demonstrations for the AHA Big Brew National Homebrew Day on May 2nd and Recipe Formulation on August 22nd. To receive Brew U updates go to the Brew U web page at <http://www.beerbarons.org/Brew-U/index.html> and sign up for the new email list.

Thanks – Bruce Buerger

Membership Registration Update

The club transition to an annual membership is off and running strong. Over half of the club has made their full or pro-rated payments for 2009. If you haven't made your payment and received your membership card please do so by the end of February in order to avoid interrupted membership services. Remember – Membership brings you: Preference over non-members for beer fest ticket purchases, discounts at two local home brew supply shops (with more discussions in the works), the ability to get a login for the Barons Brew Blog, Preference over non-members when signing up for Brew U courses.

We have three different options that members can use in order to pay this year.

- Use the new Member Dues and Fees Payment page that we've created on the Barons web site. This page utilizes Google Checkout and allows members to renew using their credit card. It's important to note that the Google Checkout functionality prohibits anyone in the club from seeing your credit card information. It's also been tested using the Treasurer's and President's own personal credit cards. This page can be found at - <http://www.beerbarons.org/payments.html#> or click on the word Payments listed on the left at <http://www.beerbarons.org>
- Write out a check for the amount owed in 2009 to the Beer Barons and mail it in to PO Box 270012 Milwaukee, WI 53227.
- Pay the Treasurer the amount owed by check or in cash at the next Barons club meeting.

After you pay your membership fee you'll receive your membership card for 2009 at the following Barons monthly meeting. This membership card will help us speed up the check in line at meetings and provide you at present with discounts on home brewing supplies at two local shops (10% off at either Brew & Grow in Brookfield or Cedarburg Homebrew and Wine).

This year we are also offering club members the option of pre-paying for club meetings when renewing their memberships. Why might you want to take advantage of this option? This pre-payment will cover admission charges for all the regular monthly meetings (including the Christmas party) and insure you from having to pay additional fees for special meetings (like Belgian night). Simply show your pre-paid member card at Baron monthly meetings to get your wrist band and away you'll go.

The details for these options can also be found on the new Member Dues and Fees Payment page on the Barons web site. Members can pre-pay for club meetings either on the web page, at a meeting, or via check mailed to the Barons PO Box. The renew message column on the reference document was put there to direct you towards the appropriate area on the Member Dues and Fees Payment page.

Please be sure to renew your membership by the end of the March club meeting. After that, all memberships from 2008 will be cancelled.

Feel free to pass along any questions you may have. See Bruce at the next meeting as well.



ABOVE: Bottling at Bare Bones

BELOW: Record Sized class learn from Mike Rice how to counter pressure fill bottles



**CONSTITUTION REVISION 103:
REVERSION TO PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR
TO SECRETARY AND RESTORATION OF DUTIES**

**If you missed previous changes can view them via the October 2008 newsletter online at beerbarons.org*

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1 OFFICERS The officers of the association shall consist of the (1) President, (2) Vicepresident, (3) News Letter Editor, and (4) Treasurer

BY-LAWS—ARTICLE III
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 4 DUTIES OF THE NEWS LETTER EDITOR The following are the News Letter Editor's duties:

- a) maintain the official current roll of the membership and provide all officers as well as the Membership Committee with the same
- b) maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws
- c) conduct all official membership and Board correspondence, except as otherwise directed by the Board
- d) send out proper notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board
- e) keep and accurate roll of the membership
- f) serve as Chairman of the Newsletter Services Committee
- g) keep an accurate file of all correspondence conducted by all officers and all committee chairmen in the name of the association as well as any correspondence conducted by any other members in the name of the association
- h) publish and distribute the newsletter

PROPOSED:

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Section 4 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY The following are the Secretary's duties:

- a) keep complete and accurate minutes of all general membership, Board and special meetings, and shall report the same to the general membership or on request
- b) maintain the official current roll of the membership and provide all officers as well as the Membership Committee with the same
- c) maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws
- d) conduct all official membership and Board correspondence, except as otherwise directed by the Board
- e) send out proper notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board
- f) keep an accurate roll of the membership
- g) serve as Chairman of the Secretarial Services Committee
- h) keep an accurate file of all correspondence conducted by all officers and all committee chairmen in the name of the association as well as any correspondence conducted by any other members in the name of the association
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JANUARY 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bruce Bruger

Beginning Balance **\$7,548.29**

Income

Meeting Admission **\$1,550.00**

Membership Fees **\$1,490.00**

Bare Bones **\$130.00**

Merchandise Return **\$62.27**

Total Income **\$3,232.27**

Expenses

Bare Bones **\$67.40**

BJCP Study Group **\$76.10**

Parallel Brew **\$245.49**

Newsletter Postage/Print **\$132.66**

Mailing Labels **\$32.70**

Clifford's-Jan Hall Fee **\$122.00**

January Meeting Beer **\$171.00**

Officers Meeting **\$50.00**

Jan Meeting Handouts **\$34.74**

Christmas Party Food **\$27.00**

Printing Cards Returned **\$63.37**

Membership Cards **\$11.30**

AHA Club Only Comp **\$17.00**

Print Cartridges **\$69.02**

Transaction Fees **\$18.90**

Total Expenses **\$1,138.68**

Ending Balance **\$9,641.88**

Meeting Attendees

November Meeting **122**

Membership

Paid Members **186**

Trial Members **28**

Estimated Upcoming Costs

Chilton Tickets **\$2,000.00**

Great Taste Tickets **\$2,200.00**

Newsletter & Postage **\$170.00**

PO Box Renewal **\$60.00**

BREWLOG

Getting the Barons Noticed

<http://brewblog.beerbarons.org>

Web surfers have accessed the brewblog from 28 different countries and 47 different states. And that's just in the first 6 months of its existence! We've been listed on the AHA Tech Talk forums on more than one occasion and have even received e-mails with questions from Fiji regarding its use!

We're up to 33 brew blogs and 73 recipes out on the site. This site a valuable tool for homebrewers not only in our club but others as well. Take some time to check out some of the brewblogs currently posted on the site. We have several award winning brews including Pliny the Clone, Santa's Golden Hammer Belgian Strong, and a Kool Kolsch. Also on the site are the brews that were featured in the Parallel Brew from January's club meeting. We'd love to see additional creations out there as well. Get a login, get brewing, and tell us about it by adding it to the site.

To get your own personal login you must:

1. Be a member of the club.
2. Email us at brewblogadmin@beerbarons.org with your full name and an e-mail address that matches our records.

Contact Bruce Buerger if you'd like additional information, or e-mail us at brewblogadmin@beerbarons.org.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Parking Issues

Barons members planning on attending the February meeting at Clifford's should take note that Clifford's will be having their popular fish fry to kick off Lent the same day as the meeting on February 25th.

We do have the hall and as always encourage members to eat at Clifford's before the meeting!

AHA CLUB ONLY COMPETITION

At the December meeting we had 5 entries for the Jan\Feb competition that covered French and Belgian beers. Dan Schlosser won the club portion of the competition with a Saison. Two bottles of that Saison were sent to the national club only completion, but Dan's beer wasn't one of the top 3.

Due to the timing of our February meeting I planned on having the March COC at the January meeting. Unfortunately we didn't have any entries so I extended it to the entry time to the Officers meeting that took place on Feb 3rd. Will Mueller's Barely wine was selected as the entry that will be sent to the national competition. I will give the results of Will's beer in the newsletter.

We have a couple months off before the final COC of the 08/09 season which gives everyone plenty of time to brew something up. The May COC is going to be extract beers from any category. The beer can be of any category but the recipe must have over 50% extract. If you are interested in entering the competition bring three 12 – 16 oz bottles of beer that are label free.

As always please feel free to contact me at the meetings or via email if you have any questions.

Dave Dahoove@gmail.com

Let's get National

We can all agree that the Beer Baron's have a great talent of brewers, and that we are often treated to some outstanding beers at our meetings. Well now is the time to show the rest of the country how great The Beer Baron's beers are. The AHA just released the competition information for the 2009 National Competition.

The National competition is the one of the toughest competitions a homebrewer can enter, but is a way to get top notch feedback on your beers from some of the highest level judges the AHA has to offer. Entering the National also bring recognition to the Beer Baron's and can score the club points in the Home brewer club of the year competition.

In an effort to help the club I will be heading up the clubs efforts in getting Beer Baron's beers to the 1st round of Nationals. I will be happy to help answer or

get the answer to any questions you may have. Help with getting your beers entered, and shipped. If we get enough beers entered I might even be up for a road trip and deliver the beers.

Regardless of how your beers get entered or delivered to Nationals please make sure to put down The Beer Baron's of Milwaukee as your homebrew club.

Entries for the 1st round of Nationals are due between March 28th and April 8th. We are in the Midwest region which means we will be sending our beers up to Northern Brewer in St Paul MN. Cost for the competition is \$14 for non AHA members and \$9 for AHA members. If you're not an AHA member talk to Bruce Buerger about becoming an AHA member. All the information about the competition can be found at http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/pdf/NHC09_Rules_Regs.pdf and <http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/entry.html>.

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