



# BARON MIND



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## January General Meeting – History of Brewing in Milwaukee and Swap Meet



Brewing made Milwaukee famous. During this month's meeting Dave Campbell will be Educating us about the history of brewing in Milwaukee and the real Beer Barons.

Come join us as we learn about Schlitz, Miller and smaller breweries that put our city Of Milwaukee on the map. The meeting kicks off at 7:30 on January 25 at Clifford's Supper Club. As usual, guests are welcome for the low fee of \$15 dollars (cash only) And the cost is \$10 if you are a member.

On this evening, we will also be having a swap meet prior to the meeting. If you are Interested in upgrading your brewhouse or selling some unneeded equipment, this is the Perfect opportunity! If you want to set up shop and sell some things, please come between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Want to do some shopping? Come between 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. We Will try to clean up everything by 7:45 in time for Dave's interesting presentation

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

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I want to give a very special thanks to our outgoing President Matt as well as our previous presidents. Without each one of you, we wouldn't be where we are right now and have had nearly as much fun. Everyone who sacrifices that time and effort for the club deserves a big thank you. Once I find my beer legs as President and settle in, I hope to bring as much as I can to the Barons!

I also wanted to give a giant thanks to everyone who helped organize and make the Christmas party as much fun as it was. Each year this is one of the most memorable meetings we have; who doesn't like to be merry with food and drink? I look forward to what I can help bring to the table this year, not only for December's meeting, but each month.

This January's meeting will focus on the Brewing that made Milwaukee Famous with Dave Campbell telling us about some of the history of Milwaukee's Brewing scene. Thank you, Dave, for putting this together, I know I love learning about the brewing past, especially in Milwaukee! In addition to that, I want to remind anyone who wants to bring any brewing equipment in to trade/sell – come to the meeting early (Starts at 6:45pm) and have fun bargain shopping!

Finally – Midwinter is upon us, I want to wish everyone who entered the best of luck, our club has represented each year very well! Also, a big thank you should go out to everyone who puts in the immense time and effort it takes to run this event. I honestly only got one entry in right at 5pm on Friday at the last second. I hope the Barons take home as many medals as we can and learn from the rest!

Thank you all for your support and well wishes thus far, I hope to do as well as our past presidents and to possibly improve our club as much as I can (I have a few ideas for the board).

Prost!

Joe



## VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hi Barons,

2022 was a great year and I'm looking forward to another fun one to come! A big thanks to the past years officers for helping the club run smoothly and to Joe, Debbie, and John for stepping up to be on the board this year.

This month Dave Campbell will be giving a presentation on the history of beer brewing in Milwaukee and the original Beer Barons. He'll be focusing on the history of Miller, Schlitz, and a few of the smaller breweries that helped put Milwaukee beer on the map. During the meeting we will have a few pre-prohibition style homebrews on tap and some of the leftover beer from the Christmas Party to enjoy. Thanks Dave for volunteering to put on the presentation!

Looking forward, we have a few exciting meetings planned that we are looking for brewers to participate in. For the March meeting, Jason Otto will be giving a presentation on water and we are **looking for a few volunteers** to brew the same beer with differing water profiles. In April, the meeting will be on thiolized yeast, and we are **looking for members** to brew for a yeast parallel. Finally, we will be having a Barrel Night for the October meeting. The club will be purchasing four 15-gallon barrels for the meeting and distributing them to interested brewers via a drawing. If you're interested in brewing for any of these meetings, please reply to the respective posts on groups.io.

Cheers!

Kyle



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## TREASURERS REPORT

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Welcome to 2023 all you Barons. I really hope that this year is good for everyone despite what the talking heads are saying. I'm going to keep brewing and have a good time. It looks like we have a great meeting schedule ahead of us. I hope to see and talk to all of you there. Right now, we have 140 members, but that membership runs out at the end of this month. Our club account is at \$3508.96 and the Pay Pal account is at \$2273.76. It sounds like we have enough, but the club account has a minimum balance of 3000.00

Cheers to you all

Robert Hansen

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**\*\*\* A SIMPLE REMINDER \*\*\***

**HEY BARONS, PLEASE KEEP THE NOISE & CONVERSATION DOWN DURING THE MEETING PROGRAM SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR THE PRESENTATION. ALSO, PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR TABLE BEFORE HEADING OUT. THANK YOU FROM CLIFFORD'S AND THE BARONS BOARD.**

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## FUTURE BEER EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, January 25	Monthly General Meeting <b>History of Milwaukee's Beer Baron's</b>	<b>Clifford's Supper Club</b> 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 1	February Officer's Meeting	<b>TBD</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Fond du Lac Brewfest</b>   February 4   FDL Co. Expo Center <a href="#">More Information</a>			
Wednesday, February 22	Monthly General Meeting <b>TBD</b>	<b>Clifford's Supper Club</b> 10418 W. Forest Home · Hales Corners	7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 1	March Officer's Meeting	<b>TBD</b>	7:00 pm
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### NEW MEMBERSHIP PRICING FOR 2023

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

## **THE NEXT OFFICER'S MEETING**

The next Officer's board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
Cleveland Pub, 11000 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin, WI at 7:00 pm



***It is open to all Members.***

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\*\*\*\*\*Fond du Lac Brewfest: Members wanting to donate kegs for this, bring them to the February Meeting; John Bowen will take it from there. \*\*\*\*\*

## **ARE YOU READY FOR A ROAD TRIP OR 2?**

The Barons are planning a road trip on Saturday, February 11 to

Three Northern Illinois Breweries.

They are Metropolitan Brewing, Old Irving Brewing and  
Revolution Brewing.

Then on August 12 we will be heading out to the famous  
2023 Great Taste of The Midwest.

For more information on both of these trips visit the link on the Baron's website but make it soon as February 11<sup>th</sup> is coming quick.





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IO Group:  
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## 2023 Board Members

President: **Joe Wichgers**  
Vice-President: **Kyle Williams**  
Treasurer: **Robert Hansen**  
Secretary: **Debbie Minger**  
Sergeant at Arms: **John Bowen**  
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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 stay.) 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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