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BARON MIND

Big Brew Day II



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Back in November we brewed a batch of Munich Helles at Spike Brewing on their 50 gallon system. We then split that batch multiple ways with different yeast strains and fermentation temperatures. Join us this month as those beers go on tap and our own Josh Strupp will discuss and break down the effects of these differences.

(We will also have Milwaukee Pretzel Company pretzels for your enjoyment as well, since it is the perfect compliment to this light and crisp beer style.)

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President's Letter

Greetings,

If you are reading this you have survived the Polar Vortex, 2 ice storms and 2 snow storms – CONGRATULATIONS!! Lucky for us Punxsutawney Phil promises us early spring - *if* you believe in the psychic abilities of a large rodent. Plus, we have BEER and lots of *beery* (I'm pretty sure that's a word) things to do to chase away the winter blues.

What beery things have **you** enjoyed thus far this year? Have you, brewed a beer, entered your beers in competitions (Hey medal winners – we want to hear from you, so we can give you props), attended Fond du lac Beer Fest, Food and Froth, taking the on-line Beer Matters class offered from UWW, enjoyed a beer you LOVE or Volunteered for the good of the club?

On the volunteer note, I would like to thank the many fine folks who took the lead or volunteered to help at Fond du lac beer fest, Food and Froth, Midwinter Competition, the Big Brew Day/Yeast parallel for the February meeting, those who are diligently working on upcoming events and last, but certainly not least, my fellow officers.

Cheers!
Rahshal



THANK
YOU!

**Thanks again to Dave Campbell for presenting Gadget Night at the January meeting.
Be sure to keep following him on his You Tube channel:
MKE Gadgets**



The Beer Baron's Store Order has been completed!

If you ordered anything, please be sure to pick up your merchandise at the February meeting.

Vice President's Update

A big thank you to Dave Campbell for last month's Gadget Night. I certainly received a few nuggets of inspiration regarding tap handles, drip trays and organization of my brewery. Thank you for stepping up and providing an informative and fun presentation.

This month will be a home brew night. We have an enlightening and educational session lead by our very own Josh Strupp. This session features beer brewed by the club at the Spike Brewing Big Brew Day and we will be sampling and evaluating different yeast strains. Josh has a wealth of knowledge and experience behind him including holding the position of VP in the past and winning the 2018 Midwinter Ramp Up. Additionally, Josh recently brewed his winning ramp up from last year at Milwaukee Alehouse a few weeks ago.

Last month, the Board ordered some Woot Stout from Stone Brewing. We didn't put a dent in the keg so check the jockey boxes as the keg is back on tap this month.

Next month we have a fun meeting planned. Many of us brew to push the envelope and do things a bit differently. March is about brewing "outside of the box". We will have some beers that you won't want to miss and a commercial brewer who will be coming in to discuss the special beers he makes and how he creates things that are a bit out of the norm.

Tom N.

Have beer to share?

Just a reminder that if you have a keg you would like to share at a general meeting, be sure to contact Tom Nowalis (tnowalis@yahoo.com) prior to bringing it in, to ensure we have capacity on the jockey box. Also, it is the club policy to reimburse for ingredients for only 1 keg for 1 meeting. If you bring more than one keg to the meeting or bring the same beer to more than one meeting, you will not receive additional reimbursement. Please be aware that if you bring beer to share, you will be expected to give a description of it to the group.



Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons. Typically speaking, January and February are busy times for the Treasurer of the Club because it is time to renew memberships. However, it has been a bit busier than normal given that the Club was required to close our accounts at US Bank and open new ones. To explain, when former and current Officers of the Club met at US Bank in January to change the people who could sign for the Club, we were told that the 4 old accounts that have been set up for years were set up incorrectly – they were set up as the Beer Barons being a Corporation, and they should have been set up as us being a ‘Cooperative’. I am still sorting through the challenges of new debit cards, credit cards, checks, and making sure they are debited and credited from the proper accounts. With all this said, I am reporting that as of 1/31/19, our Club bank balance was *approximately* \$6,815. Comparatively, the bank balance one year ago (on 1/31/18) was \$4,572.

Total attendance for the January meeting was lower than normal with 66 individuals attending (44 Gold members, 21 members, & 1 guest). I attribute that to the 5 inches of snow that we had that day. We collected a total of \$1,095 at the meeting.

Remember that your 2018 membership expired on January 31st, and the renewal process is in full swing. You can still renew on PayPal, and it 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 February meeting. Please check the club website to pay through PayPal and for membership options.

Paul's February Did You Know???



I enjoy taking road trips and checking out breweries to taste their creations and discover their interpretations of a particular beer style. I always enjoy the experience regardless if the beer was the best ever or if it was less than stellar (I believe, just like Billy Carter, that there is no such thing as a bad beer, it's just that some taste better than others). Just about any place I travel to, I try to look up the closest brewery and try to make time to visit it, which drives my wife and kids crazy (I think my kids have been in more breweries than most typical adults).

I am guessing that a lot of people reading this have been to many craft breweries both in and outside of Wisconsin.

In that light, can you name the top 3 US states that had the most craft breweries open for business within its' borders (as of 12/31/17)?

(Answers on page 10).

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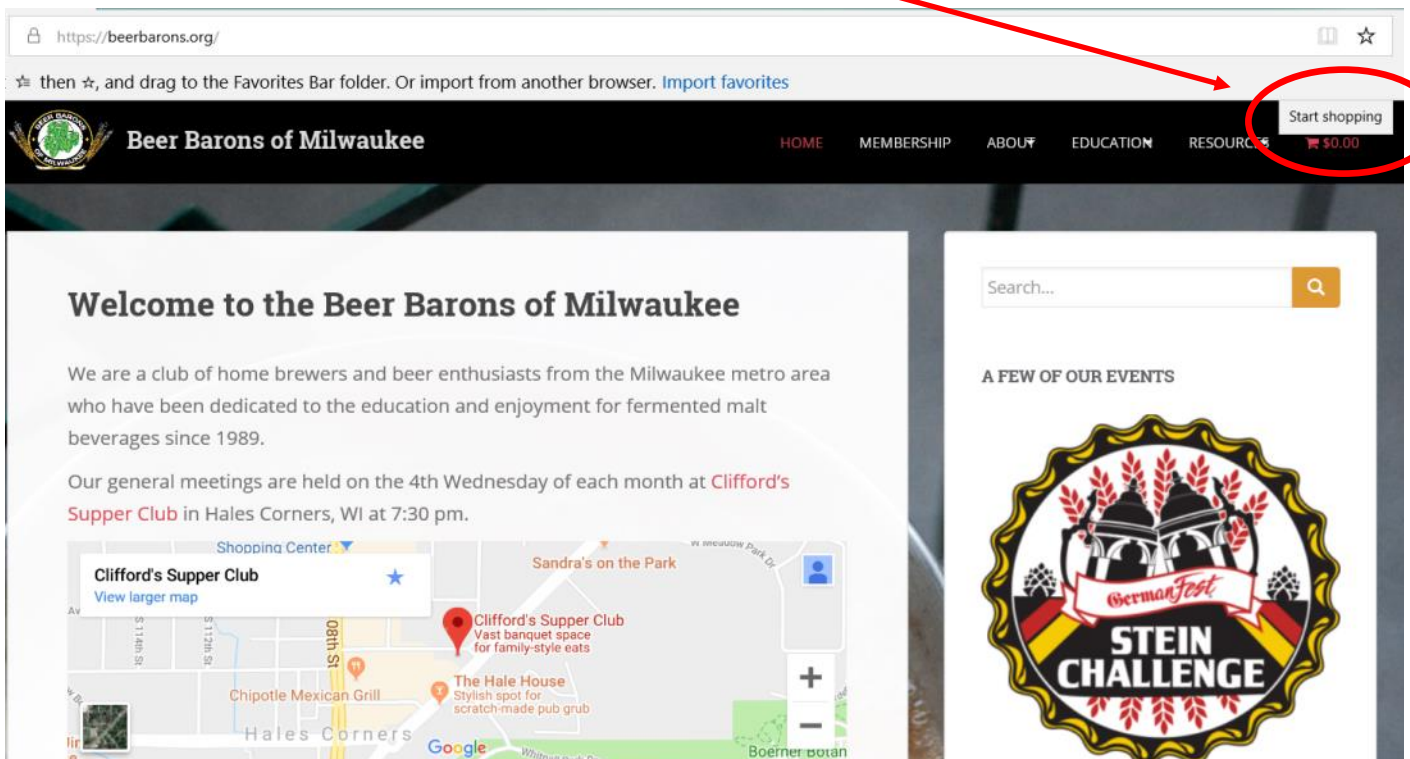
Just a reminder that current memberships expired 1/31/19

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

- 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

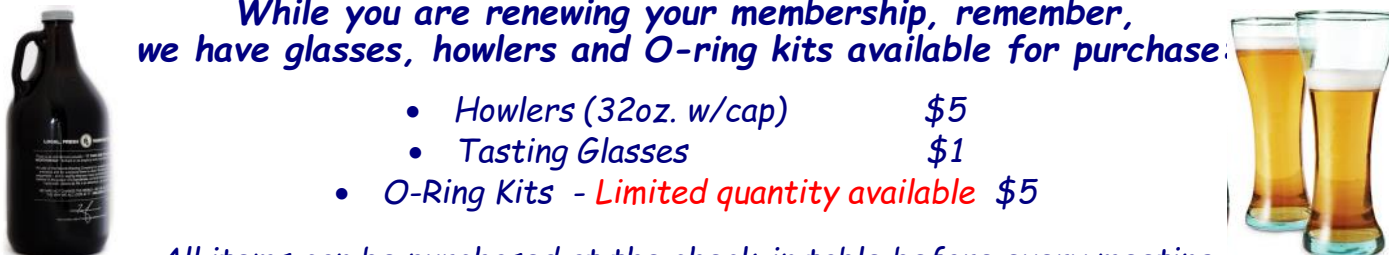


The screenshot shows the website <https://beerbarons.org/>. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, MEMBERSHIP, ABOUT, EDUCATION, and RESOURCES. A shopping cart icon with a "\$0.00" price tag is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the text above. The main content area features a welcome 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
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/BeerBarons
BrewBlog: brewblog.beerbarons.org/

Midwinter Brewfest: twitter.com/MidwinterHBC
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IO Group: <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>

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Greenfield

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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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Cheryl came along for the ride.

Beer Barons Out and About

Thanks to Brad Serdan and the Pabst Milwaukee Brewery & Taproom for hosting the February Officer's Meeting. Check out their event schedule: <https://pabstmkebrewery.com/calendar/>

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, March 6, 2019 7:00pm**

Raised Grain Brewing Company
1725 Dolphin Dr., Ste B, Waukesha, WI
Join us and check out their new location and menu!



Jonathon Greene and Jason Rohloff represented the Beer Barons at the **2019 Fond du Lac Brewfest**



Jason Rohloff, Tom Nowalis and Dave Janowski hard at work at **Food and Froth at the Milwaukee Public Museum**



The Tastes of Hales Corners

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Wine & Beer Tasting

Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Hales Corners Library

\$100 - Exclusive First Serving

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

\$35 per person (advance sale) \$40 (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"
- ❖ A selection of homebrew beers provided by the Beer Barons of Milwaukee
- ❖ Hot and cold appetizers from That's Amoré, Tanpopo, Zilli's, The Bosch Tavern and other Hales Corners restaurants
- ❖ 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

Tickets on sale at the Library,
Consumer Beverages, and online @
www.HalesCornersLibrary.org



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Tanpopo roman sushi

If anyone has a small amount of beer to donate for the Tastes of Hales Corners event, please contact Jared Sutliff by email (jared.sutliff@gmail.com) or at the general meeting.

Thank you!

DYK Answer from page 4: Craft Breweries By State in 2017:

1. California 764, 2. Washington 369, 3. Colorado 348

Source: vinepair 10/10/18

<https://vinepair.com/articles/map-states-most-craft-breweries-2018/>

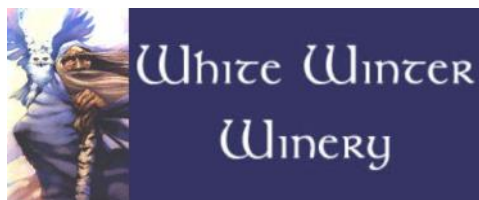
2019 Midwinter Homebrew Competition



Thank you to all of the Volunteers that made Midwinter successful!

Special Thanks go to:

- Carolyn Stanton, Marsha Siemka, Lori McDonald and Diana Kane in the office
- David Stanton, Terry McDonald, Stan Walter, Mark Siemka, Robb Howard, and Andy Hemken for stewarding
- Brian Joas for Judge Coordinating, transporting the entries, and sorting them into categories
- Revere's Wells Street Tavern for taking great care of us and letting us take over their lower level for two days
- Northern Brewer for sponsoring awards and using their facilities to sort and store entries
- Discount Liquor and Beechwood Distributing for sponsoring our glassware
- Milwaukee Brewing Company for sponsoring Brewmaster's Choice Award
- Moonlight Meadery for sponsoring the Meadmaker's Choice Award
- White Winter for sponsoring the Cider Maker's Choice Award,
- Kevin Wright, Founder & Brewmaster from Third Space Brewing for his pre Awards Ceremony talk
- Andy Hemken for the mead and honey that he donated
- Carvin Wilson for his outstanding honey and mead making presentation that he did at the Volunteer Reception Friday Night.



2019 Midwinter Homebrew Competition

Some interesting factoids about the 2019 competition:

- We received 663 entries -76 which were meads and 33 which were ciders.
 - 302 registered participants, judges, and stewards
 - Entries came from 31 states and Germany.
- All judging was performed by 1 Grand Master, 1 Master, 15 National, 48 Certified, and 6 Recognized Judges from all over WI, the Midwest, and AZ
- The Beer, Mead, and Cider Best of Shows were all judged with panels comprised of National, Master, or Grand Master BJCP judges.



Congratulations



To the following Beer Barons members that medaled at Midwinter



1st Place	
Mike Starcic	German Pilsner
Josh Strupp & Dan Kramer	Eisbock
Renee Weinberger & J.D. Blythin	Wee Heavy
Jared Sutliff & Patrick McHugh	English Porter
Mike Borchert	English Barleywine
2nd Place	
Dan Schlosser	Belgian Dark Strong Ale
Dan Schlosser	American IPA
Michael Sande	American Strong Ale
Jason Rohloff	Autumn Seasonal Beer
3rd Place	
Paul Karcher	Weissbier
James Werner	Dark Mild
Richard Binkowski	Wood-Aged Beer



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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Big Brew Day- Yeast Parallel 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Raised Grain

Thursday, March 7: The Tastes of Hales Corners - contact Jared Sutliff for more info

Sunday, March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day! 

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

Saturday, March 30: Lager and Friends Festival Sponsored by Gathering Place

Wednesday, April 3: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Location TBD

Wednesday, April 24: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Commercial Guest: Omega Yeast 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Location TBD

Wednesday, May 22: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Commercial Guest: Gathering Place 7:30 pm

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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

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