



The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee

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BARON MIND



Give a cheer for chocolate and beer!!

Welcome, Julie Waterman, founder and owner of Indulgence Chocolates as she guides us through a night of beer and chocolate pairing.

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Indulgence Chocolatiers meticulously handcrafts all of its confections in its Milwaukee kitchen. Working with the finest chocolate from around the world and other locally sourced ingredients, their talented chocolatiers create confections that are as delicious as they are beautiful. No mass production, no artificial preservatives, just quality ingredients handcrafted into artisan confections in both classic and unique flavor combinations.

President's Letter

WOW, what a EXTRAORDINARY Club! I say this because there is almost a club for everything. But when I compare Beer Barons to other clubs, I can't help but think of the many ways members can participate. Some people like to judge or steward beer competitions, while others just like to enter their beers (in this case, they are participating in SPIRIT) pun intended LOL! Others like to brew - share and pour at events, while the chaos lovers work their BUTTS OFF organizing, leading and running events. Yet others like to work behind the scenes and keep our IT running well and up to date, I'm sure this gives IT many reasons to want beer. :) Many members regularly come the 4th Wednesday and enjoy the company of like minded individuals at our monthly meetings. What a GREAT club - here you can participate how you wish and as time & life allows. New this year; Tom has organized an afternoon/evening at the **Hunger Task Force** - there we will sort many food donations for those in need - we hope to see you there so look for more info. Another new activity this year will be the **12 Beers of Christmas**... liken it to a cookie exchange (you'll bring 12 of the same home brew (bottled or canned) *Yes! we have one very spoiled member who has a canner* and leave with 12 different home brews (an idea I received from another Home Brew Club in Michigan). I know it's early but I wanted to give everyone enough lead time if you want to participate. More details to come... So what cool /fun things have you seen in other clubs or do you have idea how we can be charitable? Please send me an e-mail or let me know. Thanks for being a member!!

Stomping out cenosillicaphobia one brew at a time, ;)
Rahshal



Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following winners at the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Homebrew Competition

Gayle Borchert - 3rd Semi-Sweet Mead

Mike Borchert - 1st Berliner Weiss, 3rd Biere de Garde

Robbie Howard - 1st British Dark Mild, 2nd British Brown Ale, 2nd Braggot

Rashal Kowal - Best of Division Specialty Beer, 1st Winter Seasonal

Scott Sommer - 1st Vienna Lager, 1st British Golden Ale, 3rd Kellerbier, 3rd Schwarzbier

James Werner - Best of Division Mead and Cider, 1st New World Cider





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Vice President's Update

Happy Summer, Barons!

Although it may not feel like it some days, the summer season is upon us. We have Summerfest right around the corner and the better than ever WOB festival! As I write this, I am looking forward to spending my Saturday at the Bavarian Bier Haus pouring at the best beer festival in Wisconsin! I am also excited for this month's chocolate and beer pairing. It has been a few years since the club has done this and I haven't been around long enough to actually participate in such an event. It is very clear to me that Julie Waterman from Indulgence Chocolatiers will provide a very interesting evening for us all as she has vast knowledge of both beer and chocolate. It should be a great evening!

Also, last month the board announced an opportunity for the club to give back to the community. We are excited to be participating in a Hunger Taskforce food sort on August 14! The Hunger taskforce needs 25-35 people to help them sort through various donations followed by an after party at Benno's; this would be a great opportunity to invite your friends/family. - Tom

2019 German Fest Stein Challenge **Sponsored by the Beer Barons of Milwaukee**



The German Fest Stein Challenge is an AHA sanctioned, German Bier only competition open to any amateur homebrewer age 21 or older. Part of the Midwest Home Brewer of the Year circuit.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

Third Space Brewing, will be doing a rampup for the 2019 Challenge. To be eligible you must enter a German wheat beer in categories 10A - Weissbier, 10B - Dunkles Weissbier, or 10C - Weizenbock.

For more information or to register your entry and sign up to judge or steward visit <https://www.steinchallenge.com>

Account registrations accepted through 07/12/2019 5:00 PM, CDT.

Registrations for judges or stewards accepted through 07/20/2019

Judging will take place 7/25 & 7/27/19 with BOS 7/28/19 at German Fest

Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons. As of 5/31/19, our Club bank balance was \$6,677. The Club bank balance one year ago (on 5/31/18) was \$9,372. Attendance for the May General meeting was 72 individuals, and we collected \$240 in meeting and membership fees that night.

Thank you to Josh Strupp for organizing the Big Brew Day at Spike Brewing on 5/11/19. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We brewed a NEIPA, and 7 individuals brought home a little over 4 gallons of wort to add yeast and then dry hop with 9 ounces of hops (2 different additions). Each person that brought home wort was able to select which hops they wanted to use to dry hop. For example, I chose to dry hop with 3 hops -Simcoe (66%), Citra (20%), and Mosaic (14%). All 7 of these different combinations will be on tap at WOB on Saturday, 6/22/19. Try them all and see which combination of hops you like the most.



June -Did You Know???



Do you name your beers? I do, and it is one of the many things I enjoy about making beer. There is generally a story behind each beer I have named. Here is one of those stories...

The very first time I dried hopped, I did a lot of reading about putting hops in a muslin bag, and then putting something heavy in the bag that would make the bag sink so the hops don't simply float on top. Of course, the heavy object would have to fit in the small hole in a typical glass carboy, and I figured it should be something that wouldn't be bad for the beer. Well, I transferred an IPA from a primary to a secondary and was about to add the hops in a muslin bag, but I totally forgot about what kind of heavy object(s) I was going to put in. I started to think on the fly. I said to myself, I have a son that used to have marbles in his toy box – how about a bunch of glass marbles? How about some ball bearings – I could probably find those laying around. I started to tear my son's room apart, although I knew he hadn't played with marbles in at least 5 years or more. I ended up only finding 2 marbles and 1 ball bearing. These weren't heavy enough, so I needed more weight.

I started to think about bolts, nuts, or perhaps washers that would fit through that darn hole in the carboy. I had all of these, but they weren't stainless steel, and I was worried about negative reactions with the beer. Then I thought, how about a ring? I had a high school class ring that had some weight to it. How about my wedding ring? My wedding ring was made from gold, and gold is good for beer, right?

I ended up adding my gold wedding ring, my high school class ring, 2 glass marbles, and 1 ball bearing to the hop bag, and it turned out pretty good. I ended up naming the beer – **Golden Ring**. I remember my wife asking me where my wedding ring was, and she wasn't pleased when I told her that it was in my beer. Funny – from time to time, I will still throw my wedding ring into a batch for old-times sake. 😊

I attached a picture of a tap handle I made for my **Golden Ring**, which I spun on a wood lathe. It is a gold ring around a hop, squeezing the juice out of the hop. Who knows, if I was to open up a brewery, I could sell this beer in 5-packs, and around Christmas time (5 Golden Rings).

Match the name of the beer to the brewery that brews it. (answers pg. 6)

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| Citra Ass Down | 1. Oskar Blues Brewing Co., (Lyons, CO) |
| Arrogant Bastard Ale | 2. Paulaner Brewery (Munich, Germany) |
| Salvator | 3. Against the Grain Brewing Co. (Louisville, KY) |
| Ten Fidy | 4. Stone Brewing (Escondido, CA) |



Secretary Commentary

Hello fellow Barons,

If you have looked through this edition of the Baron Mind, you will realize, as a club, we have been busy! This leads me to ask for your help in continuing to illustrate the activities we are participating in. The purpose of this newsletter is twofold—first to showcase the great things this club does and also provide information to those members who cannot always attend the general meetings. However, I cannot do this without your assistance.

- If you are representing the club at an event, please be sure to send me information before the event to advertise it and especially, if you need volunteers to assist with either providing beer or working at the event. During the event, please try to take some pictures, especially of Barons interacting with others. After the event, please send the pictures and a brief description of the event or at the very least, who was assisting you (i.e. see pictures from Firkin Fest. Thank you Dan and Erik).
- If you are participating in a club sponsored event, please send pictures (i.e. see pictures of Beer Barons at the Chilton Beer Fest. Thank you Dave Stanton).
- If you are making announcements at the general meeting, be it regarding upcoming events, winners from past competitions, upcoming BJCP classes, etc., please be sure to send a summary of your announcement to me for inclusion in the newsletter so that those members who were unable to attend have access to the information.

Also, in an effort to keep our email list up to date and inclusive of our current members, we will be asking for updated email addresses at the next several meetings to ensure our information is up to date.

Thank you for your support to showcase our club and improve this publication! - Lori M.

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.

*******Note change in day due to holiday*******

Next Officer's Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 7:00 pm

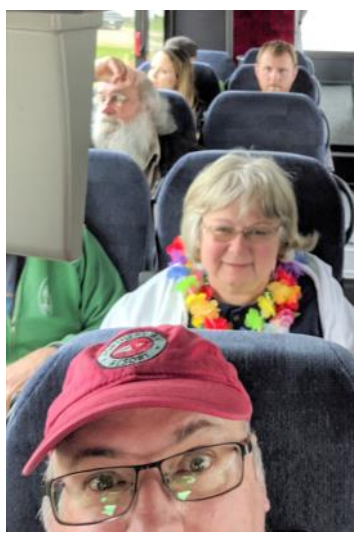
**Bass Bay Brewhouse
Muskego, WI**



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

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

Answers to this month's "Did you Know" : A=3, B=4, C=2, D=1




Soggy conditions did not dampen the spirits of a bus load of Beer Barons as they made their way to Chilton for the Wisconsin Micro Brewers Beer Festival on May 19th.



Membership Renewal Options and Fees

| Type | Description | Annual Dues | Meeting Fee per Meeting |
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| 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 |






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



Raised Grain is sponsoring the 2019 Waukesha County Fair Amateur Beer Competition

Volunteers needed for Judging and Stewarding



Judging will be held at Raised Grain in Waukesha on July 13th at 9:00am.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, contact Joe Kolbach at Joek159@gmail.com



The Barons were well represented at the 2019 Firkin Fest, Sat., June 8th. Dan Schlosser, Mike Schwartz, Eric Joseph & Jayme Nawrocki are seen here in action!



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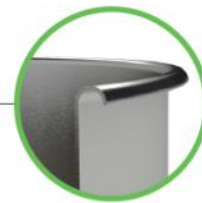
⊕ **Straight back etching:**

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Thank you Joe Yeado,
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President of the
Gathering Place
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speaking at our May
meeting



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Mark your calendars to help the hungry!

Join the Beer Barons of Milwaukee volunteer to
help the Hunger Task Force



August 14, 2019 from 5:00 - 8:00pm
201 S. Hawley Court, Milwaukee



25 – 35 volunteers needed to help sort food - friends and family welcome to join.
Volunteers must be 16 years or older and must also be able to lift 30+ pounds;
plan for lifting, twisting, bending and standing.

Sign up information will be forthcoming.

Worked up a thirst doing good? We will meet up at Benno's after the work is done if you want to mingle with your fellow Barons, peruse their tap list and take advantage of their burger special night (food and beverage not included, only good company).

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

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Cheryl came along for the ride.



Beer Barons International???



Several members of the Beer Barons recently joined the Milwaukee Beer Museum on a trip to Europe. They took in the local culture and beverages in Munich, Prague, Katowice-Poland and Berlin.

Wauwatosa Oktoberfest Home Brew Contest

Hey all you homebrewers, come out and showcase your German homebrew at Wauwatosa's first Oktoberfest Saturday, September 28 from 2-4 pm, held at the Kneeler Walker House (7406 Hillcrest Dr. Wauwatosa WI).

UPDATE!

We are looking for a total of 20 participants to brew **one 5-gallon batch** of German inspired beer and serve it at the event (draft or bottle). Most brewers love talking about their beer, and this is an event where they will have plenty of opportunity to do so. This event is intended to be a fun, social event, and is not a BJCP sanctioned event. The contest winners will be selected by the public and will be announced at 5:30 pm. A covered space and table will be provided to serve your beer.

The top 3 winners will receive a medal. In addition, the 1st place winner will have the opportunity to brew a batch of their winning beer at Wauwatosa's own Stock House Brewery Co. 2nd place winner will receive a History Brew tour led by Stock House Brewery Co.

To sign up for the homebrew contest, please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FABAC2FA6F58-home>

For more information about Wauwatosa's Oktoberfest visit the Prosit Tosa Oktoberfest Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1114466515417196/>

Questions about the homebrew contest? Please contact Jenny Acompnado at 414-651-7500.

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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, June 21: Set Up for World of Beer Festival, Bavarian Bierhaus, Glendale

Saturday, June 22: World of Beer Festival, Bavarian Bierhaus, Glendale

Wednesday, June 26: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's: Indulgence Chocolate Beer Pairing 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 2: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Bass Bay Brewhouse, Muskego

Friday, July 12: Entries due for Stein Challenge

Saturday, July 13: Waukesha Fair Beer Competition Judging, Raised Grain, Waukesha

Wednesday, July 24: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's: Topic TBD 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 25 & Saturday, July 27: Stein Challenge Competition Judging

Wednesday, August 7: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Location TBD

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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