



# BARON MIND

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## President's Letter

To start this month's Newsletter we have some exciting news. Three of our esteemed colleagues have had a beer move forward to the second round of the National Homebrewer's Competition. First off, Rich Heller took a first place with his lambic. His first round score was 49 out of 50 in Category 17D Sour Beers. Taking second place in the same category was Jayme Nawrocki with his Oud Bruin. That was the same beer that took second in the best of show at the Midwinter this year. Dan Schlosser took first place in Category 23 Specialty Beers. I'd like to wish Rich, Jayme, & Dan congratulations and good luck in the second round. I hope I will be able to report Barons taking home some medals in the finals. Good Luck, Guys! If you would like to look at the complete list of results from the Madison Regional Judging Center you can find them here on the AHA website. <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/winners/2011-first-round-winners/madison-judging-center>

We are five months into this year, and the Barons have been very active with lots of events. Much of January was spent organizing entries for the Midwinter competition. In February, we hosted the Midwinter competition. In April, we co-hosted the Milwaukee Beer Week event at the Harley-Davidson Museum with Great Brewers. It was good to get out and talk to the public about homebrewing at our booth at the museum. Hopefully we convinced some new people to give the hobby a try. Plus we all had a good time serving (and consuming) various beers. Earlier this month, the Barons participated in the AHA Big Brew day, with an introduction to brewing Brew-U class at Brew & Grow in Waukesha. Mike Rice and company completed the 2011 State Fair Competition judging. Final judging scores are being tallied as I write this letter. Going forward, final preparations are underway for our World of Beer Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Schwabenhoff in Menomonee Falls. I know that the WoB Committee is working hard to make this the best festival yet. And if that wasn't enough activity, the Barons are hosting the inaugural Germanfest Homebrew Competition for German Style beers only. The entry window will open June 18<sup>th</sup>. <http://germanfesthbc.beerbarons.org/>. So what does this mean? It means the larger the club gets and the more activities we are asked to participate in (we get more requests than we could possibly fulfill), we need more people to help out. The Barons are a member owned cooperative, and the members make it what it is, which is one of the most successful homebrew clubs in the country. But we are only as good as our members make us. It takes a lot of people to run the World of Beer Festival, and to

cellar, steward and judge the three competitions we operate, and of course, to comprise your Board that is working hard behind the scenes to operate the club. So this is my plea to especially the newer members to get active and participate. The club and our various activities are run by good people and good brewers. It is a great way to get to know new people and learn about brewing, competitions, etc. For me, it started one night a few years ago at Roman's Pub, where I ended up sitting next to this guy named Mike Rice and his wife Peggy. We started talking homebrew, then next thing you know I am a Baron, and then somehow I became the President of this group. I blame you Mike! (Just kidding). So get involved, it is your club after all.

Finally this month, I have an update on the Department of Revenue situation. The AHA inquired directly to the Department of Revenue on the applicability of several of the State statues on various homebrew, mead, cider and home vintnering activities. The responses back from the State to those questions were less than supportive of many of the common homebrewing events and activities we are all used to. We'll discuss this more at the Member Meeting in a few weeks. There may be a short term impact of the operation of the club. I can tell you that there is no doubt that we need to push for legislative change to the current State Statutes. To do so, we will need the support of all home brewers, vintners, cider and mead makers in the State. The Wisconsin Homebrewer's Alliance is currently developing a plan to attempt to change the laws. We are in the very early stages of this process. Once I have some more news, I will provide you all with status updates in the coming weeks.

I did finally get a batch of beer brewing. I have a porter finishing fermenting that is going to go on to some oak cubes and get a dose of bourbon. I was in Northern Brewer the other day where I was chastised for not brewing enough this year. I guess I had better get my hot liquor tank fired up and get to brewing. I hope you all are actively fermenting. Don't forget the member's choice competition for the coveted Jerry Hetzle Mash Paddle at the picnic in September. Get those kettles boiling!

Prost! And Happy Brewing  
Jason Heindel

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## UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, May 25th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, 10418 W. Forest Home, Hales Corners, 7:30 PM. \$5 meeting!

WEDNESDAY, June 1st: Officers Meeting @ Stubby's Pub & Grub, 2060 N Humboldt Ave, Milwaukee. Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7 pm sharp.

Coming Soon ...



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The Gig, 1132 E. Center St., Milwaukee, WI  
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**MAY 27 - 29**  
Kohler Festival of Beer  
The American Club, Kohler, WI

**JUNE 8 - 12**  
Mondial de la Bière  
Place Bonaventure,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**JUNE 11**  
Great Northern Beer Fest  
High Pines Campground,  
Eagle River, WI

**JUNE 18**  
Founders Fest 2011  
Founders Brewing  
Grand Rapids, MI

**JUNE 19**  
Wisconsin Craft  
Brewers Guild  
Summer Solstice  
Bayshore Town Center  
Glendale, WI

**JULY 23**  
Milwaukee  
Firkin Fest  
Cathedral Square,  
Milwaukee, WI

**JULY 30**  
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## Vice-President's Letter

Summer is approaching! This means it's time for wheat beer. This month, we'll be examining some of the fun and strife of brewing with wheat and sampling a smattering of brews featuring this delectable grain!

We're focusing on the homebrewing side of things this month and the meeting fee is only \$5. The part I'm most excited for is our club jockey box... Our 7-tap jockey box is one that is unparalleled in the brewing community and it will be making its debut! Come one, come all, and bring a friend!

Here's a haiku:  
Prep for summer's heat.  
Our club jockey box is neat.  
Hooray for summertime wheat!

For the love of beer,  
--Jeremy King

## May Financial Report

Year to date	4/30/2011
<b>INCOME</b>	
TOTAL Brew-U Income	50
TOTAL Competition Income	600
TOTAL Festival Trips	1,045.00
Meeting Fees	3,925.00
Membership Fee	3,250.00
Merchandise Sales	645
Newsletter Ad	382
WoB Insurance	714
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,611.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank Fee	7
TOTAL Brew U Expense	231
TOTAL Competition Costs	18.49
Equipment Costs	756.21
TOTAL Festival Trip Expenses	1,400.00
Insurance	1,428.00
TOTAL Meeting Costs	2,408.95
TOTAL Merchandise	770.88
TOTAL Newsletter Expenses	404.59
TOTAL Office Supplies	206.85
Officer Meeting	178.56
PO Box	60
Raffle Prizes	204.66
Transaction Fees	53.08
Website Costs	111.24
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,239.51</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>9,342.68</b>
April Attendance	85



## Baron, Belle City, & Bidal American Black Ale Clubs Only Recap

Thank you to everyone that entered the clubs only competition. We had a total of 10 entries and to borrow a joke from Kevin Flynn that means that everyone finished in the top 10.

Jim McCabe and Burt Morton from Milwaukee Brewing along with Mike Schwartz and David Stanton from the Barons took almost 45 minutes during the Great Brewers fest on Friday to pick the eventual winner.

Congratulations to Tony Commodore from the Belle City Homebrewers who was chosen as the winner. First runners up honors go to Brian Joas of the Barons followed by Kevin Flynn of Belle City as second runner up.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the event and to Specialty Beverage for allowing us to judge at the 2011 Taste of Great Brewers Fest. Hope to see you all with entries in the upcoming German Fest Homebrew Competition in July.

Thanks – Bruce Buerger



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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!**

## AHA Club-Only Competition Jayme Nawrocki

Winners of the Club-Only Competition earn points for their homebrew club on a 12-8-4 basis for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Points from placing in the COC get Barons closer to becoming the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year!

To enter, bring 3 bottles to the Barons monthly meeting. Bottles must be brown or green and 10-14 ounces or the entry will be disqualified. We'll use one bottle to judge our local round, and send two bottles of the winning entry on to the national COC round. The Beer Barons will take care of shipping, entry fees and refund that meeting's entry fee to our local winner. The winning Baron must provide a recipe along with the entry. Enter your beer in the [Barons BrewBlog](#) and you can easily print your recipe.

For further details visit [www.homebrewersassociation.org](http://www.homebrewersassociation.org) and click on competitions to get the Club-Only option. Or send an email to [jnawrocki\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:jnawrocki_98@yahoo.com)

Next Competition: July 2011 – Mead BJCP categories 24, 25, and 26

### Plan Ahead for Upcoming Competitions

September 2011 - Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers - BJCP Category 23

November 2011 - Hail to Hefeweizen - BJCP categories 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D

January 2012 – Dark Lagers – BJCP Category 4

March 2012 – Stout – BJCP Category 13

May 2012 – Scottish and Irish Ale – BJCP Category 9

September 2012 – Light Hybrid Beers - BJCP Category 6

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## 2011 State Fair Competition

The results from the 2011 State Fair Homebrew Competition are in and a number of Beer Barons took home awards. Congratulations to the following Barons for their winning entries!

### BEST OF SHOW

Chris Ody	Best of Show	Saison
Ken Megal	2nd Best of Show	American Pale Ale

### SPECIAL CATEGORY WINNERS

Ken Megal	Best American Style	American Pale Ale
Chris Ody	Best Belgian Style	Saison
David Skreczko	Best Mead and Cider	Common Cider

### CATEGORY 5—BOCK

Steve Szymanski	2nd	Dopplebock
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### CATEGORY 6—LIGHT HYBRID BEER

Bob Manke	1st	Cream Ale
Michael Janasik	2nd	Kolsch

### CATEGORY 8—ENGLISH PALE ALE

Tim Soczka	2nd	Extra Special/Strong (ESB)
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### CATEGORY 10A—AMERICAN PALE ALE

Ken Megal	1st	American Pale Ale
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### CATEGORY 10B/10C—AMERICAN AMBER/BROWN ALE

Robert Hecht	2nd	American Amber
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### CATEGORY 12—PORTER

Terry Balster	1st	Brown Porter
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### CATEGORY 13—STOUT

Tim Soczka	2nd	Imperial Stout
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### CATEGORY 14—INDIA PALE ALE

Robert Hecht	3rd	American IPA
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### CATEGORY 16—BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE

Chris Ody	1st	Saison
Joel Taylor	3rd	Belgian Pale Ale
Erik Scott	HM	Belgian Specialty

### CATEGORY 17—SOUR ALE

Dan Schlosser	1st	Berliner Weisse
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### CATEGORY 18—BELGIAN STRONG ALE

Chris Ody	2nd	Tripel
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### CATEGORY 19—STRONG ALE

Chris Ody	2nd	American-Style Barleywine
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### CATEGORY 21—SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER

Steve Szymanski	2nd	Amer. Amber w/Pumpkin
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### CATEGORY 22—SMOKE-FLAVORED/WOOD-AGED

Chris Walczak	3rd	Porter w/ Oak & Bourbon
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### CATEGORY 24/25/26/27/28—MEAD, CIDER AND PERRY

David Skreczko	1st	Common Cider
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# 2011 GERMAN FEST HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Held in conjunction with the German Fest

## — IMPORTANT DATES —

Registration Opens: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
 Entries Accepted: June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Judging Sessions: July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Awards Ceremony: July 31<sup>st</sup> at German Fest on the  
 Summerfest Grounds



All BJCP German & Vienna style categories accepted, specialty Smoked & Wood Aged with German or Vienna base too.

One entry from the Best of Show round will be chosen to be ramped up and brewed by the Milwaukee Brewing Company

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## 2011 YTD WoB Treasures Report By Bruce Buerger

<b>Income</b>	
Shuttle Bus	\$ 134.14
Tickets	\$11,150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,284.14</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bartenders License	\$ 45.00
Credit Card Fees	\$ 328.93
Facilities	\$ 675.00
Glassware	\$ 28.55
Insurance	\$ 714.00
Planning	\$ 35.00
Printing	\$ 625.39
Soda	\$ 37.00
Transaction Fees	\$ 899.00
Wristbands	\$ 163.96
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,551.83</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$7,732.31</b>

## Recap – Barons AHA Big Brew National Homebrew Day

It wasn't the biggest brew – u event but we still had a bunch of fun and made some good beer. Once again we did another double feature – one example of an extract batch and another all grain. For the all grain Mike Chaltry demonstrated how to make a Vienna Lager via a decoction mash. On the extract side Bruce Buerger demonstrated how to make a Rauchbier. Both brews are currently fermenting and can be tracked out on the BrewBlog under the featured brews section. <http://brewblog.beerbarons.org>

Special thanks to Mike Chaltry and Brew & Grow for hosting the event this year.

Thanks – Bruce Buerger





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## PLEASE LOOK FOR US AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

**May 25th** ~ Annual Meeting at Sprecher Brewery

5:30 Social time & tour of the brewery  
6:00 business meeting  
Beverages and snacks

**June 4th** ~ World of Beer Festival



Cheers!



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### CHILTON BUS PICKUP

The Chilton Bus trip is fast approaching. The following is the schedule of the bus pickup on May 22nd.

- First pick up will be at The College Ave. SW Park and Ride. The bus will arrive at 9:45am and depart at 10:00am
- Second pick up will be at Watertown Plank Road Park and Ride. The bus will arrive at 10:15am and depart at 10:30am.
- Third pick up will be at Brown Deer Road Park and Ride . The bus will arrive at 10:50am and will depart at 11:00am.

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