



BARON MIND

The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee Cooperative



GENERAL MEETING —
NOVEMBER 2022

It's Belgian Night*, Sante!

**Keep in mind that we'll be serving a lot of big beers. Budget how much you sample and plan for a ride home it needed.*

FEATURED GUESTS

Rob Brennan — *Supermoon Beer Company*

Rick McNabb — *Tailwind Destinations*



President's Letter

Hi Barons!

What fun we had with Billy from Young Blood Brewing. I think everyone enjoyed his engaging personality and humorous anecdotes. Be on the lookout for their tasty beers around town. Also go check out their funky taproom near the Madison Capitol square next time you are over there.

We have some pretty cool twists this year for Belgian Night. We usually have 0 speakers and just a bunch of bottles, but this year we will have 2 speakers! First up we will have [Super Moon Brewing](#) to talk about the Belgian style beers we will be drinking from them. Secondly we will have **Rick McNabb** from [Tailwind Destinations](#) to talk about a tour of breweries in Belgium he is coordinating in August 2023. As always, we will still have a bunch of bottles of Belgian style beers.

Local competitions are back! Let's start brewing and get your entries in for the [Schnapp Hans Competition](#) and let's try and capture the John Harrison memorial cup and the Stein Cup. Early next year we will have [Midwinter](#). If competitions aren't your thing, we are looking for beers to serve at [Fond Du Lac Brewfest](#) on February 4th. We will be serving there once again.

Lastly, please consider running for one of our 3 open positions for 2023: **President, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms**. Please ask me or the current board members if you are interested or have any questions at all. We need your help to keep this great club going! The nominations will begin on Belgian night.

Cheers!

Matt



The Schnapp Hans Cup Competition will be held this year on **December 10**.

Registration is open from now until Nov. 26 at 5 pm. **There's plenty of openings available so get those beers entered!**

If you are interested in judging or stewarding, please register on the [website](#).

Vice President's Update

Hi Everybody,

Billy from Young Blood was a blast last meeting. He did a great job getting everyone engaged and it was awesome that he stuck around and hung out with everyone after he was done presenting. Be sure to look out for their beers on tap around town.

Coming up we have some of the most exciting meetings of the year, Belgian Night and the Christmas Party. For Belgian Night, **Rob Brennan** from [Supermoon](#) is going to be stopping by to talk about his Belgian inspired brews and we will have a bunch of imports as well. Then for the Christmas party we will have the usual selection of a wide variety of commercial brews and some delicious food from Clifford's. Come thirsty and remember to coordinate a safe ride home!

Cheers!

Kyle



SENSORY ANALYSIS & BEER JUDGE TRAINING

Sessions for this popular and informative program will be starting again.

Visit [Beer Barons of Milwaukee Brew U](#) to register and for more information.

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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, December 7, 2023 7:00 pm

Lion's Tail Brewing Co. — Tosa

8520 W North Ave, Wauwatosa

lionstailbrewing.com



Treasurer Report

Hello all

I just brewed a Russian imperial stout. It was the first time I was able to cross that 12% ABV threshold, a long brew day to say the least. Twenty pounds of grain and some Belgian sugar and Imperial Darkness for yeast. I had to clean out the air lock three times but no real problems.

I had a really good time at the last meeting and I am still trying to remember more names which has always been a weakness of mine. We have 130 members at this time. The club's account is at \$3053.26.

Happy brewing and beer loving.

Robert Hansen

BY THE NUMBERS

Paid members: 130

September attendance: 82

Guests: 4

Club Operating Account: \$3,053.26

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to Billy for joining us at our last meeting and hanging around for a “few” beers after.





Let's Get Our Party On

Next month (December) is the **Barons Annual Christmas Party!** Same format as last year. The menu will include chicken, potatoes and rolls provided by the Club. Members can bring dishes to pass this year. Snacks, apps, desserts, etc. However, nothing that needs to be heated please.

Door prizes and the **Pay to Play Give-Away** are happening. In addition to member beer on the jockey box, we'll also be serving commercial beers on tap and in bottles or cans.

Like the November General Meeting, we'll be asking members to sign up early so we have an accurate head count. Look for the **SignUp** link after the November meeting.

DON'T FORGET!

The December General Meetings will be the
3rd Wednesday of December & starts 1/2 hour earlier!

DECEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, December 21, 7 pm

ASK OUR EXPERT

If any Club member is looking for brewing advice or feedback on your brew, look no further than El Presidente, **Matt Kuenzi**. Matt has offered to take your questions, or sample your beer and let you know what he thinks. If he can't answer your question or if you'd like another opinion, Matt will wrangle a few other Barons to join the discussion.

You'll be able to find Matt before the meeting or during social hour.

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.

BLACK FRIDAY

If you don't mind the crowds, here is a decent list of what's being offered for Black Friday beer releases this year.

onmilwaukee.com/articles/black-friday-beer





2023 Midwinter Home Brew Competition

All 2021 BJCP Beer, Mead, & Cider Categories Accepted
 \$10.00 per an entry, Medals & Prizes for Category Winners
 Beer, Mead, and Cider Best of Show Awards
 Entries Accepted: January 6th – January 20th @ This Location
 Until January 20th @ Ship To Location
 Judging: February 3rd & 4th
 All entries judged by at least 2 BJCP Judges
 Registration, Shipping, & Full Information at
<http://www.midwinterhbc.com>





Registration opens
 December 10, 2022

Judges and stewards will be needed at the event. Bottle sorting volunteers will also be needed the week before judging.

Additional information will be relayed at the November and December meetings, via Groups.io and the Baron Mind.

Let's make a strong effort by Club members to participate in this year's competition. It would be fantastic to see a large number of medals land in Barons hands.



Awards • Events • Recognitions

Congratulations **Jason Rohloff**, for winning first and second place in the Motown Mash Homebrew Competition. **1st Place: Ass So Fat You Can See It From The Front** — 33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer. **2nd Place: Vanilla Is Fundamental** — 34A: Commercial Specialty Beer.

Let's help promote the Beer Barons and club members by emailing any Awards, Events or Recognitions to secretary@beerbarons.org. We'll publish them in the Baron Mind and give a shout out at the meetings.



MEET THE

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With Board elections coming up in December, the current Board thought it would be a good idea to start recruiting interested members for the 3 open positions. We are announcing this now with 3 goals in mind:

1. It gives interested members time to ask questions of the current Board members. You'll get a little better feel for the duties and be able attend a few Officers meetings to see if it's something you'd like to take on.

Current Officers leaving after December:

Matt Kuenzi: *President*

Mike Andes: *Secretary*

John Bowen: *Sergeant*

The Vice President, Treasurer and both Members at Large are remaining for their second term.

2. Ensure that only half the board will be up for election each year. Ideally the President and Vice President will be on opposite years. Each term is 2 years so it would be helpful if you can commit to both years.
3. Speed up the election night process so we can all eat sooner:)

If serving on the Board is something you've considered, reach out to the outgoing members. Now is a great time to check it out, *cheers!*

DON'T FORGET!

Due to the Christmas holiday, the December General Meeting will be:
Wednesday, Dec. 21 and the meeting starts at 7 pm

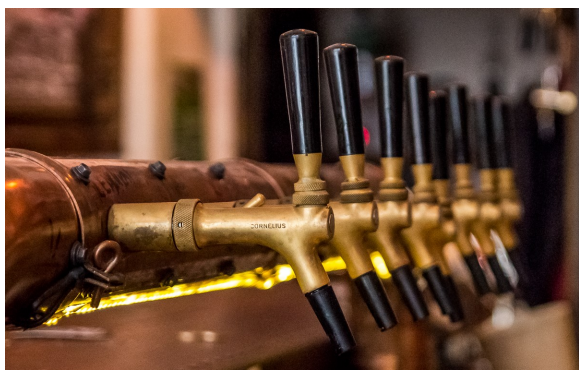
SignUp
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The SignUp link for Belgian night is:

<https://signup.com/go/ToyFmDJ>

Watch your inbox for the December link after the November meeting.

Please sign up if you plan on attending.



What's on Tap??

UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS,
EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Happy Holidays Homebrew Competition December 10 More information Registration begins November 14 and closes December 2			
Wednesday, November 16 Remember this is the 3rd Wednesday	Monthly General Meeting Belgian Night — Featuring Supermoon Brewing Co and Tailwind Destinations	Clifford's Supper Club 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 7	December Officer's Meeting	Lion's Tail Brewing Co. 8520 W North Ave, Wauwatosa	7:00 pm
Schnapp Hans Cup December 10, 2022 More Information Registration is Open!			
Wednesday, December 21 Remember this is the 3rd Wednesday	Monthly General Meeting Christmas Party	Clifford's Supper Club 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 4	January Officer's Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 25	Monthly General Meeting History of Milwaukee's Beer Baron's	Clifford's Supper Club 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:00 pm
Midwinter Homebrew Competition Competition is February 3-4 More information			
Fond du Lac Brewfest February 4 FDL Co. Expo Center More Information			

Meeting and event locations, topics and times are subject to change.

For Barons event info, check out our Website: beerbarons.org

CLUB LINKS

Website: beerbarons.org

Twitter: twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BeerBarons

Brewblog: beerbarons.org/brewblog/

Midwinter Brewfest: twitter.com/MidwinterHBC

World of Beer Fest: twitter.com/WorldOfBeerFest
www.facebook.com/WorldOfBeerFestival

IO Group:

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

2021 BOARD MEMBERS

President: **Matt Kuenzi**

Vice-President: **Kyle Williams**

Treasurer: **Robert Hansen**

Secretary: **Mike Andes**

Sergeant at Arms: **John Bowen**

Member at Large: **Tim Minger**

Member at Large: **Roger Dunbar**

Contact the Board via email at:

officers@beerbarons.org

Or in writing at:

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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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