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BARON MIND



“Hop” on over to the July meeting where we welcome David Buss from the Davali Ridge Hop Farm, in Waterloo, Wisconsin.

Born and raised on a farm in Southern Wisconsin, David has spent more than 30 years working as a soil scientist and agronomist. He is also a founding member and treasurer of the Wisconsin Hop Exchange Growers Cooperative (WHEX).

President's Letter

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. First, I would like to THANK the many volunteers who made WOB possible this year; we could not have done it without you!

Have you heard the news? **Josh Strupp** with Dan Kramer won a silver medal for their Dark European Lager and **J.D. Blythin** with **Renee Weinberger** took silver for their Wood Aged Beer at this year's Home Brew Con!! Congratulations!!!

Here is why it's a BIG Deal... according to Gary Glass, President of the American Home Brew Association, there were approximately 9,200 entries - 1,200 beers, mead and ciders made it to the finals. It's really awesome to have fellow Beer Barons recognized on a national level. Way to go!!

Are you a member of the AHA? If yes, GREAT, if not, you might want to take a look at all the benefits you can enjoy for joining. Our club benefits as well, the more AHA members we have, the lower our Club insurance. ☺ For those of you who like to plan ahead, the next Home Brew Con will be located in Nashville in 2020.

Please join me in welcoming David Buss, from the Wisconsin Hop Exchange to our August meeting.

Cheers,
Rahshal



Congratulations!

Beer Barons Winners at the National Homebrew Competition



Category 5: Dark European Lager - 2nd Place
Josh Strupp and Dan Kramer

Category 27: Wood-Aged Beer - 2nd Place
JD Blythin and Renee Weinberger

Accolades to the winners, seen at Northern Brewer!!

Congratulations



Vice President's Update

Hello Barons!

I would like to issue a big thank you to Julie Waterman of Indulgence Chocolatiers last month. I have been around for a few years but have never done a food/beer pairing and my expectations were blown away; I especially enjoyed the IPA/Chocolate combo. Also, congrats to J.D., Renee and Josh for placing in the NHC competition. You are truly talented and our club is lucky to have you. If you wanted to share the recipes I promise not to put them in the newsletter. 😊

This month we welcome David Buss from the Davali Ridge Hop Farm. Dave is a seasoned hop grower and is coming in all the way from Waterloo to discuss cultivation of hops. I am really excited for this meeting and we should all thank our President Rahshal for setting this up. Every Memorial Day I brew a Lagunitas IPA clone and I will be bringing it to share for this month.

Lastly, our Hunger Taskforce volunteer event is less than a month out. The club is doing a food sort for the Hunger Taskforce at the location off of Hawley Rd. on August 14th starting @ 5:00 p.m. We need your help to make this happen so please sign up on our website and sign up your friends/family as well. Those that are volunteering are welcome to join the board at Benno's after the food sort. Let me know if you have any questions!

Cheers!
-Tom

2019 German Fest Stein Challenge

Sponsored by the Beer Barons of Milwaukee



**For more information, or to sign up to judge or steward visit
<https://www.steinchallenge.com>**

**New This Year - Judging will take place Thursday 7/25/19 & Saturday 7/27/19
at Patrick's Home Brewery**

7/25—The menu is a home-cooked German meal with hospitality beer including taps from 3rd
Space in Milwaukee along with taps from 4 or 5 German breweries

7/27—The menu is catered chickens and pork loin cooked on a spit with hospitality beer

BOS 7/28/19 12:15 at German Fest

Remember, all volunteers get free tickets to German Fest at Milwaukee's lakefront!!!



German Fest
A MILWAUKEE TRADITION



Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons. As of 6/30/19, our Club bank balance was \$6,492. The Club bank balance one year ago (on 6/30/18) was \$8,903. We do have a larger expense coming up to pay for the club's insurance, which will likely be paid in August. I just supplied a current roster to the insurance company, and it shows that we currently have 145 members.

Attendance for the June General meeting (Chocolate Pairing Meeting) was 89 individuals, which was the 2nd highest attended meeting this year. We had 13 guests attend this meeting, which was the most this year. Seems like we know a lot of people who like chocolate (and beer). If you were wondering, our highest attended meeting this year was in March (Interesting Ingredient Meeting), in which we had 100 individuals attend, including 8 guests.

I hope you had a chance to attend WOB (World of Beer Festival) that our club runs, which was held last month. Here's a big 'Thank You' to all the individuals who make this event happen every year. I know it takes a tremendous amount of work.

Live Life & Enjoy Beer!
PK



July Did You Know???



My family and I are heading up to northern Wisconsin at the end of the month and staying on a chain of lakes in Manitowish Waters. That made me think about potential breweries I will likely stop in. In that light, match the northern WI brewery with the city it is located in. (Answers on page 6)



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| A. Some Nerve Brewing Co. | 1. Ashland |
| B. South Shore Brewing Co. | 2. Eagle River |
| C. Tribute Brewing Co. | 3. Manitowish Waters |
| D. Rocky Reef Brewing Co. | 4. Woodruff |



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, August 7, 2019 - 7:00pm
Whitnall Park Beer Garden




(If inclement weather, back up is Bosch, Hales Corners. Watch Facebook for updates if needed.)

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






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

Prepare....to picnic!!!

Ahhhh, summer time! Hard to believe that we're past the 4th of July already. Have the burners been working over time this year? Made any great brews? I certainly hope so and we need you to bring them to the Beer Barons Summer Picnic! The Summer Picnic always falls on the Saturday AFTER Labor Day and that means this year it is September 7th! In addition to the Jerry Hetzel Memorial brew competition, we will have the Beer and Food competition again this year.

Feel free to arrive anytime. Setup starts sometime around 9-9:30 and we have the grilled food ready about 1:00pm. As in the past, we will have the 'pay-to-play give-a-way' with great items from a Spike Brewing kettle (which can be exchanged for anything in the Spike line up you want, it is an equal value exchange!) to gift cards to local breweries and restaurants and some other great merch! Hopefully the weather will cooperate again this year. Please bring anything you think you need; chairs, tent for shade, lawn games.... Regardless it will be a wonderful time yet again and we hope to see you there!

Beer Barons Officers and the Summer Picnic Committee

Beer Barons Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 7th

Root River Parkway South Picnic Area 3

Grilled items available approximately 1:00 pm

Tickets go on sale August 4th - \$10 single, \$15 for couple

Don't forget to bring your beer or food-made-with-beer to enter into competition and be eligible for the coveted traveling trophies!



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

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

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



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



Help the Beer Barons of Milwaukee help the Hunger Task Force

**August 14, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:30pm
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. Closed toe shoes required, work gloves recommended

Sign up Now on the Beer Barons Website

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 beverages not included).



It was a beautiful night in the gazebo on the bay for the July Officer's Meeting at Bass Bay Brewhouse in Muskego.



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Indulgence

CHOCOLATIERS

Thanks again to Julie Waterman from Indulgence Chocolatiers for the educational and delicious chocolate and beer pairing at our June meeting.



Don't wait until it's too late....



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of the **MIDWEST**

Get your tickets NOW!
Join the Barons at the Great Taste
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Tickets are \$90 each and include admission ticket, bus ride, box lunch and select beverages on the bus

Bring your payment and talk to Rich Binkowski at the July meeting to reserve your ticket. Ticket availability and bus schedule will be updated and distributed after the meeting.

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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Share at the Fair!

Volunteers needed to share your knowledge and passion for brewing at the Wisconsin State Fair



Thursday	8/1/19	4-5pm
Saturday	8/3/19	4-5pm
Monday	8/5/19	2-3pm
Friday	8/9/19	1-3pm

(Friday - actual Beer, Cider or Mead making demo.....?)



If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Patrick McHugh at the July meeting or at patrick@qbrews.com



And now, a word from WOB....



As you read this, it will be about a month since the 16th Annual World of Beer Festival has concluded. There were so many new experiences for of guests, vendors, and volunteers. The biggest change was the location this year and I think everyone can agree that The Bavarian Bierhaus is a fantastic new venue. We now have the room to stretch out legs and have the ability to have all of our favorite beers, meads, and ciders under one roof as well as an expanded Homebrew Patio under its own pavilion.

All the members of the WOB committee want to send our deepest thanks to all the volunteers for working through the changes this year. Without all of you (and your friends and family who are regular volunteers), this festival would not be possible. I also want to personally thank Mike Schwartz for helping me through the nuances and crazy last minute scramble, Josh Strupp for his year long dedication in sourcing the best beer selection of any festival in our area, Patrick McHugh for tying together the finances, Jeff Kane for his time sourcing the cider and mead, Diana Kane for organizing the volunteers (a huge job), and the rest of the committee who pour a ton of time and effort into the planning, day-of chaos, and website updates.

We can't wait to start the planning for next year when we return to our normal weekend, June 6, 2020.

Prost,
Jason Rohloff



WOB 2019



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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, July 22: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Davali Ridge Hop Farm, 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 25: Stein Challenge Judging

Saturday, July 27: Stein Challenge Judging

Sunday, July 28: Stein Challenge BOS, German Fest 12:15 pm

Thursday, August 1: State Fair Opportunity 4-5 pm

Saturday, August 3: State Fair Opportunity 4-5 pm

Monday, August 5: State Fair Opportunity 2-3 pm

Wednesday, August 7: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Whitnall Park Beer Garden

Friday, August 9: State Fair Opportunity 1-3 pm

Saturday, August 10: Great Taste of the Midwest, Madison, WI

Wednesday, August 14: Hunger Task Force 5 pm

Wednesday, August 28: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Historical Beers, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, September 4: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: TBD

Saturday, September 7: Beer Barons Picnic

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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