

BARON MIND



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President's Letter

What a Barons Summer Picnic huh? For those that happened to miss it, once again it was a blast! This year had us see just about everything, rain, sun, smoked meat, prizes and just happened to have (despite some bad info from someone who has two thumbs) a second year in a row dual winner. Congratulations to David Hardeman! A special thank you is in order to our sponsors of Northern Brewer, Brew and Grow, The Purple Foot, Goose Island, Joe Keckeisen, everyone who brought beer, mead, braggot, food, gadgets, smoker, tents, lawn games and anything else I may be forgetting. We wouldn't have such a great picnic without you! Who is already looking forward to 2014, because I know I am.

For those who don't know (or haven't been paying attention) now is the time to think about becoming an officer of our great club. This year we will be turning over the majority of positions and we can't have a strong club without our member's involvement. There are many perks of being an officer and some of those are: great beers at great bars around the city that are included as part of being an officer, gold card as a 'thank you' for your service to our great club.

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Vice President's Letter

Thanks to everyone that helped and contributed to another successful picnic. I was not able to stay as long as I would have liked but did enjoy the picnic as always. I am always surprised by the number of people each year that say it is their first picnic and it is so much fun they don't know why they haven't come in the past. It is a Baron event that should be marked on the calendar early each year as it is not to be missed. Big thanks to Joe Keckeisen for waking up early to smoke the 150+ pounds of meat, Joe Wichgers and Richard Binkowski for having another great raffle and everyone else who plays a roll in making the picnic run so smoothly.

We celebrated Lakefront's 25th anniversary this year with a field trip to the brewery. I figured a trip to Cleveland might be a little far so instead we are bringing in Great Lakes Brewing Co. to celebrate their 25th anniversary. The September meeting will be \$10 and will feature Lydia Marks from Great Lakes Brewing Co.



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Check out the Baron Website:

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG



Name Origin: Named for the great ship that tragically sunk in Lake Superior in 1975 with many Northeast Ohioans on board, our Edmund Fitzgerald is the dark, brooding type. One sip of this complex, flavorful porter inspires lavish bar napkin poetry and spirited closing-time soliloquies. It's a meticulously crafted love letter in a bottle, an epic and flavorful voyage, each sip a bittersweet tribute.

Style Origin: Originated in Great Britain and named after the porters who hauled goods from wagons to the stands at open air markets common to England at that time.

Flavor: Bittersweet chocolate-coffee taste and bold hop presence

Ingredients:

MALT

Harrington 2-Row Base Malt: Allows color and flavor from other specialty malts to come through; makes for very clean beer

Crystal 77: Contributes to color and adds sweeter aroma and flavor

Chocolate: Provides deep, rich color and coffee-like flavor and aroma

Roasted Barley: Adds color and roasted flavor

HOPS

Northern Brewer: Traditional bittering hop for English-style ales; provides strong bitterness to complement strong/assertive flavors of this porter
Willamette: U.S. version of English Fuggle hop. Provides fruity, floral, and spicy characteristics with mild bitterness.

Cascade U.S. hop with citrus characteristics for aroma to balance roasted malts and add American element to this English style

Pairs With: Barbecued ribs, steaks, oysters, and chocolate

Shelf Life: 180 days

Interested in attending the next Officer's Meeting? The Board meeting is open to all members, and after the meeting stick around for a social time. Come out and try a new place to drink and see what's on Tap. Next Location is Attebury's Pub, 3807 South Packard Avenue, St. Francis, WI 53235 7pm Sharp for meeting.



Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our member's knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment.

Please show your respect and courtesy to the people you have elected to do the business of this club and the guest speakers that are graciously giving their time to come and put on a presentation for you by being **QUIET DURING THE MEETING.**

- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in. (That means the club beers stays here) Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events.
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into this room that was not purchased at Clifford's.
- Only exception is for snack items to enjoy with your beer.
 - Pretzels, popcorn, or nuts.
 - Chips & Dip
 - Cheese, Sausage & Crackers
 - Smoked or Canned fish Items.

Please bring your own glass and clean up after yourselves.

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card and pay your meeting fee to receive a wrist band.
 - Please put your wrist band on your wrist (not on your glass/Horn)
 - Only on the Wrist.

NO Guns or weapons of any kind allowed in the meeting.

NO SMOKING allowed in the building.

Listen – Learn – Ask questions –

Someone *will* have the answer. So ask the question.

Enjoy the Meeting & Guest Speakers.
From, your elected Baron Officers.

Vice President's Letter—continued

Having been to Great Lakes before I am sure Lydia will have plenty of interesting stories about the brewery that you were not aware of. We will be sampling Nosferatu, Oktoberfest, Edmund Fitzgerald, Dortmunder, Commodore Perry, Burning River and Wright Pils. We will also have a quick overview on calibrating your thermometers and refractometers with a chance for people to recalibrate their items after the meeting is over. Don't forget to bring your thermometers and refractometers to the meeting if you would like to participate.

We are bringing Mead night back in October. I am leaving the planning up to Jeff Kane who is much more qualified in all things Mead than I am. Here is what Jeff had to say about the October meeting.

The October meeting will be a Meading ® ;-). We will sample a few meads with a discussion of the meads and the mead making process. The samples will include some meads not available for purchase in Wisconsin and other meads that can be found locally. Shane Coombs of Rushford Meadery and Winery will be speaking and available to answer questions about the mead making process. His presentation will be covering three ways of preparing your honey for the mead making process - no heat natural, no heat sulfate, and pasteurizing. He is also bringing some of his own mead. In addition to the mead, as at all meetings, there will also be beer available for sampling. If you have a mead you would like to share and have 4-6 large (750ml or 22 oz) bottles or 1-2 gallons in a keg, let Jeff Kane know. We can have them on tap, or just pass around the bottles. This is a great opportunity to learn more

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If you bring a keg (or enough bottles to share with the club) to the meeting and email the board in advance to let us know what you are bringing, we will give you \$10 for your ingredients. The beers will be judged by the members and based on popular vote; the winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the homebrew store of your choice. Please e-mail officers@beerbarons.org in advance to let us know what you are bringing so we can have adequate serving equipment on hand.

Congrats to the Schooner—2013
Award Winning
Beer Baron Members:



1ST - TIMOTHY MINGER - WEIZEN/WEISSBIER

1ST - KEN MEGAL - IMPERIAL IPA

3RD - BOB MANKE - OKTOBERFEST/MARZEN

3RD - SCOTT DUCHATEAU-OATMEAL STOUT

This is a great opportunity to learn more about mead and show support to a fellow homebrewer.

November will be another legendary Belgian Night. We are planning on featuring beers from Artisanal Imports and will have a guest speaker in again to talk about all the great Belgian beers. Most of the lineup has been selected and this is a meeting you will not want to miss.

Jayme Nawrocki

Other competitions can be found up at

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php



2013 Delafield Brewhaus Schnapp Hans Cup

The focus of this competition is on base beer styles. No Specialty, Spice Herb Vegetable, Fruit and Sour beers, Meads, or Ciders will be accepted.

Medals will be handed out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place category winners. Best of Show will take home the Schnapp Hans Cup!

One entry from the Best of Show round will be chosen to be ramped up and brewed by the Delafield Brewhaus.

Limited to 300 entries.

— IMPORTANT DATES —

Registration Opens: September 1st, 2013

Entries Accepted: September 1st – 28th

Judging Sessions: October 11th & 12th

Awards Ceremony: October 12th at the Delafield Brewhaus.

— DROP OFF LOCATIONS —

Northern Brewer 1306 South 108th St West Allis, WI 53214	Brew & Grow 2246 Bluemound Rd Waukesha, WI 53186	The Purple Foot 3167 S. 92nd St Milwaukee, WI. 53227
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— SHIP TO LOCATION —

Northern Brewer
1306 South 108th St
West Allis, WI 53214

Being able to help direct the club to new and greater things and being some of the first to know about great volunteer opportunities for beer festivals. Getting a complimentary ticket into a beer festival for a little bit of volunteer work is a great thing in my book. You never know who you may meet behind the scenes.

Did anyone know about or listen to our first podcast? We are going to continue to podcast the meetings so anyone who may have missed or would like to get more info out of the meetings can do so. Stay tuned to the website for more podcasts of our meetings.

Prosit!

Jared

Registration & additional info at <http://schnapphanscup.com/>

Name: Tim Minger **MEET THE BARON:**

Age: 57

How long have you been a Baron? 2008

What style do you brew most often? I always have an amber ale on tap as friends and neighbors like that one. I also like to have a pale ale on tap.

What got you into brewing? I got into brewing because of David Glazewski, We work together and he brought some to a company picnic. I thought it was awesome.

How often do you brew? I brew when my supply starts to run low, maybe 4 to 5 times a year. I usually do 10 gallon batches. Unless it is a high gravity brew, then only 5 gallons because my mash tun is too small. I don't brew as often as I would like to, not enough people come over to drink my beers. Especially in the summer. During Packer season a lot more gets consumed at Packer parties than during the rest of the year. I wish I knew people that liked to drink beer. If anyone knows somebody like that I am willing to share.

Do you brew solo or with other people? I am a solo brewer, sometimes I have somebody to come over to watch and drink beer while I brew.

What is your favorite style and why? I don't know if I have a favorite style. I do like Belgians, Stouts, Porters, Pale and IPAs. It depends on what I am in the mood for. I enjoy most styles of beer, mead, cider, wine, whiskey, brandy, schnapps, and Aqua Velva anything with alcohol. I am of German and Irish ancestry, enough said.

What is your favorite brewery and why? Omergang, Tyranena, Lakefront, Founders, and New Holland

What is your commercial to homebrew consumption ratio? 1 to 1 or closest to it.

Have you ever entered a competition? The competitions that I have entered were State Fair in 2010, I won 1st place for a Oktoberfest, 1st place for Best of the German beer categories and was runner up for best of show. Even though my beer was an ale not a lager. I won a silver medal in the Midwinter Comp.; I think it was 2011 for a pale ale. And just recently I won 1st place for my Hefewisen, that beer also took best of show. I was very surprised, that is a beer style that does not seem to win best of show very often.

What has been your favorite Baron meeting? beside the November Belgian nights. I enjoy when we have knowledgeable speakers, whether they are commercial or a Baron i.e. Dave Campbell's talk about some of his gadgets.



At Left:
Dave Bass Brewmaster at
Rock Bottom Brewery,
Congratulating Tim Minger
on his Win & Ramp up for the
2013 Schooner Competition.



What is your day job? My vocation is machinist. I have been working as a machinist since I was a sophomore in high school. I currently work for a contract machine shop. We machine a variety of products from aerospace, mining, oil exploration, food production equipment and the rollers that make M&M's, Skittles and Reece's Pieces.

Editors Note: Would you like to be featured in a future edition of the Baron Mind? Contact me at a meeting or send me an e-mail at editor@beerbarons.org

Tell me about Yahoo Groups?

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MilwBeerBarons>. You can click on "Help" in the far right top corner at any time to get Yahoo's help screens. I suggest you read there before trying anything else. If you have a yahoo account, you can use the "sign in" click to see more club details. You may need to register if you have never been to Yahoo before. To sign in, you use your email address, and then it will ask you for a password. Once signed on, use the "My Groups" button to see more information about the Beer Barons group.

1.) How do I send an email to the group?

You simply type a message as you would to anyone else. In the To: field, enter milwbeerbarons@yahoogroups.com. The email will then be sent to everyone including yourself. If you do not get the email back, then it did not go out. If it fails, let me know, and I will help you. Do NOT send to just beerbarons@yahoogroups.com because that is a different group. I tried to find out who, but they never replied to questions.

2) My friend wants to subscribe. How do they do that?

Two ways again! They, or you, can send me an email or send one to the group requesting they be added. Or, they can send a message to: milwbeerbarons-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. A message will be sent to the moderator. If the name sounds familiar, they will be added. I am leery of just letting people automatically subscribe. Not trying to be exclusive, just don't want a lot of junk posted.

See Jeff Kane to join the Yahoo Group.
Jeff usually drinks out of a large animal horn at the meetings. Introduce yourself and write down your e-mail for Jeff to recognize to add to the Yahoo Group.

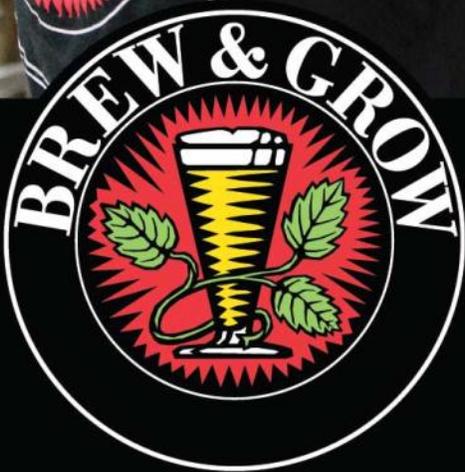


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October 2nd - Board Meeting at Mo's Irish Pub at 6:00 p.m.

10842 W. Bluemound Road.

October 5th - Display at Harnischfeger Park in Ashippun.

November 6th - Board Meeting at Saint Francis Brewpub at 6:00 p.m.

3825 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue.

November 9th - Sip and Taste, Wine, Beer & Food Tasting from 7:00 – 9:30

3211 S. Lake Drive

December 10th - Board Meeting and Holiday Party at Miller Inn, 6:00 p.m. 3931

W. State Street

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25th: **Great Lakes Brewery** — Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, 10418 W. Forest Home, Hales Corners, 7:30 PM. \$10 meeting for members.
- WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9th: Officers Meeting @ Attebury's Pub, 3807 South Packard Avenue, St. Francis, WI 53235 — Meeting @ 7 pm sharp
- WEDNESDAY, Oct 23rd: **MEAD Night** — Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's
- WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20th: **Belgian Night (Members Only)** — Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's.

Check out
The Barons Website
For more info



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