



# BARON MIND

The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee Cooperative



GENERAL MEETING — JULY 27

## Session Beer Contest

### What the heck is Session Ale?

Defined in British legislation during WWI it allowed English factory workers to drink on the job during 2 daily “sessions”. The beer was low alcohol which allowed the workers return to work without being inebriated. It also means a low alcohol brew that lets you stay for a long “session” at the bar. Well, at least this is what Google says it is.

We’re defining it as drinkable, balanced, lawnmowing friendly, tailgate favored, and for this contest, 4% or under ABV.

Whatever the definition, our 6 brewers have created their interpretation and you’ll get to judge whose brew is the best.

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## President's Letter

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Hello Barons!

It was so great to have Tim from Black Husky back to entertain us. I have always liked their beers even before they moved down to Milwaukee, and since they have been down here they have been top 10 in the metro area for me for sure. Please check them out next time you are in the Riverwest area. They have a very nice bar and outdoor patio to enjoy some refreshments on a hot day. Dog friendly too, always at least one in there it seems!

Alright guys, the time is upon us. The club competition of the year is here! I must use this opportunity on this platform to brag a bit. I have won the last two years club competitions. In 2020 we had this same exact competition for session beers and I won it with my Irish Stout. In 2021 we had the march madness fantasy draft competition and I won with an all-wheat hazy IPA. Can I do it again? I am super digging my entry this year, so I think there is a strong possibility I will at least place. Bring on the competition!

We do have an even bigger competition coming up very soon: the Beer Barons Picnic the Saturday after Labor Day, which features our annual popular vote competition. I went for the very first time last year and had so much fun, and was also blown away by the level of competition on the jockey boxes. Now this year I have the itch to enter a beer. We shall see which of my upcoming brews will be up for the occasion!

I have been hearing very fun things coming from our groups so far that have brewed at Old World Wisconsin's 18th century brewhouse. We have one more club day planned so far on Friday August 5th. I plan to attend that one. I am thinking we will try and schedule a few more days heading into fall. We can probably get even better attendance with crazy busy hot summer days behind us. Here is more info: <https://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/explore/brewing/>. As always, you may also volunteer at your leisure by yourself, perhaps on a Saturday or Sunday. Reach out to Rob Novak [robert.novak@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:robert.novak@wisconsinhistory.org) to sign up in this case.

Cheers!

Matt



This link will be published monthly in the Baron Mind and also sent by email along with the monthly Baron Mind download link.

**July General Meeting [SignUp Link](#)**

## Vice President's Update

Hi Barons,

This year has been flying by and it's been great hanging out with you all. I'm excited for this month's session beer contest and I look forward to trying all of the beers the contestants are bringing!

For August's meeting we will be having [Radix Fermentation](#) stop by to talk to us about their brews. They describe themselves as "a small brewery seeking simplicity, brewing unique beers, and holding tradition close" and specialize in spontaneously fermented and mixed culture beers. Their beers will be a fun change of pace from the cleaner style brewers we've had in so far this year.

September's meeting will be a clone beer night. The plan is to have a few members clone four commercially available beers and then we will compare their beers with each other and the commercial examples. The beers we will be cloning are Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Bells Two Hearted Ale, Great Lakes Edmond Fitzgerald, and Alaskan Amber. We are looking for two members to clone each beer and the brewers will be given \$20 to offset their costs. If you are interested in brewing please sign up by listing your name under the beer you wish to clone on this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1itE3QU TacDqjvrr2f2YiZ6f2pG9fMGm9oX5gTx-1sO8/edit?usp=sharing>

Cheers!

Kyle

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## TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

### The Great Taste of the Midwest

August 13 · Olin Park, Madison · 1-6 pm

Attention Barons! Don't miss your chance to attend this fantastic tasting festival! The event has sold out but we still have plenty of tickets for you, your family and/or friends.

The cost is \$110 which includes:

- Great Taste ticket
- Bus ride to and from the event
- Box lunch
- Beer on the bus

Tickets are first-come, first-serve and must be purchased to reserve your spot. You can buy

them at the next General Meeting on July 27 or at the Officers Meeting on August 3 at Black Husky Brewing. Our Treasurer, Bob Hansen, will be taking your payment, cash or check.

We're still working on the bus pickup locations and will let you know when they are finalized.

If you can't make the General or Officer's meetings to purchase tickets or have any questions, email [officers@beerbarons.org](mailto:officers@beerbarons.org).

## TROUBLE JOINING GROUPS.IO?



Or you don't want to create an account? Here's an alternative method.

1. Send an email to [BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee+subscribe@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io](mailto:BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee+subscribe@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io)  
(Email Subject/Message can be left blank)
  - a. Look out for a confirmation email, which you can reply to (Email Subject/Message can be left blank once again)
  - b. A few minutes later, you will receive a welcome message to the Main Group.
2. Send an email to [Discussion+subscribe@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io](mailto:Discussion+subscribe@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io)  
(Email Subject/Message can be left blank once again)
  - a. Look out for a confirmation email, which you can reply to (Email Subject/Message can be left blank once again)
  - b. A few minutes later, you will receive a welcome message to the Discussion Group.
3. Now you will see messages other Beer Barons are sending. To send a message to the group, email [Discussion@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io](mailto:Discussion@BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee.groups.io)
4. To browse old topics from our vast club history, visit <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/Discussion/messages> (account required)

**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.

## 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 have a beer.

**NEXT OFFICER'S MEETING:**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:00 pm**

**Black Husky**

909 E. Locust St., Milwaukee

[blackhuskybrewing.com](http://blackhuskybrewing.com)



# Treasurer Report

Hello Barons

I hope you are all well and brewing great beer. Just got back from camping at Bigfoot State Park and found a great little brewery in town called the Topsy Turvy Brewery. Had some good beers and want to go back soon. My Kolsch should be ready this week. I am a little concerned that the yeast might have been a little old. We will see. At this point we have 123 paid members.

Cheers to you all  
Robert Hansen

## BY THE NUMBERS

Paid members: 123	Club deposit: \$1,035	Club account: \$3,107.34
June attendance: 72	PayPal account: \$2,629.24	Scholarship account: \$178.74
New members: 1	WoB account: \$5,590.92	
Keg reimbursement: \$50	Midwinter account: \$7,563.53	<b>Totals as of 7-6-22</b>

## JUNE GENERAL MEETING



Thanks **Tim Eichinger** of Black Husky for sharing you brews and imparting some brewing wisdom with us.





Let's continue to promote the Beer Barons and club members by emailing any Awards, Events or Recognitions to the [Barons Secretary](#)

## · Awards · Events · Recognitions ·

Congratulation Jim Werner for medaling in the **Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition** and in the **National Homebrew Competition**

### **GREAT LAKES INTERNATIONAL CIDER AND PERRY COMPETITION**

#### **TRADITIONAL, NATURAL, OR ROSÉ CIDER**

**Best in Class:** 2nd Place  
Whole Lotta Rosé

**MODERN CIDER – DRY**  
Bronze: Worlds Collide

**HERITAGE CIDER – DRY**  
Bronze: Ark Black Widow

**TRADITIONAL CIDER – SWEET**  
Gold: Cidre Doux

#### **MODERN PERRY**

Bronze: Perry Who?

#### **FRUIT CIDER**

Gold: Cry Me the Blues

#### **ICE CIDER**

Bronze: Word to Your Mother

### **NATIONAL HOMBREWERS COMPETITION**

#### **3RD PLACE**

Category 46: Specialty Cider/Perry

## A Few Friendly Reminders

Hey Barons, during the meeting program, try to keep the noise and conversation to a minimum so everyone can hear and the presenter isn't competing with crowd noise.

Also, let's make sure to cleanup our own tables before heading out. Clifford's and the Board thank you.



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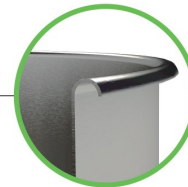
⊕ **Front to back handles:**

Reduces the width for a 3 vessel single tier system by nearly 12". Plus, you can better carry your kettle without worrying about banging your knees on the ports!



⊕ **Straight back etching:**

Gives you a clearer sight line to your volumes.



⊕ **Rolled top lip:**

The rolled design is easier to clean and eliminates the ability to trap bacteria under the lip.



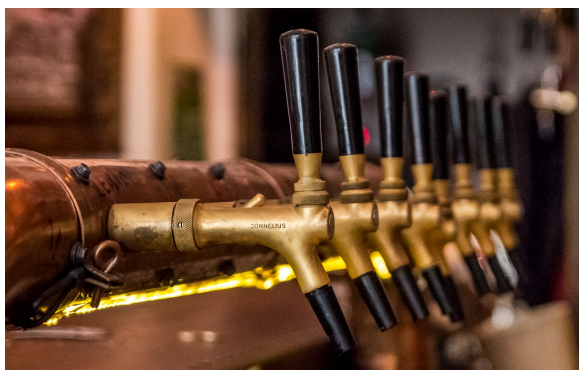
⊕ **The National Sanitation Foundation:**

NSF is known as being the world leader in 3rd party sanitation standards. The NSF logo is your assurance our kettles have been tested to their high standards for product construction, quality and materials.



[SpikeBrewing.com/v4](http://SpikeBrewing.com/v4)





# What's on Tap??

UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS,  
EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, July 27	Monthly General Meeting <b>Session Ale Contest</b>	<b>Clifford's Supper Club</b> 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
<b>12th Annual Milwaukee Brewfest</b>   July 30th   <a href="#">More Information</a>			
Wednesday, August 3	August Officer's Meeting	<a href="#">Black Husky</a> 909 E. Locust St., Milwaukee	7:00 pm
<b>National Mead Day</b>   August 6   <a href="#">More information</a>			
<b>The Great Taste of the Midwest</b>   August 13, 2022   <a href="#">More Information</a>			
<b>6th Annual Wisconsin IPA Fest</b>   August 20   <a href="#">More Information</a>			
Wednesday, August 24	Monthly General Meeting <a href="#">Radix Fermentation</a>	<b>Clifford's Supper Club</b> 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 7	September Officer's Meeting	<b>TBD</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Great Lakes Brew Fest</b>   September 10, 2022   <a href="#">More Information</a>			
Wednesday, September 28	Monthly General Meeting <b>Clone Beer Night</b>	<b>Clifford's Supper Club</b> 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm

**Meeting and event locations, topics and times are subject to change.**  
For Barons event info, check out our Website: [beerbarons.org](http://beerbarons.org)

## CLUB LINKS

Website: [beerbarons.org](http://beerbarons.org)

Twitter: [twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE](https://twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE)

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Brewblog: [beerbarons.org/brewblog/](http://beerbarons.org/brewblog/)

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Member at Large: **Roger Dunbar**

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## 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.

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