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President's Letter

Greetings Barons & Baronesses

And the winner is... Diana Kane for her Multi-berry Muscat Pymment. She will be receiving the much coveted Jerry Hetzel Memorial Mash Paddle. She was the top vote getter in the picnic competition. We had 23 different Baron's brews on tap at this year's picnic. Second place went to the Fat Chance boys with their Dopplebock. Third place went to Bob Manke's Riverwest Stein clone. I understand that Mike Rice's Wit was a fine example of the style.

We held the inaugural cooking with beer competition as well this year. I have to say I was pleasantly surprised with the number of entries we had, and the extent of the variety of food. The first place went to Dave Schabla's Rauch Bier Bacon Mac & Cheese. I say: beer, bacon & cheese? How can that be wrong? Second place went to chicken thighs with scotch ale. Third place was awarded to amber extract baked beans. I promise we will work on a more worthy trophy for the food completion for next year.

We had excellent weather for the picnic. You should have been there. I have to give a big thank you to Joe Keckeisen for all of his hard work in preparing the meat for the picnic. He woke up early and watched his BBQ with great skill and made many many many pounds of brisket and chicken. Thank you goes out to all involved with making the picnic a big success: Rich, Jeff, Diane, Pat, Joe, and on and on.

The picnic is just one example of your fellow Barons and Baronesses, getting together and working hard for the common good of the club. I bring this up because it is time again to start thinking about joining the board. For the new members, we elect a new slate of officers and board members every December at the holiday party. I know for certain that we will need a new club treasurer, as Brian Joas' term is coming to an end, and our Constitution only allows a total of two, one year terms. The treasurer position is the singularly most important position on the board.

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Fun at the Annual Baron's Picnic



Supervisors hard at work!



Enjoying all the homebrew!



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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, September 28th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, 10418 W. Forest Home, Hales Corners, 7:30 PM. \$10 meeting!
WEDNESDAY, October 5th: Officers Meeting @ The Palm Tavern, 2989 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee. Open to all members, followed by social hour—Meeting @ 7 pm sharp.

SUDS CITY CALENDAR

NOW TO OKTOBER 3
Munchen Oktoberfest 2011
Theresienwiesn, München, Germany

SEPTEMBER 30

10th Brew Madness - Prost To A Cure - 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Peck Pavilion, Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee, WI

SEPTEMBER 30

September Fest - 7 - 10 PM
Oak Creek Community Center - www.occenter.com

OCTOBER 8

18th Annual Quivey's Grove Brew Fest - Noon - 5 PM
Quivey's Grove, Madison, WI

OCTOBER 15

Wisconsin Dells on Tap - Noon - 5 PM
Wisconsin Dells, WI - www.wisdells.com

OCTOBER 20 - 23

11th Kohler Food & Wine Experience, Kohler, WI

OCTOBER 22

Darkness Day - Surly Darkness Release Party
Surly Brewing Co., Brooklyn Center, MN

NOVEMBER 12

Illinois Craft Brewers Guild
Festival of Barrel-Aged Beer
Chicago Journeyman Plumbers' Local Union 130
[Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium](#)
1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

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



"Suds, Wine & Spirits" newspaper
"Fall" edition will be out in Oktober !!



September Financial Report

Year to date

8/31/2011

INCOME

Bank Fee Refund	25.00
TOTAL Brew-U Income	700.00
TOTAL Competition Income	729.50
TOTAL Festival Trips	6,545.00
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	\$18,774.50

EXPENSES

Bank Fee	32.00
TOTAL Brew U Expense	770.00
TOTAL Competition Costs	181.68
Equipment Costs	1,379.33
TOTAL Festival Trip Expenses	4,972.73
Insurance	1,428.00
TOTAL Meeting Costs	5,202.90
TOTAL Merchandise	2,198.88
TOTAL Newsletter Expenses	665.73
TOTAL Office Supplies	206.85
Officer Meeting	501.52
Picnic Expense	210.00
PO Box	81.00
Raffle Prizes	384.66
Transaction Fees	56.01
Website Costs	111.24
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,382.53

BALANCE

\$5,776.42

August Attendance

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President's Letter (continued from page 1)

Without him, we could not put on our events, pay for insurance, etc. The board is the lifeblood of the club. It can be a lot of work, but it is also rewarding work. We have many activities throughout the year, in addition to our regularly scheduled club meetings. If there is something you think you can add to the club, or don't like how something is currently run, please, we welcome you to run for office.

Sample language for a bill to correct deficiencies in the current State of Wisconsin regulation of homebrewing has been submitted to members of both the Assembly and the Senate for their review. Please see the letter below this column for their response. More to follow in the coming months.

Finally, I would like to ask for a small request. I have received a few complaints recently regarding noise at meetings. I know we all like to get together with our friends and enjoy our homebrews, but can I request that we keep the talking to a minimum while speakers are talking? We are trying to add some education to our meetings, beyond sharing each other's beers. Once the meeting has concluded, you may feel free to talk as loud as you want. Plus if you keep the volume down during the discussion, the less likely you are to hear Jeff Kane (the sergeant at arms) yelling to keep the volume down. That is what we call a win-win.

Prost! And Happy Oktoberfest season!

Jason



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P.O. BOX 8952 · MADISON, WI 53708

September 8, 2011

Dan Grady
803 W. Lorain Street
Appleton, WI 54914

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your concerns with current state laws related to home-brewing and your suggested changes to those laws.

We are interested in your proposal and will consider drafting legislation along the lines you have suggested. We have forwarded your proposed language to the Legislative Council for review and comment.

Thanks again for your letter and interest in this matter. We will keep you informed as we continue to work on this.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL G. ELLIS
State Senator
19th Senate District


DEAN R. KAUFERT
State Representative
55th Assembly District

Why enter the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP)?

There are 2 things I've done that have advanced my brewing the most: joining a homebrew club and becoming a BJCP judge. If you are reading this you have either already joined Beer Barons or are at least considering it. The opportunity to discuss brewing with other homebrewers, try their beers, have knowledgeable people try your beers and give feedback is fun and educational. These discussions are even more beneficial when judging at a homebrew competition as all judges are brewers that have taken the commitment to master this hobby.

Entering the BJCP is the logical step for anyone who wants to take this hobby to the highest level possible as the program is designed to train judges to have extensive knowledge of brewing ingredients, processes, flaws (and what causes them) and styles as well as training palates to recognize the various flavors in beer (good and bad) in order to provide feedback to entrants on how to improve their beer. I'm sure you can see that anyone that has the knowledge to analyze and provide feedback to other people have the knowledge to improve their own beer.

So if you are ready to take that step in your brewing, consider signing up to take the BJCP exam scheduled for April and May of 2012. The reason I'm bringing this up now is there is a lot to learn to be able to pass the test and the first of the classes begin October 7th.

BJCP Classes

The advanced Brew-U classes for those interested in taking the BJCP exam (Intro to Sensory Evaluation and BJCP Study Sessions) are coming up soon. The Intro to Sensory Evaluation class will meet October 7 and November 11. This class is an introduction to the flavors and aromas that you would find in beer whether intended or not and where they come from. We start with the aromas and flavors that you expect to find in beer and in the second session cover aromas and flavors that can be considered faults. Cost for the class is \$20, payable at the first class.

The BJCP Study Sessions are in-depth coverage of beer styles and the BJCP program. We encourage current judges to participate in these sessions at no charge because your input improves the learning experience. These classes are primarily intended for those people interested in becoming BJCP certified judges. They may also be of interest to advancing homebrewers who want to learn more about the flavors and aromas in beer and or styles. Class size is limited to 12 student (not including current judges). Cost for all sessions is \$80, payable at the first class.

For those who are considering becoming a BJCP judge and are thinking about signing up for one of the exams we have scheduled for 2012, be aware that people who participate in these classes will be given priority seating for the exams because they are better prepared and much more likely to do well. Priority will also be given to retakes by people who are already in the BJCP program and trying to advance to National level.

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More information and sign up for the classes is available at:

Sensory Evaluation:
<http://beerbarons.org/Brew-U/brewing401.html>

BJCP study Sessions:
<http://beerbarons.org/Brew-U/brewing402.html>

As always, Beer Baron members have priority for filling the classes but please sign up early so that we can plan accordingly and seating is limited.

Upcoming Brew – U Events

Teach A Friend To Brew Day
What: Basic Brewing and Intro to All Grain Brewing
When: November 5th, 2011 10 a.m.
Where: TBD
Cost: \$5 to cover materials and homebrew samples.

We're currently going through the planning process and could really use some help this year with the day of activities. Please contact us via the sign up page if you'd be willing to assist.

<http://www.beerbarons.org/Brew-U/classCatalog.html>

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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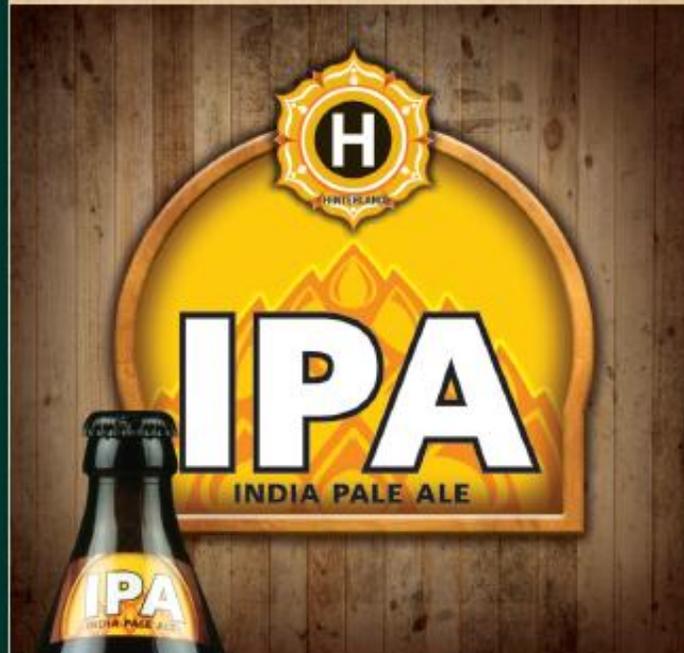
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October 5th ~ Museum of Beer & Brewing Board Meeting at Libiamo's at 6:00 p.m.

Mark you calendars early and be sure to join us

December 7th ~ Museum of Beer & Brewing Holiday Party at the Miller Inn

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

Club Links

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<http://www.facebook.com/WorldOfBeerFestival>
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