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# BARON MIND

## Oktoberfest



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[WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG](http://WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG)

### President's Letter

Happy September Barons! For those of you who came to the picnic, we hope you enjoyed the fantastic beer on tap as well as the food from the food and beer competition. Congratulations to Mike Rice on winning the homebrew competition (I'm coming for you next year buddy) and Joe Wichgers for the food and beer competition. Also, we can't forget Steve Williams and Steve St. Louis for manning the grill once again. I speak for the rest of the attendees with a big thank you!

It's also that time of year to start thinking about officers' positions for the coming year. Every position is open for vote so please, take a serious thought about putting your name in for one of the roles. Being in the Officers' group is a lot of fun and is very rewarding knowing that you helped shape a part of the club.

Don't forget that [Schnapp Hans](#) registration is currently open. Get those entries in for a chance to brew up your recipe at [Delafield Brewhaus](#).

Lastly, the October Officers' Meeting is scheduled for October 3 and will be at [1840 Brewing](#) in Milwaukee starting at 7:00. We really enjoy it when other members come and hang out for the meeting and give their input. Also, we will be doing a little vertical tasting of 1840 beers while we are there on top of the rest of their outstanding offerings; hope to see you there.

Sláinte,

Jason

### Vice President's Letter

Hey Barons,

Dust off your lederhosen! This month we are bringing Oktoberfest to our general meeting. We welcome our resident expert Bruce Buerger to talk about all things Oktoberfest and Märzen. Please join us while we sample homebrew varieties as well as professional brewed Oktoberfest beers from the US and overseas. To further embrace the Oktoberfest spirit, we will have Milwaukee Pretzels available for the group! (We need to make sure we save one for Bruce after he is done presenting)

Coming up: Next Month is our 2nd Annual Barrel Aged Beer meeting!

If you have a beer you want evaluated, bring it in to our pre meeting evaluation, where our internal panel of judges will give you real time feedback to help improve your brew!

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

[1840 Brewing Co.](#)

(342 E Ward St, Milwaukee, WI 53207)

Thanks for joining us.

7pm sharp for meeting.



**Treasurer's Report**

Enjoyed listening to Anello Mollica discuss his barrel aging techniques as well as his general philosophy on brewing. August's meeting was a very enjoyable meeting as shared by 90 total attendees. We had 5 guests, as well as 4 new members. Remember to keep your eye out for new faces. Help them out, getting orientated to the club. Always looking for new ideas from these members, as well as future board members. Our general bank account stands at \$5773, and that is after Great Taste and insurance have been paid. Looking forward to the Oktoberfest, Barrel aging, Belgian beer night, and the Holiday party, to round off the year. Wonderful, fun picnic! Thank you Jared! An extra thank you Jared for arranging the great weather. Entrants for the voting part of the picnic were as always, very interesting, thanks for putting yourself out for events like this. It makes events like this what they are. If you see a place that informational handouts, which we have created, would be a match, please let a member of the board know. I think there are still a lot of home brewers out there that are not aware of our club and what it has to offer. Schnapp Hans is happening in October. Get a beer or four in and see what the judges think of it. And don't forget to sign up for judging if you can. Well the weather is cooling off somewhat, making it ideal for brewing. I have had one of my most productive summers ever, but I am sure I will find some brews to explore. Don't forget Midwinter is closer than it seems. See you at the September meeting and Cheers - Mike Borchert.

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# Summer Picnic Recap



The annual summer picnic went off without a hitch! The weather was near perfect, and it seemed to be the perfect storm for Joe Wichgers. He took home (a share) of both pieces of hardware, Best Beer and Best Food with Beer. His Strawberry Rhubarb Tarts with Homemade Strawberry Rhubarb Ice Cream were outstanding, and worthy of the award. And his collaboration brew with Mike Rice and Erik Carlsen was so good they were able to steal the paddle from Jason Rohloff after back to back wins in 2016 and 2017. Next year should bring some very good brews as new people try to enter and battle the big boys.



## **BEER BARONS SALE:**

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

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

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

# 1840 Brewing Company



## 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

## Club Links

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**5225 W Forest Home Ave,**  
**Greenfield**

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**9 S. Wisconsin St, Elkhorn**

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**Rock Bottom, 740 N. Plankinton offers a 10% discount on food to Members!**

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WEDNESDAY, September 26th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Oktoberfest  
WEDNESDAY, October 3rd: Officers' Meeting @ 1840 Brewing  
WEDNESDAY, October 24th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Barrel Night

Check out  
The Barons Website  
For more info

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