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BARON MIND



**Come meet Co-Founder and Brewmaster from
Madison's Ale Asylum— Dean Coffey**

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WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

President's Letter

Spring is one of my favorite times to brew. While the snow melts, yards, roads and sidewalks alike are veritable wetlands. With this enjoyably messy scene as a backdrop, there is something special about setting up the lawn chairs and firing up my kettle on the balcony. It's a great time to soak in the fresh air and look forward to what the rest of 2015 has in store.

We have accomplished much in this year's early months, and we are just getting started. This month we played an integral part in both the **Taste of Hales Corners** and the **Women's Soccer Club** fundraisers. We also reviewed a **record 12 applicants** for our annual **Professional Brewers Scholarship**, from which we will soon select the winning applicant. That person will enjoy a tuition-paid 2-week course at the Siebel Institute in Chicago.

I am proud of what we have done and continue to do for our community. Knowing that we are helping our partners succeed all while having fun and spreading great beer is something special. As always, contact me (jon@greenethumb.com) or the Board (officers@beerbarons.org) to get involved with any future club events. No time commitment is too small to help the club further our impact.

As a reminder, our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday **April 1st** at the **Tornado Brewing Company** (3506 E Layton Road, Cudahy). Stop by and chime in on the club's business and socialize with the 2015 Board members and other guests. These meetings are fun and informative.

Lastly, our vetting of club storage options is complete, and we will be voting on whether or not to purchase a storage trailer at this month's meeting. If successful, the Board will take responsibility for finding and purchasing a trailer that will meet our storage needs both now and into the future. We are looking forward to centralizing the storage and transport of our club's gear to meetings, festivals and other events.

Enjoy the sunshine and get out there and brew some beer. Don't forget to talk to Josh Strupp about getting it on tap at an upcoming meeting. The grass will soon be green and summer will be here before you know it!

Slainte,
Jon

Vice President's Letter

A big thanks to Rob Lobreglio at Great Dane for joining for our February meeting! I'm told it was a great event and the beers that Rob so generously provided to our members were delicious. Make sure to stop in and grab lunch at one of the Great Dane brewpubs if you're in the area. The food is as delicious as the brews.

I have hops for the May hop parallel experiment participants who haven't claimed them yet. I'll have them with me at the March meeting so seek me out if I don't see you first too grab your hops. March is once again a commercial beer night so the meeting will be \$10. We keep the Madison brewery theme going when Dean Coffey, Co-Founder and Brewmaster of Ale Asylum joins to talk about the recent brewery expansion all things Ale Asylum. Make sure not to miss this one as their might be a beer or two to sample which you won't currently find on shelves. Stay tuned.....

As always, homebrew kegs are welcome for the March meeting. If you bring a keg to the meeting and email the board in advance to let us know what you are bringing, we will give you \$20 for your ingredients. Please e-mail at stru0087@gmail.com in advance to let me know what you are bringing so we can have adequate serving equipment on hand.

-Josh Strupp

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

Tornado Brewing

(3505 E Layton Ave. Cudahy)



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7pm Sharp for meeting.

Guest Member's from the last meeting:

1. Jason Meyers
2. Victor Williams
3. Joe Kolbach
4. Dave Campbell
5. Steve St. Louis
6. Mike Schwartz

Thanks for joining us.

Treasurer Report – Feb 2015

We had 104 in attendance for the last meeting. There are 137 currently registered/paid members for 2015. Of these, 45 are Gold members. These include seven board members, and 4 awarded Gold memberships.

As of today we have deposited \$5085 in membership fees. (\$2880 are advanced payments for meeting fees – Gold Members)

The general checking account has \$11,450 with a few outstanding checks. Approximately \$3400 is earmarked for club education. With the insurance payment (\$1650) looming our total **available** bank balance is apx. \$3400. The cash reserves are very helpful as we will be paying cash-up front for Chilton tickets.

Please email me treasurer@beerbarons.org or see me at any meeting, if you are interested in more detail.

We still have beer line beverage tube available (by appointment=email me.) This special silver-lined tubing resists bacteria and is available in 5 foot increments. This is ¼ inch only and is \$1.00 per foot.

I hope to have an inventory of all club assets by the May Board Meeting. Any help from members holding any club assets is appreciated. Email me at the above address.

Patrick

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Improved**



Check out the new & improved
Beer Baron's - Code of Conduct
Table Tents.

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Homebrew Calendar

Style	When to drink
Dunkelweizen	May
Fruit Beer	June/July
Pale Ale	June/July
Scotch Ale/Wee Heavy	November/December



Meet the Baron - Matt Stever



Name: Matt Stever

Age: I believe 42, the older I get the more I try to forget.

How long have you been a Baron? 3 years

How long have you been brewing? I started in 2006 when a coworker gave me a copy of Papazian's "The New Complete Joy of Homebrewing". I was hooked and I try to improve every batch.

What style do you brew most often? All grain or extract? I brew mainly German styles most often lagers. I started extract and gradually moved to all grain. I enjoy all grain mainly for the process...the milling, mashing in, and sparging is part of the fun.

How often do you brew? I brew at least once a week. I'm not afraid to throw a batch out if it doesn't taste good. I figure it is a part of the learning process.

Do you brew solo or with other people? I brew solo mainly due to my work schedule. I'd love to see how other's brew though.

What is your favorite style and why? I can appreciate any style as long as they are fresh and well brewed. If I had to pick one to be stranded with on a desert island it would be a Munich Helles because of the clean, medium body, full of malt flavor, and just a hint of spicy/floral hop character.

What is your favorite beer? Last night it was Fatal Attraction by Tyrannena Brewing Co., tomorrow it might be something different.

What is your favorite brewery and why?

New Glarus, because they do a phenomenal job at fermentation. Their quality control is top notch, I never have to worry about buying a bad six pack of New Glarus. The styles I like they make well, and the styles I don't like they still make well.

What is your commercial to homebrew consumption ratio? It has changed over time. It used to be 10:1 commercial to homebrew as I was exploring breweries and styles. Now it is the opposite, but I will still buy something new that I haven't seen before. I'm always excited to try a new beer!

Have you ever entered a competition? I started competition brewing in 2009. I was fortunate to win at NHC in 2012 and I am currently working towards Midwest Homebrewer of the Year. I still enter NHC every year as a Beer Baron hoping to get back in the pages of Zymurgy.

What has been your favorite Baron meeting? Unfortunately I have only been to a few meetings. Work often conflicts. I really enjoy the competitions though. The judge program through the Beer Baron's is one of the best in the country. They have taught me everything from cellaring, to stewarding, to judging, and more. They are always very inviting to anyone interested in beer. I have really appreciated that since I've been involved and hope to get more involved as I move up through the BJCP ranks.

What is your day job? I am a veterinarian in Whitewater, WI. I make farm visits for herd health checks and sick animals during the day and run emergency calls on nights and weekends.

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

2015 Midwinter Homebrewing Competition

Congratulations to all winners from the Beer Barons



Milwaukee
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Ramp-Up
Winner
Josh Strupp

Upcoming events



Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our members' 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.

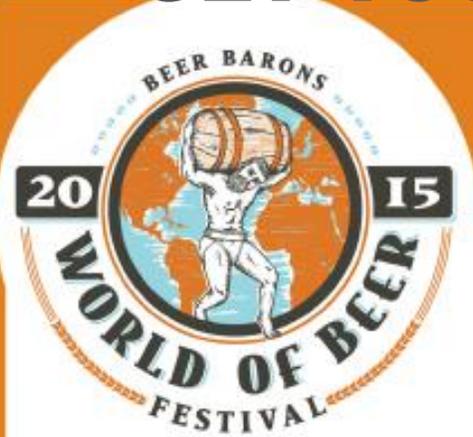
- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in (That means the club beers stays). Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into the meeting that was not purchased at Clifford's
- Only exception is for snack items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

**Please bring your own glass and
clean up after yourself**

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card, and pay your meeting fee to receive a wristband

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Upcoming Events ...

April 16th ~ Join us for a fund-raising dinner catered by Mader's at Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery as they showcase the recently reopened *Great Hall*. Paul Bialis will talk about his Pabst book and his Schlitz book. Cash bar. 5:30 to 8:30.

May 8- 16, 2015 ~ It is not too late to Join us on a trip to Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria! Visit our website for information and sign up now. Everyone welcome.

Please check the museum website at www.brewingmuseum.org for more information on these and other activities.

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Ale Asylum

WEDNESDAY, April 1st: Officers Meeting @ Tornado Brewing, 3506 E Layton Ave, Cudahy

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Hinterland

Check out
The Barons Website
For more info

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