



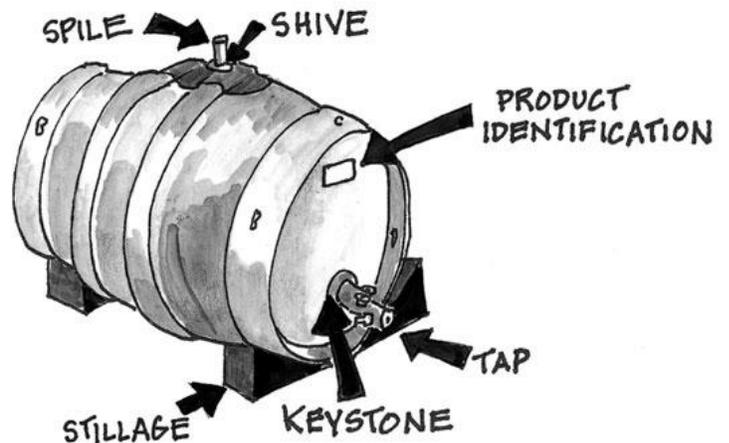
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BARON MIND



CASK ALE NIGHT!



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President's Letter

Another March, another winter gone by. The snow has finally left us, with vestiges of only the largest piles remaining. I brew outside all winter and am keenly aware of the telltale signs of Spring: warmer weather and longer days.

What a Spring it has been so far! We have been very busy out in the community teaching, volunteering, and participating at many events over the last month. A big thanks to the folks who helped with the annual **Taste of Hales Corners** and the **Women's Soccer Club** events. Also, kudos to our BJCP judges and stewards who have been busy facilitating local homebrew competitions this month. Helping our community partners while bringing joy and beer to the public is our club's goal in a nutshell!

I would also like to take the chance to give a shout out to our Scholarship Committee. I am proud of the work they have put into increasing the awareness of our Professional Scholarship within the local professional brewing community. We had **25 applicants** this year - which is more than double last year, and nearly 5x our 2014 numbers. The quality and quantity of our application pool continues to grow each year. We are nearing final selection, and are excited to pick the 2016 winner!

As a reminder, our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday **April 6th** at **Company Brewing** (735 E Center St, Milwaukee). Stop by and chime in on the club's business and socialize with the Board members and guests. These meetings are fun and informative.

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. Also, speaking of Josh, be sure to get to the Ale House and drink his ESB while it's on tap!

Slainte,
Jon

Vice President's Letter

Thanks again to Brian Joas and Bruce Buerger, for presenting the ins and outs of cider making at last month's meeting. We appreciate the time you put into the discussion and all of the outstanding ciders on tap. I think we had a little bit of everything for cider novices and advanced cider makers to enjoy.

Our March meeting will be Cask Night featuring several homebrews produced and packaged by several of our Barons (many of whom are cask conditioning for the first time). Bruce Buerger will talk Cask Ale 101 and answer any of your questions regarding the process of cask conditioning homebrew. Due to the limited freshness of the cask ales on tap, we'll be offering growler fills for anyone who wants to take home the leftover cask ales after the meeting. Please bring your growler to the meeting to be filled at the end of social hour. **We'll be shrink sealing the growlers for safe transport home so please make sure to have your growler properly shrink-sealed prior to leaving the meeting.** Officers will have the proper tools at the meeting to assist you.

We have some exciting meetings lined up for the rest of the year which includes a "homebrew legend", a new Chicago craft brewery with Milwaukee ties, a new Milwaukee brewery with "up north" ties, a special sour night you won't want to miss and a "field trip meeting" to an exciting new Milwaukee brewery. In addition, we'll be passing out an exclusive beer each month for you to enjoy at the meetings. Many of these beers aren't distributed in WI.

As always, we'll be looking for homebrews for the March meeting. We're going to limit the homebrews to one jockey box since we have cask ales to sample. Please email me at stru0087@gmail.com in advance of the meeting if you'd like to have your homebrew on tap. If you supply a homebrew, we ask that you to give a small description of your beer at the meeting so members can sample it and provide feedback. The usual \$20 reimbursement applies.

Josh

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

Company Brewing

(735 E Center St., Milwaukee)

Guest Member's from the last meeting:

1. Dave Campbell
2. Simon McConico
3. Mike Schwartz
4. Steve St. Louis

Thanks for joining us.

7pm Sharp for meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We had 97 in attendance for the last month's general meeting, down vs. '15 February meeting by 7%. There are 148 currently registered / paid members for 2016, up 8% vs. '15. Of these, 72 are Gold members, up 60% vs. '15. These include 7 board members, and 3 awarded Gold memberships.

As of March 16th we have deposited \$6,786 in membership fees (after PayPal fees). \$1,260 of which is from Regular membership renewal, \$130 from Family and the \$1,440 and the remaining \$3,856 are advanced payments for meeting fees from the Gold members.

The club has purchased a total of 40 tickets for the Wisconsin Micro-Brewers Beer Fest (Chilton). The check for the tickets has been cashed and we may have tickets in hand for the March General Meeting. Richard Binkowski is organizing the bus trip. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, Richard will be collecting money. Tickets will be \$40 per, plus a TBD bus expense.

The general checking account has \$8,917 as of March 16th, which includes the \$1,600 advanced for Chilton. We have a few outstanding checks, less than a couple hundred in total. We are still investigating insurance renewal, which if similar to last year's payment will be approximately \$1,650.

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

Prost!
Jason

Letter from Alec Steinmetz, last year's Siebel scholarship recipient

Milwaukee Beer Barons-

I wanted to check in and give you an update on my industry experience since being awarded the scholarship and completing Module 2 at Siebel.

In mid-December I was offered a position to be the cidemaker for a startup cidery (Buskey Cider Co) in Richmond, Virginia. At the time I was lead brewer at Water Street-Grafton (recently was notified I won a gold for a baltic porter I brewed there!) but was eager to take the leap and be apart of a startup and have a bigger impact on the craft industry. I accepted the position and since then moved and we are a few weeks away from launch! Exciting times, and am thrilled to be apart of this company.

I know that the Milwaukee Beer Barons goal of providing the scholarship is to invest in brewers/breweries in the midwest. I see this move as a huge learning experience to grow as a craft producer while learning the ways of a startup. The scholarship and education provided me credibility and helped springboard me into this incredible cool situation. Wanted to thank your board and organization again for voting me in. For now I will be hard at work launching this brand in VA, but in the future, I have every intention to come back to WI and give it a shot for myself.

Hope all is well in the cheese state.

Cheers,
Alec

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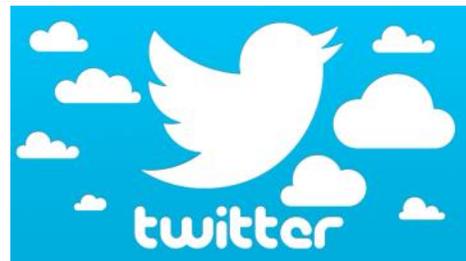
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Our goal is to improve our members' knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment.

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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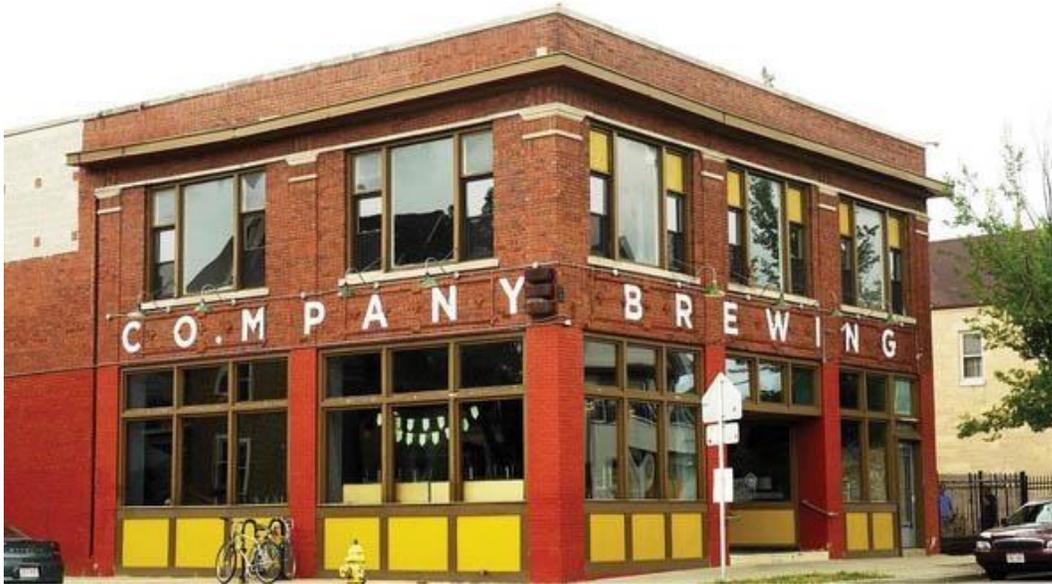
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WEDNESDAY, March 23rd: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Cask Ale Night
WEDNESDAY, April 6th: Officers' Meeting @ Company Brewing, Riverwest
WEDNESDAY, April 27th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Warren Siskoff, TTB

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