



BARON MIND

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BEER BARONS ANNUAL

Holiday Party

DECEMBER 21, 2022

7 PM

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Time to Eat, Drink and ... **The Barons Annual Christmas Party is Upon Us!**

This is one of the funnest events of the year (well, they're all pretty fun) and will be a great way to end the year.

As in past years, **Door prizes** will be available for each member. Don't forget to bring some extra \$\$\$ to purchase tickets for the **Pay to Play Raffle**. This year we'll also have some special treats on the jockey boxes to fill your tasting glasses.

As usual the night begins with elections. Club business will follow while dinner is served.

Please SignUp in advance. If you missed the SignUp email, here's the link:

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

Don't forget, the party starts at 7 pm. You don't want to be late and miss anything.



**Put yer
beer down,
it's time
to vote!**

IT'S ELECTION NIGHT!

Time to fill out the open board positions for 2023. Below is a list of positions with the nominees for each. If there's interest from any other member, additional nominees can be taken at the beginning of the meeting.

We currently don't have a nominee for Sergeant at Arms. If you've ever considered volunteering here's your opportunity.

Here's a link to the [Beer Barons Constitution](#) for a description of each position and information about how the Club is run.

The Nominees are:

- President
Joe Wichgers
- Secretary
Debbie Minger
- Sergeant at Arms
No nominations as of yet



President's Letter

Happy Holidays Barons!

Whoop, that was another great Belgian Night. Thanks for being so patient with our 2 speakers. Loved having Super Moon brewing and loved their beer even more. Rick McNabb from Tailwind Destinations presented a very compelling tour of Belgium scheduled for August 2023. To quote Josh Strupp, "This is the only way to do it [a trappist tour]". Not sure if I can do it this year, but the great news is he hopes to do it every year so it is on my bucket list for the next 5 years.

Congrats to all of our Barons that took medals in the Schnapp Hans/Stein Challenge! We took home more than half the medals! I have never seen that kind of dominance from our club. Maybe we will have some of these beers on tap for the Holiday Party? I sure hope so. Midwinter is up next, let's keep up the momentum.

Well, this is my last letter gang. It was a pleasure serving on the board and being your host every month. Thanks so much for your support. I loved when folks would come up to me and simply say "great meeting". That made it all worthwhile for sure. I want to thank the rest of my officers for all of their hard work. Kyle, you are doing a great job, thanks so much for stepping in for Logan and bringing exciting topics in. Mike, your facelift to all of our collateral was dynamite, and your minutes were always spot on. Bob, thanks so much for continuing to manage our finances. John, you are the muscle and the lifeblood of the club my brother. Thanks for being nuts enough to want to keep being Sarge until further notice! Tim and Roger, you guys are always there in a pinch, thank you for that. I am confident that our replacements will be trained and brought up to speed in very short order due to our hard work.

On a personal note, I am set to move out of Wisconsin! This is something I have been planning for at least 5 years, and now I am squeezing the trigger. My home is under contract and I have to vacate by February 10th, so I hope to be around for the January meeting. It will be nice to sit back and watch a meeting after 2 years!

Aside from brewing, my passions are hiking, bicycling and beach bumming. My favorite season is Summer and my least favorite is Winter. For these reasons, I am moving to South Carolina. If you are ever by Hilton Head Island or Savannah, hit me up! I plan to come back home a few times a year, and hopefully even several weeks most Augusts, so I will try and hit up a meeting if I am in town. I look forward to this club being around for a long time.

I will miss you all, happy holidays!

President Matt, signing off for the last time.

Hello Barons,

Nobody likes price increases, but as we all know, they are unavoidable. Luckily we have been able to keep most of our rates the same for the past 13 years! The time has come for an increase.

Pretty much all of our expenses went up significantly this year. From insurance to commercial beer to food at the picnic and our upcoming Christmas party, it has all increased. Next year the board expects that trend to continue. We took in a considerable amount less than our expenses for the year. This is a great club, and it is our responsibility as officers to make tough decisions to ensure we stay around.

We are also implementing better measures to monitor expenses year over year. This will help future officers rapidly detect differences in cash flow and adjust our programming to keep costs down. We would challenge future officers to keep these rates for another 13 years. The new rates, effective February 2023 (the beginning of our club new year) are below:

Raising our prices will ensure that we quickly recover and set our club up to rebuild a reserve for our health. We strongly believe that this is still a great value to enjoy all of the beverages we have to offer, along with our presentation material and a great venue to meet and discuss ideas. If you make it to all our meetings, a gold card gets you in for \$12.50 a meeting, an absolute steal. As before, you essentially get 4 free meetings when you prepay with a Gold Card vs Standard membership.

Let's keep the good times rolling! Cheers
-Your 2022 Beer Barons Officers

Membership Renewal Options and Fees – 2023

Type	Description	Annual Dues	Meeting Fee per Meeting
Single - Regular	Membership for 1 person	\$30	\$15
Single - Gold	Membership and Gold card for one person	\$30 + \$120 Gold card = \$150	\$0
Family - Regular	Membership for 2 people living in the same home	\$45	\$15 per person
Family - 1 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home—1 member with gold card	\$45 + \$120 Gold card = \$165	\$0 for Gold card member \$15 for regular member
Family - 2 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home, both members gold card	\$45 + \$210 2 Gold cards = \$255	\$0
Guest	Non-member meeting fee	N/A	\$20

Vice President's Update

Hi Barons,

Wow, this year has blazed by. I hope you all enjoyed this year's meetings and club events! Coming up this week is the annual Holiday Party. As with past Holiday Parties, there will be no program for the meeting, but we will be voting on new board members and enjoying Clifford's broasted chicken and a lot of commercial beer. It should be a blast, but please remember to enjoy responsibly and coordinate a safe ride home.

We have a couple fun meetings on the docket for the start of the new year. January's meeting will be about the history of brewing in Milwaukee and the original Beer Barons, presented by Dave Campbell. In February, we will have a commercial brewer come in to speak to us. Then in March, fellow Baron and water expert Jason Otto will be giving a presentation on beers largest ingredient, water.

Cheers!

Kyle

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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Clifford's offers the use of their banquet room to the Beer Barons at a reduced rate. Our support will show our appreciation.

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BIG thanks to Andy and Cheryl Hemken for allowing us to store our club trailer on their land at:

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In 1996 Andy started with 2 beehives, he currently admits to 500.

After 30 years of safety and ergonomics consulting, he followed his passion and made beekeeping his full time career.

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, January 4, 2023 7:00 pm**

The Bosch Tavern

5871 S 108th St, Hales Corners

www.theboschtavern.com



Treasurer Report

Hello all

I really had a good time at the November meeting and am looking forward to the Christmas party meeting. The one thing I have noticed being one of the officers has got me brewing more often, and believe me I'm liking it. I hope that every one has a wonderful and happy holiday season. See you at the party.

Cheers to a really great club.

Robert Hansen

BY THE NUMBERS

Paid members: 136

November attendance: 75

Club Operating Account: \$3,757.14

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Thanks to **Rob Brennan** of Supermoon Beer Company and **Rick McNabb** of Tailwind Destinations for taking to time to visit on Belgian Night!





BARONS WIN AT SCHNAPP HANS

With 25 total medals, including the Stein Challenge winner, The Beer Barons of Milwaukee cleaned up at this year's Schnapp Hans Cup Competition.

Along with the Stein Challenge award our members received 10 first place, 6 second place and 8 third place awards. ***Congratulations brewers!***

Thanks to all the competition organizers, judges, stewards and sponsors for their efforts to make this event a success.

PLACE	BREWER(S)	ENTRY	STYLE
STEIN CHALLENGE			
1	Renee Weinberger & J.D. Blythin	Green Eagle	German Pils
PALE MALTY GERMAN LAGER			
1	Clark Gehler	Clark's Helles	Munich Helles
2	Rahshal Kowal	Blame It On The Boogie	Munich Helles
3	Jason Rohloff	I'll Be Maibock	Helles Bock
PALE AMERICAN ALES			
1	Jason Rohloff	A Little Something For Everyone	American Pale Ale
SPECIALTY AND HAZY IPA			
1	Mike Borchert	Mike's Belgian Wheat	Specialty IPA
2	Michael Sande	Space Frogs	Hazy IPA
3	Michael Sande	West Coast Pils	Specialty IPA
ENGLISH AND IRISH ALES			
3	Dan Schlosser	Mild Xvii	Dark Mild
AMERICAN DARK ALES			
3	Renee Weinberger	Prins Willem V Porter	American Porter



PLACE	BREWER(S)	ENTRY	STYLE
STRONG NON-BRITISH ALES			
1	Michael Sande	Strong Ale	American Strong Ale
2	Michael Sande	Bubba's Baltic	Baltic Porter
3	Dan Schlosser	Doppelbock 2020	Doppelbock
PALE-ISH BELGIAN ALES			
1	Clark Gehler	Clark's Garde	Biere de Garde
2	Dan Schlosser	Saison Xiv	Saison
STRONG BRITISH ALE			
1	Dan Schlosser	Trappist Quad	Old Ale
2	Mike Borchert	Mike's English Barleywine	English Barley Wine
PALE BITTER GERMAN LAGER			
1	Renee Weinberger & J.D. Blythin	Green Eagle	German Pils
HISTORICAL SMOKED AND SPECIALTY			
1	Jason Rohloff	Ass So Fat You Can See It From The Front	Commercial Specialty Beer
2	Michael Sande	Olde Mrd Malt Liquor	Historical Beer
3	Renee Weinberger	Piwo Grodziskie	Piwo Grodziskie
GERMAN WHEAT AND ALT			
1	Michael Sande	Rye Altbier	Altbier
3	Clark Gehler	Clark's Dunkel	Dunkels Weissbier
AMERICAN IPAS			
1	Jason Rohloff	West Coast Isn't Dead	Double IPA
3	Clark Gehler	Clark's Aipa 5	American IPA



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>



The Competition Site is Now Up!

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 December meeting, 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.

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Brews Wine and Spirits, 1256 Capitol Drive offers a 5% discount to Members

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MEET THE

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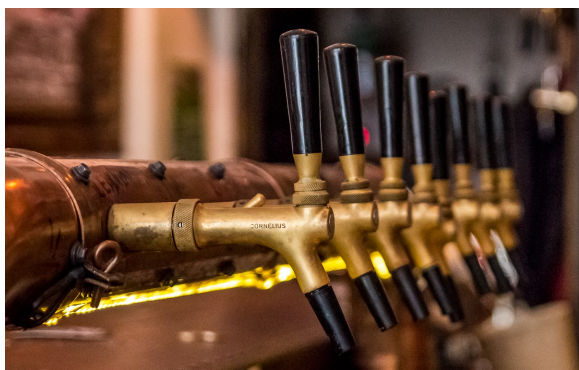
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What's on Tap??

UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS,
EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, December 21	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	The Bosch Tavern 5871 S 108th St, Hales Corners	7:00 pm
Midwinter Homebrew Competition Registration opens January 6 Competition is February 3-4 More information			
Wednesday, January 25	Monthly General Meeting History of Milwaukee's Beer Baron's	Clifford's Supper Club 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 1	February Officer's Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm
Fond du Lac Brewfest February 4 FDL Co. Expo Center More Information			
Wednesday, February 22	Monthly General Meeting TBD	Clifford's Supper Club 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 1	March Officer's Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 22	Monthly General Meeting TBD	Clifford's Supper Club 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

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>

2022 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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