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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Barons,

Holy cow where has the year gone? We are getting ready for the picnic on September 10, at the Root River Parkway picnic area #1. (Google map: <http://tinyurl.com/BaronPicnic>) Please bring a side dish to pass. A main course of meat will be provided. The cost is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. More importantly, bring your beer, mead and cider to share and enter into the competition. You may pay for the picnic online on the Baron's website: <http://beerbarons.org/payments.html#picnic>. See the article on page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

I am sorry to say that I missed the AHA Rally and the German Fest competition. I was out of town. But I have had good reports on both events. Congratulations to Bob Manke on his success in the competition. I hope he lets us know when his Bohemian Dunkel is scaled up by Milwaukee Brewing Company. I would like to get a taste of his beer. On a related note, I would like to thank Bruce Burger, Brian Joas, and Dave Stanton for all their hard work on German Fest and the AHA Rally. Both were really big events for the club. Both took a lot of work by these members to make them a success.

While I was out traveling this past week, I had a great beer. It was a J.W. Lees barleywine aged in a Lagavulin whisky barrel and served on cask. Wow what a great beer. If you like peaty whisky this would be a beer to try.

As I write this, I am in the process of recovering from the Great Taste of the Midwest festival yesterday. We had a lot of fun on the Baron's bus to and from the festival. There were some great beers at the Taste. I wish I had more time to sample even more beers.

Oh in case you were wondering, the toast at the end of my message last month roughly translated from Catalan (the language of the people around Barcelona, Spain) says, "Eat well, poop strong, and don't be afraid of death." Words to live by.

Drink Well and Brew Strong my Friends.

Jason

Vice-President's Letter

Barons,

I swiped this from the Barons Facebook Page (Thanks to whomever posted this!): "For the August meeting we'll explore a beer style that sometimes evades us in the US: Altbier. The name Altbier, which means 'old beer', refers to the pre-lager brewing method of using a warm top-fermenting yeast. Over time the Alt yeast adjusted to lower temperatures, and the Alt brewers would store or lager the beer after fermentation, leading to a cleaner, crisper beer than is the norm for some other top-fermented beers such as British pale ale."

We'll have 4 Altbier examples to try - one of which is fortified with vodka. I will also be bringing an array of summertime brews to enjoy as we socialize as brethren in beer. This is a homebrew meeting and hence the fee will be only \$5.

Looking ahead, September means Oktoberfest, with Tim Rehbein on hand to talk to us about the local hop industry!

Cheers, y'all!

Jeremy N. King

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, August 24th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, 10418 W. Forest Home, Hales Corners, 7:30 PM. \$5 meeting!
WEDNESDAY, September 7th: Officers Meeting @ Erv's Mug, 130 W Ryan Rd, Oak Creek. Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7 pm sharp.

SUDS CITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 26 & 27

Midwest Brewer's Fest

River Front Park, Tinley Park, IL

AUGUST 27

3rd Annual Port of Potosi Brew Fest

Potosi Brewing Co., Potosi, WI

SEPTEMBER 10

Thirsty Troll Beer Fest -

Grundahl Park, Mt. Horeb, WI -

SEPTEMBER 11

Ervn-Toberfest

Erv's Mug, 130 W. Ryan Rd., Oak Creek, WI

SEPTEMBER 14-16

26th Annual Berghoff Oktoberfest

The Berghoff, 17 W. Adams, Chicago, IL

SEPTEMBER 15-18

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest

Heritage Park, 601 Weiss St., Frankenmuth, MI

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Great Lakes Brew Fest,

Racine Zoological Gardens, Racine, WI

SEPTEMBER 16-18

Oktoberfest Zinzinnatti

Downtown 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

SEPTEMBER 17

Washington County Historical Society Brew HaHa

Old Courthouse Museum, 320 S. 15th St., West Bend, WI

SEPTEMBER 17

Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild Autumn Brew Review -

Grain Belt Brewing Complex, Minneapolis, MN

SEPTEMBER 17 - OKTOBER 3

Munchen Oktoberfest 2011

Theresienwiesn, München, Germany

RIVERWEST BEER APPRECIATION SOCIETY

The Gig, 1132 E. Center St., Milwaukee, WI

Tuesdays @ 6 PM

Info on these events, and more, visit :

www.sudswineandspirits.com



The "Summer" edition of
"Suds, Wine & Spirits" newspaper is now available !!



August Financial Report

Year to date

7/31/2011

INCOME

TOTAL Brew-U Income	583.00
TOTAL Competition Income	664.75
TOTAL Festival Trips	4,345.00
Meeting Fees	5,380.00
Membership Fee	3,595.00
TOTAL Merchandise Sales	704.00
Newsletter Ad	382.00
WoB Insurance	714.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,367.75

EXPENSES

Bank Fee	7.00
TOTAL Brew U Expense	500.50
TOTAL Competition Costs	116.93
Equipment Costs	1,379.33
TOTAL Festival Trip Expenses	4,972.73
Insurance	1,428.00
TOTAL Meeting Costs	4,660.92
TOTAL Merchandise	2,198.88
TOTAL Newsletter Expenses	657.81
TOTAL Office Supplies	206.85
Officer Meeting	410.04
Picnic Expense	210.00
PO Box	81.00
Raffle Prizes	204.66
Transaction Fees	56.01
Website Costs	111.24
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,201.90

BALANCE

\$4,450.30

Beer Barons Annual Picnic!

It is time for the annual Beer Barons picnic. This year the picnic will be on Saturday, September 10th at picnic area #1 of Root River Parkway South starting at Noon. This is near 92nd Street and College Ave. A map of the area can be found at [http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyParks/maps/Root River Parkway Sout1.pdf](http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyParks/maps/Root_River_Parkway_Sout1.pdf).

The cost is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples. Payment can be made online at the Beer Barons website. There will also be a sign up at the August meeting. You can also pay at the picnic, but if you know you are coming, we ask you to sign up early so we can get an estimate on the amount of food needed.

The main course at the picnic will consist of brisket and chicken cooked by our very own Joe Keckeisen. It is also asked that everyone bring a dish to pass.

New this year is a food competition. If your dish to pass uses beer as an ingredient it can be entered. Attendees will rate their favorites and the winner will receive a prize! So whip up your favorite recipe with beer and bring it along for everyone to try!

There will also be plenty of homebrew to taste and judge. Last year there were 19 beers competing for the Jerry Hetzel Memorial Award. This is a non-style competition where attendees simply pick their favorites. So bring your best brew to compete for the honor of holding the paddle for a year!

In addition to the food and beer, there will also be a huge raffle so bring some cash to get those prizes you want!

Payment and info is available on the Beer Barons website. Hope to see everyone there.



2011 Schooner Homebrew Championship

Held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Brew Fest

— IMPORTANT DATES —

Registration Opens: August 1st, 2011
Entries Accepted: August 15th – September 3rd
Judging Sessions: September 10th & 14th

All BJCP style categories accepted.

One entry from the Best of Show round will be chosen to be ramped up and brewed by Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant

\$6.00 per an entry

Registration & additional info at <http://www.theschooner.org>

DROP OFF LOCATIONS —

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1306 South 108th St
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*****Brews Wine and Spirits (1256 Capitol Drive) is offering a 5% discount to Beer Barons Members!**

*****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!**

Beer Camp

Beer Camp is:

Not an official Beer Barons event, but we do have quite few members show up. It is August 26 – 28, 2011 this year.

<http://www.co.dodge.wi.us/landresources/recreation/parks-ledge.html>

Beer Camp was started by the old Brewtown Brewmasters. This is their only surviving event. The camp site is reserved by Todd and Cheryl. Thank them for getting us this great location by making personal appearances to the County Board requesting an exception to the no group camping on the lower ledge policy. There is no one person who would be "the" contact. It's just kind of a - go and show up on the right weekend - event. John Harrison is the keeper of the Mead Horn, and is an "almost official" source for details.

Beer Camp is:

- 3 days of peace and homebrew.
- The weekend after Irish Fest.
- Not always the weekend before Labor Day.
- Located at the bottom of Ledge Park between Mayville and Horicon.
- Primitive camping.
- Pit toilets about a 5 minute walk away.
- \$16 per night per "family/tent". (Subject to change.)
- Located in a marsh, so mosquitoes and flies are abundant.
- A group of beer makers and their friends.
- There is a communal fire pit, so sharing firewood is encouraged.
- Sharing of beer and mead is highly recommended.
- Music and dancing is OK.
- Kids are allowed at the personal risk of the parents. What they see and hear is your problem.
- Friday night is Mead Horn Circle "practice". This includes newbie initiations.
- Saturday night is Mead Horn Circle night.
- The "Mead Horn Queen" is she who never leaves the circle and is the last one standing.
- Saturday is open field type bocce ball tournament.
- Saturday at midnight is feasting time for some reason.
- There is a hand pump near the toilets. But not always open due to water quality problems.
- There are showers and flush toilets on the upper ledge.

Beer Camp is NOT:

- A place to be an angry or mean drunk.
- For fighting and/or loud arguing.
- Organized with structure or lot's of planning.
- For the indoors types.

Some basic rules that might need mentioning:

- Use of chemicals to remove insects from group areas is frowned upon. There are Tiki Torches.
- Clean up behind yourself. Don't leave trash for someone else.
- No jerks allowed.
- Maintain a high level respect towards others.
- Don't be upset or offended by what you may see or hear.
- It's all about everyone having good fun.

The main thing to consider about Beer Camp is that it is a group of friends who may see each other a lot during the rest of the year, or they may only see each other once a year. If you join in, consider yourself a guest until you have built up a new friendship.

Jeff Kane



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 at Clifford's. 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 and click on competitions to get the Club-Only option or send an email to jnawrocki_98@yahoo.com

Next Competition: September 2011 - Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers - BJCP Category 23

Plan Ahead for Upcoming Competitions

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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PLEASE LOOK FOR US AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

July 30th ~ Milwaukee Brewfest

August 3rd ~ Museum of Beer & Brewing Board Meeting at Libiamo's at 6:00 p.m.

September 11th ~ Karl Strauss dinner at the Wisconsin Club

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German Fest Competition and AHA Membership Rally Recap

Thank you to everyone that entered the inaugural German Fest Homebrew competition. We had a total of 154 entries from 11 different states. Not bad for a first year competition of only German Bier styles.

Congratulations go out to Bob Manke for his Best of Show Bohemian Dunkel and to Mike Chaltry for his Second Best of Show Rauchbock! In addition to its top showing, Bob's Bohemian Dunkel was also selected by the Milwaukee Brewing Company as the brew to be commercially ramped up. Several other Barons fared well in the competition including:

Mike Chaltry – 1st Place Smoked/Wood Aged
Paula Cartwright – 1st Place Weizens
Dave Iselin – 3rd Place Dark Lagers
Mike Janasik – 3rd Place Kolsch
Bob Manke – 1st Place Dark Lagers, 3rd Place Amber Lagers
Jayme Nawrocki – 2nd Place Berlinerweisse
Kevin Scharfenberger – 3rd Place Weizens

On behalf of the organizing committee I'd like to thank all the judges and stewards that volunteered. Special thanks go out to Brian Joas and Mike Rice for handling the Head Judging duties, David Stanton for the Head Steward duties, and Carolyn Stanton and Debbie Minger for organizing the score sheets.

I'd also like to take the time to thank Jayme Nawrocki, Victor Williams, Tim Minger, Debbie Minger, Dave Glazewski, Jeff Enders, Mike Schwartz, and Carolyn Stanton for volunteering to help out with the AHA Membership Rally that was held at German Fest on July 31st. Thanks to them over 50 current and new AHA members were able to take a day and enjoy some good German food, beer, and culture.

Planning for the 2012 German Fest Homebrew competition is already underway so be sure to include those German Biers in your upcoming brewing schedule!

Thanks – Bruce Buerger



Above: Bruce Buerger Rocks out at German Fest
Below: David Stanton hands Bob Manke one of his awards



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