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Check out the Baron Website:

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

President's Letter

Happy February everybody! I trust that everyone is ready for spring and hasn't let the weather keep you from brewing throughout the winter. Congratulations to all the winners this year at Midwinter. It's always exciting when our fellow Barons take home medals.

This time of year always has so many great events going on. In addition to Midwinter, we also poured for 1,850 people at the Milwaukee Public Museum for their annual Food and Froth fundraiser. Upcoming, on March 1st, we will be pouring at The Taste of Hales Corners at the Hales Corners library. There are still tickets available for this fun event so get them while they last.

Finally, we officially have tickets on sale for World of Beer Fest 2018, our 15th annual on June 2nd at The Schwabenhof in Menomonee Falls. If you haven't been to the website lately, please go check it out, newly updated for this year. As with any event this large, we cannot do it without your help. The sign-up form will be up on the club site very soon. If there is one event to volunteer for each year, this is it. We need over 100 people to make this happen so please pencil this on your calendar and stay tuned for the signup.

Slainte,

Jason

Vice President's Letter

Hello Barons,

The past month has been a hectic one, heck in the last few weeks alone, I can think of the following major events / milestones: Midwinter Competition; Food & Froth; the Liquor Czar; WOB planning and the Midwinter Brew Fest coming to mind. That said, this month is a great one to start with a hearty "Thank you!" to all of those that have helped, or those who are still helping, make these great Barons related events & activities happen!

This month we welcome Mike Doble of The Explorium Brewpub, they are the first and only brewery located in Greendale. Mike and Joan Doble founded The Explorium Brewpub in 2016. Mike grew up traveling the world as a child of the military; Joan is a Wisconsin girl with strong roots in Milwaukee. They settled in Milwaukee in 2008, but few years ago, they ventured to Florida to lend a hand in the family brewpub business. Armed with new-found knowledge and experience, Mike and Joan came back home to Wisconsin to develop a brewpub of their own bringing together the best of their experiences. Please give Mike a warm, Barons Welcome!

Last, I am currently planning a meeting focused on water. Last year we tackled yeast, hops and malt, I figured it would be a good time to focus a bit on water. Either you tinker with water chemistry or you use it straight from the tap, I always find conversations about brewing water interesting - the opinions are just about as *polar as water itself (pun intended)*.

While a water parallel is even more difficult to pull off than the yeast parallel, we have decided to take a different approach to the water meeting. I am looking for Barons members who would be interested in brewing a beer (of their choice) with their unaltered water and perhaps a beer that they have built from the ground up. Because of the subjective nature, I would like to have the brewer then talk about their process, how much the water chemistry affects the flavors and anything else you would want to discuss.

If you are interested - please let me know. I will also be sending out emails through the IO Group.

Cheers,
Max

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

Point Burger Bar

(W229 N1400 Westwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53186)

Thanks for joining us.

7pm Sharp for meeting.



Treasurer's Report

February is here. Whew, lots of things happening! The weekend of the 17th and 18th was the perfect example of everything happening at once. Midwinter was wrapping up on Saturday night as well as the monster happening at the Museum. Sunday, people were brewing, as well as the happening at MKE Brewing. I am sure you had other things to attend to as well. I had a good time during my stay in Phoenix. Checked into possibly judging at a competition, there were none. There was a tasting exam, I studied, and studied and studied. Nothing like sitting on the brewpubs patio in sandals and shorts - it was in the 80's every day - and rating flights of beer. The exam was intense, as it always is, we will see what happens. The Phoenix area has a great beer scene.

We do have \$8,968 in our bank account as I write this. That is a little over inflated. Midwinter will take their portion of the funds, which initially come into the general account via PayPal. The bus trip to Madison will have to be paid for. As of now the trip is still being negotiated. Another example of so much to do and still so little time for me. I hope everyone is getting the most out of the club. Don't forget, you will need to renew your membership this month, February, or a guest fee of \$15 will be assessed. We take cash, check or PayPal., Remember, the board meeting to get a handle on up-coming events and a way to shape them. It is also a way to score a beer in the meantime. See you at the meeting.

Thank you,
Mike Borchert

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- 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

- Please put your wristband on your wrist (not on your glass/horn)

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

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Beer Barons Madison Bus Trip



On Saturday, February 25th, 2018, a group about ~25 Barons made the short trek to Madison for a stop at 4 local breweries. We were able to enjoy food and beers from Ale Asylum, Karben4, Next Door, Funk Factory Geuzeria, and Tyrana. Everyone had a good time and was able to meet new friends, connect with old friends, and drink some good beer. Hopefully we can organize another one of these trips in the near future!

The Tastes of Hales Corners

Wine & Beer Tasting Thursday, March 1, 2018

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Hales Corners Library

\$100 - Exclusive First Serving

(Includes 2 tickets, 6 p.m. entrance, reserved parking, & table sponsorship)

\$30 per person (advance sale) \$35 (at the door)

\$10 - Designated Driver (at the door)

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- ◆ 50+ new wines from around the world, highlighting best value wines coordinated by Consumer Beverage of Hales Corners and featuring "Mike's Picks"
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- ◆ Hot and cold appetizers from That's Am oré, Tanpopo, Zilli's and The Bosch Tavern
- ◆ Homemade chocolate desserts with fresh brewed coffee
- ◆ 2 floors of wine, beer and food, upstairs in the library as well as downstairs in the Hunt Room

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www.HalesCornersLibrary.org



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March 1st 6:30—9:00

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The Beer Barons will be there.

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, February 28th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Explorium Brewpub
WEDNESDAY, March 7th: Officers' Meeting @ Point Burger Bar, Pewaukee
WEDNESDAY, March 28th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, TBD

Check out
The Barons Website
For more info

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