



BARON MIND

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April brings about nice weather. Time to be outside, gardening, spring cleaning, and getting ready for summer. I was doing some spring cleaning on my brewing system the other day, and finally completed changing over all my connects to polysulfone connects. Now I can move hoses without the worry of dripping or burning my hands. I was surprised how many different connections I have within my system. I can tell you that the cost of all the connects exceeded what I spent on my first basic homebrewing set-up and beer kit way back in 1994.

The rest of my spring cleaning included my finished beer inventory. I just kegged an IPA, and also in partial or full kegs are 2 meads, a lambic, Grand Cru, Maibock, and Schwarzbier. I have somewhere in the area of 40 gallons of finished beer ready to be consumed. So why do I feel the need to brew again? I guess it is just part of this hobby. And now with my system tweaked again, I think I can improve on my efficiencies and style replication. I'll brew something different for the NHC, and I'll want some German Lagers for the upcoming warm summer months.

As a club, our calendar is pretty full. State Fair is May 15th, Chilton is May 23rd, WOB is June 5th, and NHC starts June 17th. Throw in our General Meeting on May 26th, Board Meetings on May 5th and June 2nd, and you can see that our plate is pretty full through June. So I ask, listen to the various committee heads at this meeting, and pitch in and help. Everyone is welcome, and additional hands are greatly appreciated!

Your President

Rich Heller

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To start out, here is some important information regarding the April meeting:

- **The April Beer Barons meeting will be a field trip to Lakefront Brewery. The meeting will be held at Lakefront at the normal date and time, Wednesday April 28th at 7:30pm.**
- **Important: this meeting will be open only to current paid members, or any one renewing or adding a new membership. A field trip like this is one of the benefits of being a Beer Barons member.**
- **The monthly meeting fee will be \$5 at the door.**
- **Finally, please bring some homebrew to share!**

While we will have some opportunities to sample some Lakefront beer, we would like to show Lakefront President Russ Klisch just what the Beer Barons of Milwaukee are capable of brewing. Bottles and kegs in any quantity are welcome, and we will provide a jockey box and ice trays for serving. Please let me know if you are bringing any homebrew, as it helps me prepare for serving and setup needs. Email me at Jason.heller@harley-davidson.com.

At the April meeting, you will also have the opportunity to get State Fair competition advice from some experienced judges. State Fair beers are judged to the category you enter your beer into. Just because you tried brewing a Stout, did you really end up with a Stout? If you are unsure as to what category to enter your beer into, or just want some expert advice, bring a sample of your beer to the April meeting. A few experienced judges will be available to help you best categorize your beer. They won't be performing a full judging of the beer, but rather will help you be sure you are entering into the right BJCP category. More information about the State Fair competition is included in this newsletter.

Finally, for our May meeting, we will be hosting Kirby Nelson, Brewmaster for Capital Brewing Company. We'll sample and discuss Capital beers and operations. Also, future meeting topics/speakers include Bell's Brewery, "hoppy beers", and of course, more homebrew meetings with various parallel and Brew-U homebrews on tap. More details will be provided as these events approach. Until then, keep brewing.

Jason Heller

UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, April 28: Monthly Meeting: Lakefront Brewery @ 7:30 PM! Please note that this meeting is open to Beer Barons members exclusively and is \$5 WEDNESDAY, May 5: Officers Meeting @ Von Trier— 2235 N Farwell, Milwaukee, 53202, Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7 pm Sharp



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Upcoming Special Events!

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April 26th

Bosteels Beer Dinner, Café Hollander, Wauwatosa

May 13th

Stone Brewery Night, Three Cellars, Franklin

May 20th

Belgian Beer Dinner, American Club, Kohler

May 27th

Duvel Beer Dinner, Café Centraal, Bay View

May 28th - 30th

Kohler Festival of Beer, Kohler

Upcoming New/Special Releases

*Stone - Russian Imperial Stout

*Two Brothers

Resistance Oak Aged IPA
& Long Haul Oak Aged Session Ale

*Central Waters - Imperial IPA

*Sand Creek - One Planet Ale

*Hinterland - Coming To Milwaukee In May!



Meet the Baron

Name: Jayme Nawrocki

Age: 34

How long have you been a Baron? two months

How long have you been brewing? I have brewed 46 batches over the last 4 years.

What style do you brew most often? I am still experimenting and trying as many different styles as possible, but I usually always have an IPA on tap.

What got you into brewing? I listened to the Brewing Network when they first started and after about six months figured I would give brewing a try and haven't stopped since.

How often do you brew? I usually try to brew once or twice a month making two five gallon batches at a time.

Do you brew solo or with other people? Typically solo but my father-in-law has taken an interest in brewing and he occasionally helps.

What is your favorite style and why? I like most styles and prefer to mix it up as much as possible. My answer to this question would probably change every time someone would ask, but for now I would say Porters or Sour beers.

What is your favorite beer? I will have to borrow someone else's expression and say the one currently in front of me. There are too many good craft beers to choose only one. I do have quite a stockpile of Bourbon County Stout though.

What is your favorite brewery and why? Goose Island. I used to live five minutes away and really enjoyed all the great beers Wil was producing. Locally I am a fan of New Glarus. I like the creativity of the beers they make for their Unplugged series.

What is your commercial to homebrew consumption ratio?
50/50

What has been your favorite Baron meeting? I have only been to two and enjoyed both of them. I did have fun serving beer at the Barons booth for Blessing of the Bock.

Are you planning on working at this summers World of Beer? I haven't volunteered yet, but I am interested in helping.



April Financial Report

By Brian Joas

Year to Date 3/31/2010

INCOME

Meeting Fees	4,480.00
Membership Fees	2,520.00
Merchandise Sales	-81.50
Newsletter Advertising	265.00

TOTAL INCOME 7,183.50

EXPENSES

Chilton	-880.00
Club Equipment	35.62
Club Only Competition	17.03
Insurance	661.00
Jockey Box Covers	146.34
Meeting Costs Beer	1,202.85
Meeting Costs Facility	303.00
Newsletter Postage	226.88
Newsletter Printing	245.25
Officers Meeting	158.50
Picnic Site	210.00
PO Box	60.00
Transaction Costs	58.26

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,444.73

Balance 3/31/2010 11,093.39

This month's meeting is a member only meeting. That means that no trial members or guests will be allowed. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door, and renewals are also available on the Beer Barons webpage by credit card. Individual memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$30. Also note that the cost of this meeting is \$5. So please bring enough money as there will be no exceptions.

Brian Joas

The Barons Need You!

I am looking for new and old members alike to be featured in the Baron Mind's "Meet the Baron" article. I think this is a great way for members to learn a bit about each other. Please see me at the general meeting if you are interested. All need from you is that you answer a short questionnaire and have your picture taken. Previous subjects have expressed to me that they think it is a lot of fun. How about you?

Kevin Meves, Secretary



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***Rock Bottom (740 N. Plankinton) is offering a 10% discount on food to Beer Barons Members!

***Milwaukee Ale House (233 N. Water) is offering a 10% discount to Beer Barons Members!

Belgian Beer Wisdom

By Jeff Enders

Brewer Jef Versele, owner of Brouwerji Van Steenberge in Ertvelde, Belgium, made these colorful comments at the recent beer dinner at Café Hollander.

"In Belgium, a brewery worker earns 1,250 euro per month. Unemployment will pay him 1,000 euro per month. Belgium is heaven if you are not working."

"In the U.S. you like very hoppy beer because it covers up just how bad some of that beer is."

"For the full flavor, taste beer before 10 a.m. After lunch, your palate declines."

"Wine is over. Beer is the future."

"Go for quality, enjoy what you like and don't drink your beer so cold."

My Belgian Experience by Kevin Meves

In line with what Jeff submitted above I thought it might be a good time to share some of my Belgian experiences. My wife and I traveled to Brugges, Belgium in 2006, and had the time of our lives. Everyone that has any interest in beer needs to travel to this very diverse and wonderful country. Some memorable tidbits from my experiences:

- **Belgian's refer to their beer more by color (Blonde (Blond), Brune' (Brown) or Ambre' (Amber)) and less by style**
- **Order a "Dubbel" of Tripel!" and you are going to get the Westmalle variety 9/10 times**
- **Watch out what you order, the "large" beer in Belgium is much more beer than the 22 oz. "brewtus" that you get at Applebees!**
- **You can actually order and drink the rarest beer in the world (Westvleteren 12) at a lot of local beer establishments for 6 Euro's a bottle!**
- **Mussels are abundant, cheap and pair well with just about any Belgian Ale!**



The Museum of Beer & Brewing wishes to extend their thanks and gratitude to the *Milwaukee Beer Barons* for their continued support.

**PLEASE LOOK FOR US AT THE
FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

- May 5th MBB Board Meeting at Libiamo's-6:00p.m.**
**May 26th Museum of Beer and Brewing Annual Meeting
at Libiamo's**
- ♦ **6:00 Social Time**
 - ♦ **6:30 Business Meeting**
 - ♦ **7:00 Discussion by Susan Appel from the
Society for Industrial Archaeology**
- Appetizers and the first beer are on us!**

Want to know more? Visit us at www.brewingmuseum.org

Upcoming Brew – U Events

Beginning Brewing and Intro to All Grain Brewing

AHA Big Brew National Homebrew Day

When: May 1st, 2010 @ 10 AM

Where: The Schwabenhof, 14750 Silver Spring Rd, Milwaukee

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

In honor of National Homebrew Day we thought it would be very appropriate to hold a homebrewing double header. Both classes will be held together at the same time so attendees can move from demo to demo. Come see how both extract and all grain methods are done and participate in discussions with experienced home brewers. For the all grain we'll be building off of what we learned at the Advanced Yeast Studies class by doing a 30-gallon batch of blonde wort and applying ale and lager yeasts that have been conditioned in various ways. If all goes well we'll have a great parallel brew topic. The end result of both batches will be served at an upcoming Baron meeting. All beer made that day will be tracked using the Baron BrewBlog - <http://brewblog.beerbarons.org>.

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 process of making the wort and pitching the yeast. 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. Spots are limited! You must register in order to attend and receive directions to the event - <http://www.beerbarons.org/Brew-U/classCatalog.html>. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older to attend!

Remaining 2010 & 2011 Brew U Events

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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May Events at Three Cellars

May 1st – 1-4pm - Free Tasting featuring Oregon/Washington Wines and Belgian Beers

May 8th 1-4pm - Free Tasting featuring Sparkling Wines and Beers for Mom

May 13th – 6-8pm - Stone Brewery Night - Reservations Required

May 18th – 1-4pm - Free Tasting featuring Chardonnay Wines and Amber Beers

May 18th – 7-8:30pm - Cellar Beer School – Us vs. Them - Reservations Required

May 21st – 6-8pm - Purple Feet Wine Portfolio Tasting

May 22nd – 1-4pm - Free Tasting featuring Sauvignon Blanc Wines and East Coast Beers

May 29th – 1-4pm - Free Tasting featuring Picnic Wines and Beers for Camping

June 4th – 6-8pm - Capital Brewery Tasting with Brewmaster Kirby Nelson

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2010 Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition

Ladies and Gentlemen, fire up your brew kettles, the 2010 Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition is on the horizon. This year's competition will be on Saturday, May 15th. If you've entered in recent years, you should have already received the Rules and Regulations and Entry Forms in the mail. Entry forms must be mailed to the State Fair by May 1st. If you haven't entered before, you may download the forms at www.beerbarons.org.

This competition is registered with the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). Go to www.bjcp.org to get a complete list of all the beer styles..

***Cash prizes have been increased!** The Best of Show winner gets \$50, Second Best of Show winner gets \$35, and each Best of Category winner (with six main categories) gets \$20. The Best of Show winners and the Best of Category winners also receive plaques. Gold, silver and bronze ribbons are also awarded for the highest scoring beers of the competition.*

The competition is a great way to learn more about beer, either by entering and getting feedback, or by volunteering at the competition. As always, we will be asking for volunteers to help judge and steward. Lunch will be provided. And of course, there's the famous Beer Table. Ask someone who's been there before. Our Head Steward Dave Stanton asks that you bring in your entries in 6-pack holders as we usually run short on them.

So start figuring out which beers you are going to enter. Feel free to bring your possible entries to the April meeting, and ask your fellow Barons judges for advice on which category to enter them in.

If you have questions about entering or about volunteering, you can contact me at mrbeer5813@yahoo.com or at 414-235-9996. The Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition is one of the highlights of the Beer Barons brewing year- I hope to see you, or your beers, there.

Cheers,

*Mike Rice
Competition Coordinator*

Lone Beer Baron of Milwaukee took medal at the B.O.S.S. Challenge!

A big congratulations go out to Kevin Meves for his first place Old Ale at this years B.O.S.S. Chicago Cup Challenge!

Nicely done!

AHA Club-Only Competition

By Eric Scott

Any beer that is at least 50% extract and fits into BJCP categories 1-23 is eligible for the upcoming round of the COC. And Barons has a new incentive to enter: **the winning brewer gets their meeting fee refunded!** The club still covers shipping and the entry fee for the national round too.

This round also provides a good chance to get some feedback on your beer before entering it in the upcoming Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition. So if you've got an extract-based beer, bring three clean, brown, 10-14 ounce bottles to our meeting at Lakefront! Remember, we will need a completed recipe form for our winning entry.

The COC takes a break during May and June and the new circuit starts up after the NHC. There are some big styles in the 2010-2011 circuit:

July 2010 – Mead – BJCP Categories 24-26

August 25, 2010 – "Pucker Up" Sour and Wild Ales – BJCP Category 17 AND American Wild Ales and Specialty Wild Ales

November/December 2010 - Strong Ale – BJCP Category 19

January/February 2011 – English Pale Ales – BJCP Category 8

March 23, 2011 – Bock – BJCP Category 5

April 27, 2011 - Angel's Share: Wood Aged Beer - category 22C

Beer Barons of Milwaukee – The Bowling Shirt!

We're extending the opportunity to purchase a Beer Barons bowling shirt to the entire club. It's an all black shirt with a white panel on the right side, a white stripe over the front pocket, made of light weight polyester, and is machine washable. On the back will be a full color 10" x 10" Beer Barons logo. Each shirt will run about \$60. See Bruce at the April meeting for more information.



National Homebrewers Conference Planning Update

Next planning meeting: June 11th, 2010 @ 6:30pm

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

We've selected our bowling shirt style, we're working on the bowling lane bars, and we're brewing our beers. The Baron's presence at the upcoming National Homebrewers Conference in Minneapolis, MN June 17th – 19th should be pretty impressive. Stay tuned to the Baron Forums – Club Business section for further club planning details and updates - <http://forums.beerbarons.org>. More details about the conference itself can be found at <http://www.ahaconference.org> and the pre-conference events can be found at <http://www.mnchillin.com>.

World of Beer Festival

The VIB (very interesting beer) Boots are being offered to club members for pick up at the festival. These are 1/4 liter glass boots with the festival logo and sponsor logos. Cost is \$8.50. If you want to get one you have to order and pay at the April meeting or order on line on the payments page of the web site.

Talk up the festival! Tell everybody you know, go the the Facebook page and become a fan, put up a yard sign!

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