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BARON MIND

gadget

noun gad·get | \ 'ga-jət\

As defined by Merriam-Webster:

an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty

As defined by Dave Campbell:

an item recycled, re-purposed or created to assist with the process of brewing; ideally financed by the household budget



Join us at the January “Gadget Night” meeting as our very own Dave Campbell shares some of his latest creations and inspirations.

**Before the meeting, be sure to check out and subscribe to his YouTube channel:
MKE Gadgets**

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President's Letter

Happy New Beer!

Many thanks to **Jason Rohloff, Max Liptack, Mike Borchert, Erick Joseph, Terry McDonald, Mike Sande** and **Steve Williams** for everything you have done and will continue to do to support the Barons and us New Bees. Without you, the past year would not have been successful. **Thank YOU**, your efforts are greatly appreciated ;)

Join me in welcoming our new officers **Tom Nowalis-VP, Paul Karcher -Treasurer, Lori McDonald - Secretary, Jason Otto – Sergeant of Arms, Erick Joseph & Jake Eggener - Members at Large**. I would personally like to thank you for “stepping up to the plate” and for showing up *both in mind & body* at our first officers meeting. Our first Officer's meeting went long and was packed with information, questions and eager participation. I thank you in advance as we have big shoes to fill as we follow these fine folks and serve our fellow Beer Barons in 2019.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to **ALL of YOU** for making this a truly amazing club, filled with kindhearted beer lovers and fermenters. I think it's safe too say that we all have a good time at meetings and events. Why else would we show up...? With membership numbers being a tick on the decline I thought this could be the year of “Hey, you like beer – you should join our club” **OR** Dude you need a hobby – brewing and fermenting is great fun – you should join our club! You Get It! Simply put, let's make this the year of fellowship. I would like each of you to share the awesomeness of our club with just one new non-member **OR** tug on the shirt of former member to see if now is the right time to return. You over achievers are welcome to, well; over achieve. ;)

Want to have more fun than just one day a month? Great! Volunteer, attend an event, and spread the news.

Brew for the fun of it – Share for the love of it

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**ACT
NOW!**

Beer Barons Clothing Store Now Open!

Didn't get that Barons shirt on your Christmas list?
Want to show your club pride, but are still unsure of where
to put that Beer Baron's tattoo?

Have you been wondering where to get the latest
Beer Baron clothing and accessories??



The Beer Barons Store is now open at Free Style Graphics!

<http://free-style-graphics.mybigcommerce.com/beer-barons-store/>

Act Now! Store Closes January 25, 2019

Orders should be available for pick up the second week of February

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Vice President's Letter

Happy New Year!

I would like to thank the club for voting me in as the 2019 Vice President, I am honored to represent the club and participate in a meaningful way. I have been working hard and have a good head start on the new year. Back by popular demand this month, is club member Dave Campbell. He will be presenting a "best of" for gadget night. If you like his content, be sure to follow his YouTube channel "MKE Gadgets." In February, we have an exciting homebrew night. We will be sampling a Helles Lager crafted by the club and fermented with different yeast strains. We will be learning about each yeast as we do a blind tasting; It is important that we give a big shout out to both Spike Brewing hosting and the club members for brewing the Helles Lager. Lastly, as a small token of our appreciation, the board picked up a keg of something a little special, which will be located on the jockey boxes this month.

Also, I am looking for a few people to brew for some upcoming club meetings. For March, I am looking for members who are up to the challenge of brewing with ingredients outside of the norm. This could include breakfast cereal, candy bars, etc. Bring your ideas! The board has approved an extra 10 dollar reimbursement for ingredients, which brings the total reimbursement for beer specifically brewed for the theme up to \$30.00. For April, I am calling upon the club to bring some brews fermented with yeast from our special guest speaker, Omega Yeast. The club will sponsor the yeast and will reimburse the typical ingredient fee for your kegs. Let me know ASAP if you are interested.

Salud!

-Tom

2019 Midwinter Homebrew Competition

Support the Beer Barons by participating in or volunteering at this year's Midwinter Competition

Entry registration and drop off now open through **Sat, Feb. 2, 2019 5:00 PM**

Compete for a chance to have your beer, mead or cider ramped up!

Judges and stewards may register now through **Sun, Feb. 10, 2019**

Judging at **Revere's Wells Street Tavern in Delafield, WI**

February 15 & 16, 2019

For more information visit: <https://midwinterhbc.com/>



Treasurer Report

Greetings Barons! I am happy to help the club by serving as treasurer for the next year by keeping track of the club's finances and by providing transparency to all. As of 12/31/18, our bank balance was \$6,580; however, the actual balance was a bit lower because it did not include several expenses. Comparatively, the bank balance at the end of 2017 was \$6,330.

Total attendance for the Christmas Party meeting was 120 individuals (57 Gold members, 48 members, & 15 guests). We collected a total of \$2,099 at the meeting (\$1,645 for "pay to play" and \$454 for dues).

Remember that your membership ends on January 31st, and the renewal process has already started. PayPal is an option and may be easier for you in that you don't have to wait in a potentially long line at the sign-in desk at the meeting. Please check the club website to pay through PayPal and for membership options.

I want to thank Mike Borchert (and Gayle Borchert) for their efforts in getting me acclimated to this new role.

I thought it might be fun to include a Did-You-Know (DYK) fact/question each month I write a report.



Here is January `19's DYK



Do you like using Citra hops for your IPAs or Pale Ales, but wanted to try another hop that has similarities to Citra? Consider using Comet hops. Comet hops are sometimes called "Citra's little sister" and their aromas are described as dank citrus, grapefruit, and tropical. The alpha acids range from 9.4 – 12.4%. They were developed over 50 years ago, and breweries started to use these them in the 1970s; however, they lost favor when the light lagers from the larger breweries became popular. Comet hops are starting to see a recent surge in popularity in several juicy, East Coast IPA recipes. I recently ordered 3 rhizomes of this hop variety, and plan on planting them in April to go with my well-established cascades hops.

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FERMENT WITH
LIMITATIONS



5 GALLON CARBOY

Beware of shattered glass!
And is that a scratch?

One way in, one way out!
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Primary OR secondary

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OR

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Membership Renewal Process

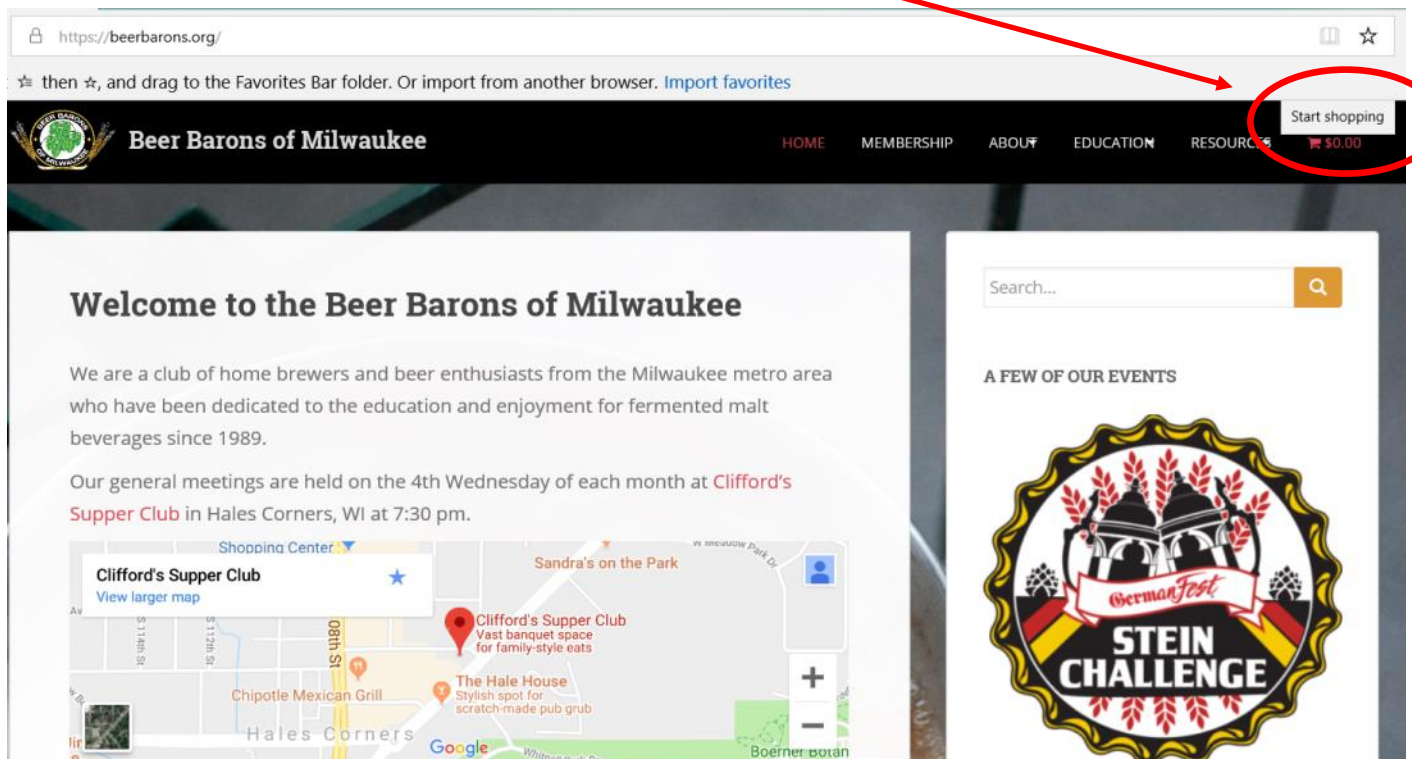
Just a reminder that current memberships expire 1/31/19

To expedite the check-in process and membership card distribution at the January and February meetings:

- If paying in person, please come to the meeting early, with the appropriate amount of cash (remember, we cannot take credit cards at the meeting) and be patient while waiting to check-in
- If paying on-line through the website, please try to do so at least a day before the meeting so the check-in list is up to date at the meeting. If you pay the day of, the process and all of the people behind you may held up if we need to log in to verify your payment.

To Pay Online:

- Go to www.Beerbarons.org
- Click on the shopping cart icon in the upper left corner to be directed to the membership renewal page

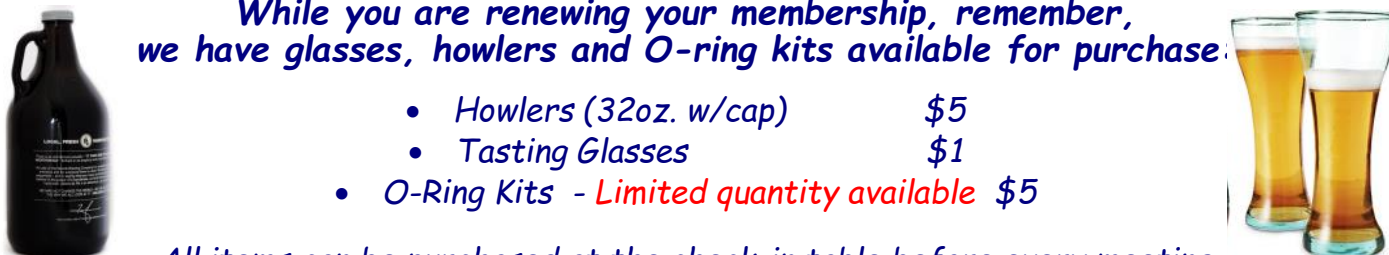


The screenshot shows the website <https://beerbarons.org/>. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, MEMBERSHIP, ABOUT, EDUCATION, and RESOURCES. A shopping cart icon with a "\$0.00" price tag is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the text above. The main content area features a welcome message, a map of Hales Corners, WI, and a section for events including the "German Fest STEIN CHALLENGE".

See Membership Options and Fees on next page

Membership Renewal Options and Fees

| Type | Description | Annual Dues | Meeting Fee per Meeting |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Single – Regular | Membership for 1 person | \$20 | \$10 |
| Single — Gold | Membership and Gold card for one person | \$20 + \$80 Gold card = \$100 | \$0 |
| Family — Regular | Membership for 2 people living in the same home | \$30 | \$10 per person |
| Family — 1 Gold | Membership for 2 people living in the same home—1 member with gold card | \$30 + \$80 Gold card = \$110 | \$0 for Gold card member \$10 for regular member |
| Family — 2 Gold | Membership for 2 people living in the same home, both members gold card | \$30 + \$140 2 Gold cards = \$170 | \$0 |
| Guest | Non-member meeting fee | N/A | \$15 |



While you are renewing your membership, remember, we have glasses, howlers and O-ring kits available for purchase.

- *Howlers (32oz. w/cap) \$5*
- *Tasting Glasses \$1*
- *O-Ring Kits - Limited quantity available \$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
Enjoy the meeting & guest speakers

Club Links

Website: beerbarons.org
Twitter: twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BeerBarons
BrewBlog: brewblog.beerbarons.org/

Midwinter Brewfest: twitter.com/MidwinterHBC
World of Beer Fest: twitter.com/WorldOfBeerFest
www.facebook.com/WorldOfBeerFestival

IO Group: <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>

2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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|------------------|---------------|
| President | Rashal Kowal |
| Vice-President | Tom Nowalis |
| Treasurer | Paul Karcher |
| Secretary | Lori McDonald |
| Sergeant at Arms | Jason Otto |
| Member at Large | Erick Joseph |
| Member at Large | Jake Eggener |

Contact the Board via email at
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5225 W Forest Home Ave,
Greenfield

Smokin' Brew
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9 S. Wisconsin St, Elkhorn

Brews Wine and Spirits, 1256 Capitol Drive offers a 5% discount to Members!
Rock Bottom, 740 N. Plankinton offers a 10% discount on food to Members!
Milwaukee Ale House, 233 N. Water offers a 10% discount to Members!

BIG thanks to Andy and Cheryl Hemken for allowing us to store our club trailer on their land at: HEMKEN HONEY CO.



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In 1996 Andy started with 2 beehives, he currently admits to 500.

After 30 years of safety and ergonomics consulting, he followed his passion and made beekeeping his full time career.
Cheryl came along for the ride.



The outgoing and incoming board members and several other esteemed members of the Beer Barons met at Benno's for the January officer's meeting



2018 and 2019 Board Members

Back L - R: Mike Sande, Tom Nowalis, Terry McDonald, Jason Otto, Paul Karcher, Mike Borchert, Max Liptack
Front L—R: Lori McDonald, Rashal Kowal, Erick Joseph, Jason Rohloff



Jason Rohloff, Max Liptack, Mike Borchert, Erick Joseph, Mike Sande, Terry McDonald, and Steve Williams for your service as 2018 Board Members. Our club couldn't survive without people like you to volunteer and participate!

Interested in attending the next Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members! It's a great place to find out what's happening with the club while trying a new place to drink.

Next Officer's Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:00pm
Pabst Milwaukee Brewery and Taproom — 1037 W Juneau Ave | Milwaukee, WI

Brad Serdan, Tour Manager - Pabst Milwaukee Brewery & Taproom has offered to personally give a brewery tour that night for Beer Barons that focuses on Pabst's rich history as well as the history of the current locations building and will offer a 2 for 1 price on our tours. Tours are normally \$10 and include a pint glass and a free tap of beer after.



2018 Christmas Party

Thank you to our very own "Santa", Jared Sutliff for organizing and planning the annual Christmas party. It was a great night filled with food, beer, friends and holiday fun!



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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, January 23: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Gadget Night 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 2nd: Fond du Lac Brewfest - Contact Jon Greene for more info

Wednesday, February 6: Officers' Meeting @ Pabst Brewery and Taproom 7pm

Friday and Saturday, February 15 & 16: Midwinter Homebrew Competition, Revere's in Delafield—Contact Bruce Buerger for more info

Saturday, February 16: Food and Froth - Contact Jason Rohloff for more info

Wednesday, February 27: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Big Brew Day (Helles Lager) Yeast Parallel 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Location TBD

Wednesday, March 27: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Interesting Ingredient Night 7:30 pm

Meeting topics and locations subject to change.

The logo for Baron Mind, featuring the words 'BARON MIND' in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a dark, rectangular box with a diamond-shaped cutout at the top and bottom.

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For more info and events, check out the Barons Website:

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