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WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

President's Letter

Thank you again to all the volunteers, vendors, and patrons of this year's [World of Beer Fest](#). While we do not have final numbers yet for the fest, I can say that we are in great shape for prep for next year. Also, I would like to thank Mike Schwartz for all of his hard work again this year and for making this event what it is today. You certainly have left some big shoes to fill for the years to come, I hope I can count on you for your advice and assistance next year.

Personally, I'm pretty excited for the Great Taste of the Midwest and the Barons' summer picnic. Also, we will be pouring at Firkin Fest again this year. There are so many great things going on during the summer, I hope you get the chance to go to some of the events that the Barons will be at.

Finally, I hope your summer brewing season is in full swing. Also, our monthly Officer's Meeting scheduled on Monday July 2 at 7:00 at the beer garden in Whitnall Park in Franklin. If you haven't been to this beer garden, it is in Picnic Area 1. You should be able to find it by following signs at just about every park entrance. All members are welcome to join us to hear about club business, hope to see you there.

Sláinte,
Jason

Vice President's Letter

Hello Barons,

In my time as VP, we have completed, a yeast parallel, a hop parallel, and a meeting on grain. I wanted to get through all 4 brewing ingredients in my two years. With the end of my second year, quickly approaching, (if you haven't guessed already) this month's meeting is all about water.

Beer is mostly water and yet a small percentage of homebrewers seriously consider how important of a role water plays in their brew.

This general meeting we welcome fellow Beer Baron Jason Otto, a water enthusiast, who also happens to work for the Milwaukee Water Works. Please welcome him while he talks about the water filtration process that our water undergoes and also begins to compare how our local water supplies stack up against each other.

Whether you just use tap water, use a carbon filter, or build you water from scratch using Reverse Osmosis (RO) water, this meeting will help you learn how to interpret your water report and how to put that to work for you. We will also explore a few relatively easy ways to experiment with the most common water additions and what effect they will have on your beer.

As a quick reminder, if you plan to bring a homebrew, you must bring ~2 gallons of your water to sample side by side with your beer.

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

Whitnall Beer Garden

(8831 North Root River Parkway,
Greendale, WI 53129)

Thanks for joining us.

7pm sharp for meeting.



Treasurer's Report

Enjoying summer? Doesn't it seem that there are just too many events, parties, barbecues, or just great weather days that happen at the same time? The club's account seems to be in good shape at this time. There is approximately \$8500 in the account. We are budgeting for a few activities though. Set the date for our annual picnic, as well as our Holiday party. The November meeting, Belgian night, must be taken into account. Insurance for the club is about \$1000. We need that insurance but hope we will never have to use it. You can do your part by acting responsibly at all events. Please drink responsibly. Don't forget to get in touch with Rich Binkowski for the Great Taste of the Midwest beer festival. There is a bus and the Madison Beer Club puts on one of the best events of the year. If you see Rich, ask him to put me down for 2 tickets. I am writing this as I get ready for the National Home brewers Convention in Portland this year. I will not be at June's meeting because it takes place during the meeting week. Please thank Terry and Lori for standing in for me. I will be at the next board meeting, which has been changed to Monday, July 2, to accommodate the 4 of July. It will be held at the Whitnall Park Beer Gardens, 7 pm. Hope to see you there, and don't worry summer will be over before you know it and then you can get some rest.

Cheers,
Mike B.

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Scholarship Winner Update

Ran into the Baron's last scholarship winner Andy Piontek, pictured alongside Dave Stanton and Mike Borchert, at the recent Chilton's BeerFest. Andy actually noticed my Beer Baron shirt and introduced himself. I was struck by the comment Andy made, "because of the scholarship, he was head brewer" at Stone Arch Brewpub in Appleton, Wisconsin. I think in light of the many positives the club provides, the scholarship is something the club can be proud of. I look forward to any opportunities the club can provide in the future.

—Mike Borchert



UPCOMING EVENTS

Raised Grain Homebrew Competition @ The Washington County Fair—Submissions were due June 15th; July 15th is judging; Fair is July 18th-22nd

Bob Wilson Memorial Event @ Wehr Nature Center—August 2nd

Hales Corners Summer Program @ Hales Corners Library—Food pairing on August 8th or 15th (still confirming details)

BEER BARONS SALE:

We have glass and o-ring kits available for purchase:

- **Howlers (32oz. w/cap) \$3**
- **Tasting Glasses \$1**
- **O-Ring Kits \$5**

All items can be purchased at the check-in table before every meeting

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

- 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

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WEDNESDAY, June 27th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Water
WEDNESDAY, June 6th: Officers' Meeting @ Whitnall Beer Garden
WEDNESDAY, July 25th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Saisons

Check out
The Barons Website
For more info

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