



BARON MIND

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I just got back from some beer brewing as part of the latest Brew-U session coordinated with the AHA Teach A Friend To Homebrew Day. We all brewed outdoors at The Schwabenhof, and it was a beautiful day for brewing. I was only there to help out, but I do want to thank Mike Chaltry, Mike Rice, and John O'Brien for leading the three main brew sessions, and especially Bruce Buerger for doing such a great job organizing this and other Brew-U events. The Beer Barons helped to educate those that were learning new techniques or how to brew for the first time.

Our annual Belgian beer meeting is this month and quickly approaching, where we will sample and discuss some of the Belgian beer styles, including Saison and Belgian Golden Strong Ale. Don't forget, the regular meeting is scheduled week earlier this month on November 18th. Also, this is another meeting with a \$10 meeting fee to help cover the costs of the beer being served. We have a selection that is sure to please you with both true Belgian beers as well as some excellent domestic Belgian-style brews.

Finally, a last call out to anyone interested in brewing a Scottish or Scotch Ale to feature at the January meeting. Please contact me directly as soon as possible if you'd like to brew a batch and haven't let me know yet. A handful of brewers have already expressed interest but additional opportunities might still exist. Email me at 'jason.heller@harley-davidson.com' or phone at '414-870-8030.

Jason Heller, VP

The board worked on the annual budget at the last meeting and decided that for next year we can no longer put off raising meeting fees. We've been talking about this need for the last couple years but due to few donations by breweries and continued increasing costs for craft and import beers the time has come. Not bad considering that the fees are the same as when the club was started 20 years ago!

We looked at the budget, figured out how much additional income the club needed to maintain the base level in the treasury, and different options for making up the difference. What we came up with is the least painful way possible. Meeting fees will remain at \$5 for homebrew nights and will be increased to \$10 for meetings with commercial beer. There may still be special meetings where the price will need to be increased but the need should be less for a little while. The annual membership fee will increase from \$15 to \$20 for a single person and \$25 to \$25 for family membership. Gold cards will increase from \$85 to \$100 for a single person and \$140 to \$170 for family membership. The Gold card includes all regular meeting fees but not the picnic. It also means not standing in line at the check-in table but just stopping to get your wristband.

We think this is an equitable way to raise the additional money needed to run the club yet keep it affordable. If this produces an excess of funds it will be returned to the members in the form of more expensive beers, more raffle prizes, or other ways. the goal is not to build up a huge treasury but to break even over the course of the year. We needed to do this before January to make sure there was enough warning to people before the new fees were in place. Hopefully this is enough warning for everybody.

**Skol
Mike Schwartz**

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, November 18: Monthly Meeting: Belgian Beer Night!. @ Clifford's—7:30 WEDNESDAY, December 2: Officers Meeting @ Café Hollander— 7677 W State St., Wauwatosa, 53213, Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7pm Sharp

Brew – U Recaps : Good Times at Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day

Twenty four attendees turned out to see our five brewers do their magic and talk about how they do it. The end result was a lot of fun had by all and four brews totaling over 30 gallons. We also had some great weather (70°F in November!) that allowed us to brew in the great outdoors at the Schwabenhof.

John O'Brien and Chad Sheridan did a great job of demonstrating a beginner extract batch with the American IPA they made. Those looking to learn about beginning all grain brewing huddled around Mike Chaltry and his extremely simplified all grain system while he made his Dusseldorf Alt. The beer geeks could be found over by Mike Rice and Jason Heller, while Mike made the Barley Wine on his 10 gallon system and Jason made an English Pale Ale using the second runnings from the Barley Wine mash. All beer made that day will be tracked using the Baron BrewBlog – <http://brewblog.beerbarons.org>. The end results of all batches will be served at upcoming Baron events or at the 2010 National Homebrewers Conference.

Special thanks go out to the Schwabenhof for letting us use their facilities, Northern Homebrewer for their raffle prize donations, Brew & Grow for their ingredient donations, Chad Sheridan for his four-liter yeast donation, Rich Heller for jambalaya making, and all the brewers for their efforts.

Pictures from Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day



Mike Chaltry Speaks to a Very Captive Audience



Mike Rice Explains His Lauter Technique



What the heck is Jason holding?



Chairman Bob gave Rich Heller's Jambalaya the "Thumbs Up"

Upcoming Brew – U Events

3rd Annual Bare Bones Basic Brewing Class – Registration is Now Open!

When: January 16th, 2010 @ 10 AM

Where: House of Hamburg - 5937 S Howell Ave, Milw.

Cost: Between \$5 & \$10 to cover course materials and homebrew samples.

It's that time again for our annual full process basic brewing class. Do you know someone who might be getting a homebrew start up kit this holiday season? Have you been coming to the Baron meetings and now you're thinking about giving this Home Brewing thing a try? Maybe you gave it a try but it didn't turn out quite so well? Or perhaps you'd like to see how others do their thing and compare it to how you do your thing?

Come to this class and 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. Bare bones basic – guaranteed.

Intermediate Homebrewing

When: February 6th, 2010 @ 10 AM

Where: House of Hamburg - 5937 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee

Cost: Between \$5 & \$10 to cover course materials and homebrew samples.

We took the 40 or attendees last year as a sign that we should probably do this one again. The intermediate class covers how to take basic homebrewing techniques up one more level in order to achieve better and more consistent results. It involves a lot of discussion and participation by some of the club's experienced members and participants will walk away with a wealth of tips and new ideas.

Items we'll discuss include:

- **Yeast starters and the use of stir plates.**
- **Kegging, carbonation caps, and bottle using pressure fillers.**
- **Wort chilling - immersion vs. counter flow.**
- **Grain crushing**

Advanced Studies in Yeast

When: March 26th, 2010 @ 10 AM

Where: House of Hamburg - 5937 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee

Cost: Between \$5 & \$10 to cover course materials and homebrew samples.

This class is the first of a series of new workshop offering through Brew U. Participants will be assigned materials in February, review and research those materials, and then come together on March 26th to share their findings.

Spots are limited for all three of these offerings! Participants must RSVP at <http://www.beerbarons.org/Brew-U/index.html> and be 21 years of age to attend!

Remaining 2010 & 2011 Brew U Events

May 1st, 2010 – AHA Big Brew National Homebrew Day

July 30th, 2010 – Hop Studies

August 21st, 2010 – Recipe Formulation

October and November 2010 – Intro to Sensory Analysis

November 6, 2010 – AHA Learning to Homebrew Day

December 2010 and January 2011 – BJCP Exam Studies

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October 2009 Treasures Report
By Bruce Buerger

Beginning Balance	\$6,203.96
Income	
Brew U Mead Classes	\$360.00
Memberships	\$10.00
Meeting Income - Fees	\$365.00
Glass Sales	\$3.00
Total Income	\$738.00

Expenses	
Meeting Expense - Beer Oct & Dec	\$138.36
Meeting Expense - Facilities	\$95.00
Meeting Expense - Officers	\$60.00
Newsletter - Postage	\$89.00
Newsletter - Printing	\$85.77
Serving Equipment - Tap Handles	\$60.00
Brew U Mead Classes	\$422.58
Picnic Raffle	\$382.84
Total Expense	\$1,333.55

Ending Balance \$5,608.41

September Meeting Attendees:	95
Estimated November Income	
Meeting	\$1,100.00
Glass Sales	\$5.00
Total	\$1,105.00

Estimated November Expenses	
Meeting Facilities	\$110.00
Newsletter Postage	\$45.00
Newsletter Printing	\$78.00
Business Cards	\$15.00
Officer's Meeting	\$60.00
Total	\$308.00

Total Paid Members: 215
Trial Members: 15

November Meeting Beer Lineup:

- *Brasserie Dupont Saison Dupont (Saison, Tap)*
- *Ommegang Hennepin Farmhouse (Saison)*
- *Ommegang Abbey Ale (Abbey Style)*
- *Goose Island Pere Jacques (Abbey Style)*
- *Duvel (Belgian Golden Strong)*
- *Victory Golden Monkey (Belgian Style Golden Strong)*
- *Avery Brewing Salvation (Belgian Style Dark Strong)*

Upcoming Homebrew Competitions

- *12/12/2009, Happy Holidays Homebrew Competition, St. Louis, MO, entries are due by 11/30/09 and are \$6 each, contact August Altenbaumer at 314-335-7063 or <http://www.stlbrews.org/competition/hhhclindex.asp> for more information*
- *1/8/2010, Big Beers, Belgians and Barley-wines Festival, Vail, CO, Contact Laura Lodge at 970-977-0100 or <http://www.bigbeersfestival.com/> for more information*
- *1/29/2010, Upper Mississippi Mash Out, Minneapolis, MN, Contact Kris England at 800-555-1212 or <http://www.mashout.org/index.html> for more information*
- *2/12/2010, AHA COC, English Brown Ales, bring your beers to the January general meeting*
- *2/12/2010, Great Northern Brew Ha-ha, Duluth, MN, Contact Steve Daiken at 713-201-2386 or <http://www.northernalestars.org/greatnorthernbrewhaha.html> for more information*

The Barons Need You!

Interested in Becoming More Involved in the Club? How about running for one of the officer positions! Nominations will be accepted at the November general meeting for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sargeant at Arms and 2 Member at Large positions. Being an officer is very rewarding and takes only a couple hours of your time per month, the payback is well worth it. We need strong leaders to ensure that the club continues to grow and prosper which is in everyone's best interest. The current officers are always wiling do discuss what is involved in being an officer and are open to any questions. Please consider volunteering if you haven't already done so.

AHA NHC Pre-Planning Meeting

Mike Schwartz will be holding a meeting to discuss some pre-planning for next years convention in Minneapolis. The get together is tentatively scheduled for 12-5-09 at 11 AM at Café Hollander in Tosa (7677 W State St.).

Newsletter Advertising

At the October officers meeting, the board made the decision to allow advertising in the Baron Mind beginning with the January edition. The fee schedule is listed below, we will be offering one page, half page, quarter page and sixth page ads for a duration of either one year, six months or three months. If you know of anyone interested in advertising in our newsletter, please share this information with them. All advertising inquiries can be made by contacting the newsletter editor (Kevin Meves) by phone (414-339-8683) or email (kevinmeves@yahoo.com) or via the officers contact form on the Beer Barons website (<http://beerbarons.org/contacts/contactOfficers.html>).

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Sixth Page	6	\$ 24.00
One	3	\$ 73.00
Half Page	3	\$ 37.00
Quarter Page	3	\$ 21.00
Sixth Page	3	\$ 14.00

**Barons 20th Anniversary Gear Now on Sale Again Until November 30th
Last chance for 20th Anniversary Gear - <http://www.fsgpromo.com>**

The web store for purchasing Barons Gear is now up again and is ready to take your orders. We currently have Polo's, Denim, T-Shirts, Ladies Cap Sleeve Tees, Ladies Tank Tops, and Pull Over Hoodies. Like in past years, each item is available in multiple colors and sizes. All orders must be placed by November 30th so that they can be completed and delivered to the December Holiday Party. Go out to <http://www.fsgpromo.com> , click on the Barons 20th Anniversary graphic, and then choose Beer Barons to see the catalog of all seven items. All orders and payments must be made via the website. Orders for 20th Anniversary Gear can only be placed until November 30th so act now.

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