



The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee

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BARON MIND



**Happy
Hol-ale-days!!**

President's Letter

Greetings Barons,

WOW! I can't believe how fast this year has gone by and wow, what a year it's been. We hope you enjoyed all the "beery" opportunities you had this year with our great club. Speaking about our great club, **HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!!** Members, be sure to pick up your **Anniversary gift** at the December and January General Meetings. Thanks to Dave Campbell for engineering our proto-type and to the Board for all their input to get us to the final product—we think you will enjoy it.

Iron Brewer – there are still 3 spots left and plenty of time to brew for the January meeting, *not to mention*; we have some nice prizes for the Top 3 Brews. Talk to me if you are interested. Don't forget... **12 Beers of Christmas** (AKA a bottle share) liken it to a cookie exchange but with your home brew of beer, cider or mead. Bring packaged product in increments of 12 to the December meeting. ***Please sign up on-line!*** Thanks.

It's **Officer Election** time again, please let us know if **YOU** want to run and help lead and support this amazing club. Most of the current board is running again, but that should not deter you from running. It's my understanding that **we need 2 Members at Large**. Just a reminder... ***no food and frolics until the 2020 Board is Elected.***

One more reminder, **Hunger Task Force Food Drive**, please bring non-perishable food items or cash to the December meeting. Everyone donating will receive a Beer Barons sticker.... (*Ooh ahh*). Let's **FILL** Lori's and Terry's vehicle and help those in need!!

I can't thank my fellow board members enough for ALL the hard work and the time they put in to make this club amazing. Many thanks to our Committee Leaders and those who support their projects, endeavors and events. Thank YOU and Air Hugs to ALL of you, our members - without you there wouldn't be a club. ❤️

Last but **never least**, thanks to my loving husband for putting up with ALL the extra tasks, time and effort that goes along with being the President – thanks Honey 😊

Merry Christmas & here's to a very Healthy, Happy and Fermented New Year!

Cheers
Rahshal

Friends of Wehr Flavors of Fall Fundraiser

Rahshal K. and Stan W.
represented the club at this great
event Sat. Nov 16th



**Got Beer, Cider or Mead?
Are YOU willing to SHARE?**

**If YES to both, join us for the LARGEST Bottle Share ever in
the history of the Beer Barons!!**

Details are listed below:

Please—don't forget to sign up on-line ;)

Thanks MUCH

Rahshal



1st Annual 12 Beers of Christmas Ciders or Meads

1. Brew a beer, cider or mead
2. Bring *12 **labeled** bottles or cans of Beer, Cider or Mead to the December Meeting
Labels will provided and available at the October and November General Meetings
2 label options
 - Option #1—I have a printer (you will pick up blank labels along with Avery website directions)
 - Option #2—I DO NOT have a printer (you will pick up pre-printed labels that have areas for you to handwrite the information about you and your brew.
3. Sign up at Beer Barons of Milwaukee Website—you will need to supply the following:
 - Your name
 - e-mail address
 - What you brewed (type and style) ex: Beer—Pale Ale
 - Quantity in increments of 12 (12-24-36-48) that you plan to bring for exchange.
4. Bring your brew to the December General Meeting .
5. Participants will have a designated area where they exchange their beers.
6. Questions? First see the 12 Beers of Christmas FAQs - Please e-mail me at fermenterlady@gmail.com if you still have questions.

We hope many of you participate :)

Rahshal

Vice President's Update

Howdy Barons!

Thank you for a great year. The board really appreciates your support and your ideas. I have really enjoyed the role as V.P. because it gives me the opportunity to get to know many of the members. I am hoping that 2020 will be a great year for our club and I wish each and every member good health and happiness in the coming year.

We are going to have some great beers on tap this month and some great food!

Lastly I want to thank Rahshal for being a great leader, Jason for taking care of our equipment, Paul for handling the finances, and Lori for an awesome revamp of our newsletter and Erik and Jake for your support! I am looking forward to working with you all again next year!

Merry Christmas!

Tom



REMINDER

The December general meeting will be held on the third Wed. of the month (12/18) at 7:00 pm

This meeting is also our annual Christmas Party

Please bring with you:

- A dish to share (snacks, apps, desserts, etc.- nothing that needs to be heated) - chicken and potatoes provided
 - Cash for the Pay-to-Play giveaway
- Food and/or cash donations for the Hunger Task Force
 - Nominations for next year's officers (please send to officers@beerbarons.org prior to the meeting if possible)



Holiday Food Drive



The Beer Barons are teaming up with the Hunger Task Force to help those in need this holiday season

Please help by bringing non-perishable food items or cash donations to the December general meeting



For more information visit:
<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/>



PREFERRED FOOD ITEMS:						
FRUITS <i>Fruits canned in own juice or 100% fruit juice</i> PEACHES PEARS PINEAPPLE 100% FRUIT JUICE	VEGETABLES <i>Low sodium, canned vegetables</i> GREEN BEANS CORN TOMATOES SPAGHETTI SAUCE	GRAINS <i>Whole grain foods</i> BROWN RICE OATMEAL CEREAL (NO SUGAR ADDED) PASTA (MULTIGRAIN)	PROTEIN <i>Lean sources of animal- and plant-based proteins</i> CHICKEN, CANNED TUNA, CANNED PEANUT BUTTER BEANS, DRIED OR CANNED	DAIRY <i>Boxed, low fat milk or milk alternatives</i> SKIM MILK 1% MILK ALMOND MILK SOY MILK	SNACKS <i>Healthy foods for on-the-go</i> GRANOLA NUTS & SEEDS BREAKFAST BARS GRAHAM CRACKERS	CONDIMENTS <i>Healthy & salt-free flavors</i> SALSA OIL MUSTARD SALT-FREE SEASONINGS

Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons.

As of 11/30/19, our Club bank balance was \$9,009.47, but this did not include a large check for \$1,219, so considering that, the club balance is actually closer to \$7,790. The Club bank balance one year ago (on 11/30/18) was \$6,276.69.

We had 87 people attend the November general meeting (Belgian Night), including 4 guests. We spent \$1,767.53 for Belgian night. The two largest expenses for this night were \$1,421.64 for commercial beer, and \$206.98 for 100 pretzels (from the Milwaukee Pretzel Company). Our current membership is 165 individuals.



December - Did You Know???



Back in April 2019, I hosted a beer event in which we brewed 10 gallons of a Hefeweizen in my garage and served some great food that a friend of mine smoked (brisket, ribs & chicken wings). I called it 'Beer and Food Extravaganza', aka 'B&F Extravaganza', in which approximately 15 people attended. We also had games that we played including hammerschlagen, a sing-along, a free throw contest, and a German beer trivia contest. Even though the audience reading this article may find the 3 German beer questions below too easy, my audience at the B&F Extravaganza was not as knowledgeable about beer. In any event, perhaps you may find the questions amusing. Give it a try. Answers are on page 13.



1. What is the 'Reinheitsgebot'?

- A. Colonel Klink's top sergeant on the TV show 'Hogan's Heroes'.
- B. Restrictive law for drinking and driving in Germany, in which the penalties are severe.
- C. Prince Ludwig's footwear that he wore at the very first Oktoberfest.
- D. A 1516 Bavarian law that only allowed for 3 ingredients to make beer.

2. What does "vorlauf" mean?

- A. Boiling wort for an extended time to help drive off DMS precursors.
- B. Name of a Bavarian brewer who invented the beer style 'Maibock'.
- C. Recirculating the mash to settle the grain bed and clarify the wort.
- D. The villain from Harry Potter.

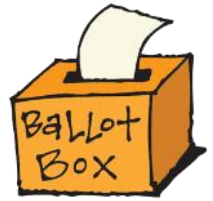


3. In the word 'Hefeweizen', what does 'Hefe' mean?

- A. Chemist
- B. Yeast
- C. Wheat
- D. Goat



It's Election Time!



Elections for the officer's position will be taking place during the December meeting.

Below is a an abbreviated summary of the main duties of the officers.

For more details, visit Article III in the Beer Barons of Milwaukee constitution:

<https://beerbarons.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/constitution.pdf>

This is an opportunity for you to get involved!

Terms are for one year, (beginning in Jan) two consecutive terms maximum for a position.

- The President's duties include , but are not limited to:
Lead general and Board meetings, acting Chairman of the Board. Convene Board and special meetings as needed, appoint committee chairmen, be an ex-officio member of all committees, be responsible for the performance of all the officers of the association
- The Vice President's duties include, but are not limited to:
Perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during their absence or disability, be responsible for the general program of the association
- The Secretary's duties include, but are not limited to:
Keep complete and accurate minutes of Board and special meetings, maintain the official current roll of the membership, send out notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board, publish and distribute the newsletter
- The Treasurer's duties include, but are not limited to:
Be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the association,
- The Members-At Large's duties are as assigned by the Board
- The Sergeant At Arm's duties include, but are not limited to:
Keep order at membership and board meetings, safeguard any equipment, signage and display materials the club may possess, coordinate the allocation and delivery of such

Incumbents not running - need at least 2 nominations for member at large

Please send nominations to officers@beerbarons.org by December 16th to be included on the printed ballot.

REMEMBER: CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER WILL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL ELECTIONS ARE COMPLETE!!!

Are you up for a Challenge?

**Beer Barons of Milwaukee
Members ONLY**

Iron Brewer Challenge



Rules

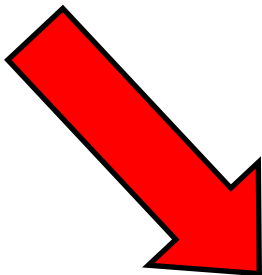
1. Open only to Current Beer Barons Members
2. Member(s) of the Officers selected the ingredient(s) that need to be included in the brew
 - Ingredient Kits will be available for purchase.
 - Cost is \$15.00 for the January kit.
 - ◊ The charge is to encourage follow thru and protect the club from loss.
 - ◊ Limited to 14 kits – equal to jockey box capacity.
 - ◊ Regular Jockey Box rules apply
3. Bring your Beer to the January meeting to be judged against other *Iron Brewers*
4. Brew any style you choose
5. All attendees will have an opportunity to vote.

Prizes

1st place, 2nd and 3rd place

Kit for January Judging Month

5 lbs – Mecca Grade Lamonta
42oz container of Old Fashioned Oats
Good Luck!!



Act Now! Limited kits still available!



Announcing the tenth annual



Midwinter Home Brew Competition February 7th and 8th, 2020

This competition is held in conjunction with the 24th annual Midwinter Brewfest at the Milwaukee Ale House and is a circuit qualifying event for:

The Master Championship of Amateur Brewers (MCAB)

Midwest Home Brewer of the Year

New in 2020 - American Mead Makers Association National Mead Maker of the Year

The competition will be limited to 850 entries and we will be judging to the BJCP 2015 guidelines. All entries to be judged by at least 2 BJCP Beer, Mead, or Cider Judges, Professional Brewers, Professional Mead Makers, or Professional Cider Makers.

**Entries will be accepted
December 28th through January 25th**

**For more information about entering or to volunteer
to judge or steward please visit the official
competition website:**

<http://www.midwinterhbc.com>



This year we are again very happy to have two professional ramp ups and a pro am qualifier affiliated with the competition.

- One of the Kellerbier entries (BJCP category 7C) will be chosen to be ramped up by the Milwaukee Brewing Company for serving at the Milwaukee Ale House.
- Also one Mead entry (BJCP categories M1, M2, M3, M4B, and M4C) will be chosen by Moonlight Meadery to qualify for their Pro Am Competition.
- Finally the White Winter Winery will choose one cider entry (BJCP categories C1 & C2) to be made at their winery.

Thank You!

Thank you to Tom Nowalis for a great **Belgian Night**. It appears that everyone had a good time!





December Officer's Meeting at Vennture Brew Co.



BEER	STYLE	FULL	50Z
SKATEPARK	NEIPA	\$6	3
TASTE BUDS	NEIPA	\$6	3
AM/PM	OAT ALE / IC+C	\$7	3.50
GREGORIO	OATMEAL STOUT	\$6	3
CAT SHIRTS	SOUP IPA	\$6	3



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



MEET THE

SPIKE FLEX



Malt and Hop Sensory Class January 18, 2020

Join our own Bruce Buerger as he leads this class at Northern Brewer

Check the NB website for more details

<https://www.northernbrewer.com/pages/milwaukee-wisconsin-local-events>



Did you know that the Beer Barons has a groups.io discussion group where you can ask questions and participate in brewing discussions?

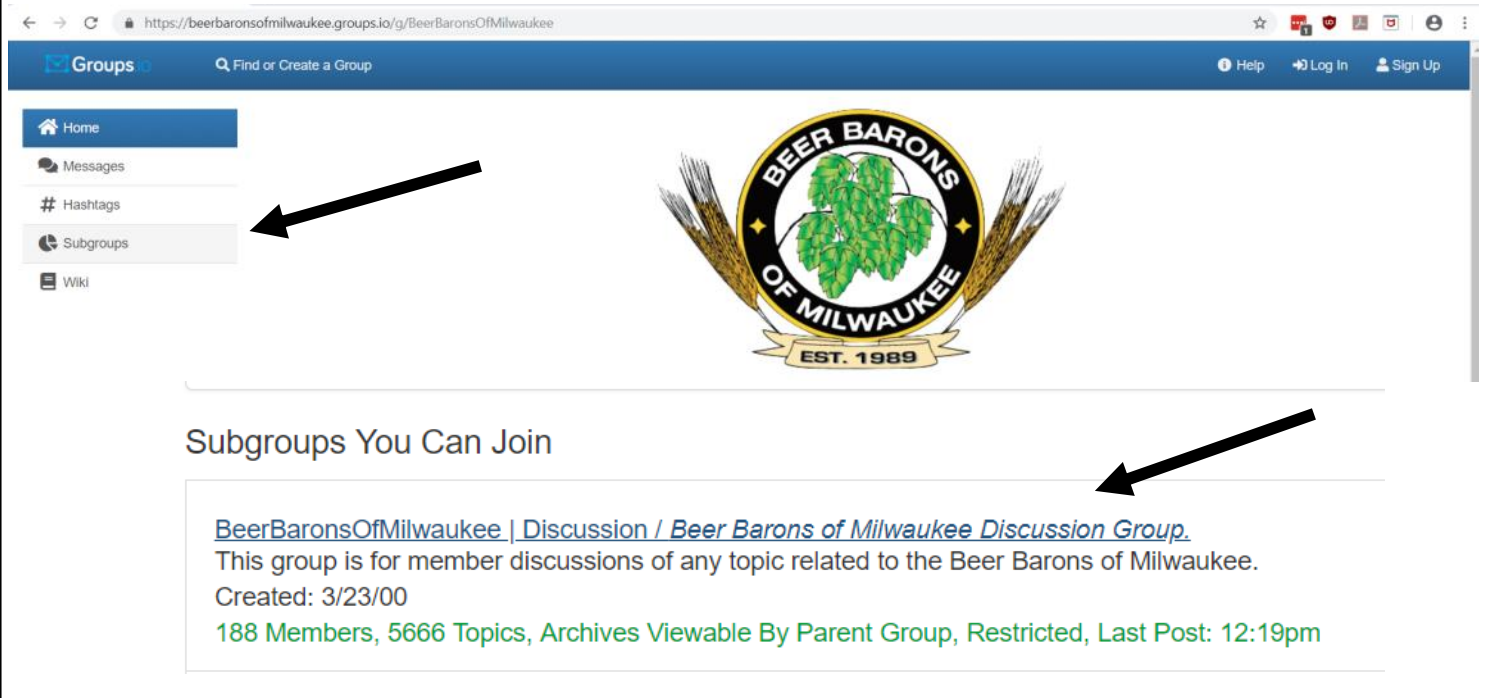
To join the group:

Go to: <https://groups.io/>

Click on Find or Create a Group

Search for Beer Barons of Milwaukee - on the main page select "Subgroups"

On the Subgroups page - select the discussion group, enter your email where prompted to request permission to join. You will receive an email confirming your request when it has been processed.



The screenshot shows the groups.io website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Groups.io" and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with options: Home, Messages, Hashtags, Subgroups, and Wiki. An arrow points to the "Subgroups" option. In the center, there is a logo for "BEER BARONS OF MILWAUKEE" featuring a green hop cone and wheat stalks, with "EST. 1989" below it. Below the logo, there is a section titled "Subgroups You Can Join" with an arrow pointing to a link for "BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee | Discussion / Beer Barons of Milwaukee Discussion Group". The link text includes "This group is for member discussions of any topic related to the Beer Barons of Milwaukee. Created: 3/23/00 188 Members, 5666 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Restricted, Last Post: 12:19pm".

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, January 8, 2020 - 7:0pm

Benno's
7413 W Greenfield Ave, Milwaukee



"Did you Know" Answers: 1=d, 2=c, 3=b



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

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

Club Links

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

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5225 W Forest Home Ave,
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What's on Tap??

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The Barons Website
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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, December 18: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Christmas Party and 12 Beers of Christmas Exchange - **7:00 pm**

Wednesday, January 8: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Benno's, West Allis

Saturday, January 18: Malt and Hop Sensory Class, Northern Brewer, Time TBD

Wednesday, January 22: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Iron Brewer - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 5: Officers' Meeting @ 7pm: Location TBD

Friday, February 7 & Saturday, February 8: Midwinter Homebrew Competition, Revere's Delafield

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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