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PRESIDENTS LETTER

I hope we all have been enjoying the nice summer weather. Talking with the board, we have a few exciting things to announce. One of them that I will share with you is that first time guests have their first meeting on us. We are printing business cards that everyone will be able to hand out to interested beer lovers.

We also have many things to look forward to including the MKE Beerfest on July 29th at McKinley Marina where we will be pouring, the summer picnic in September and more. Make sure to stay safe and I'll see you at the next meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hi Everybody,

Learning about Thiolized Yeast from Sam at Omega was awesome last meeting! A big thanks to Sam and all the brewers who participated in the yeast parallel.

This month, Explorium Brewpub's head brewer, Connor Mills, will be stopping by to talk to us. Then next month we are having a homebrew contest where all brewers had to use a few common ingredients, English yeast, centennial hops, and honey malt, in their beers. For September's meeting are still looking for a possible offsite location. I had erroneously reported we would be going to Mobcraft in September in the last newsletter. That is incorrect and sorry for the confusion.

Cheers!

KEEPING YOU ALL IN THE LOOP: The brewer from Explorium will be coming to the meeting this month. The sales person I had talked with at Pilot Project stopped responding to me and Explorium was kind enough to fill in on short notice.

For September:

-Mobcraft only has room for a 20-25 person private event, they have bingo on Wednesdays, and their brewery is shut down on the meeting day for making Advent Calendars. It doesn't sound like a possible option.

- I haven't been able to find a contact for the Miller Tech Center. I had a buddy's wife who works at Molson Coors ask around and she can't find anyone there who has heard of it. If anyone has a contact, please let me know.

-The contact someone at the most recent meeting provided for Eagle Park hasn't responded to my inquiry. I sent a request through their event inquiry page on July 12th and got confirmation it was received. I'll advise when I hear back from them.

-I see Pilot Project has a large event space available. I'm going to reach out through their event inquiry page as well.

Thanks,

Kyle

TREASURERS REPORT

Hello all you Barons:

I was really disappointed that my side by side beer did not work out at the last meeting. I could replace the floating dip tube with the regular steel one and bring that one to the meeting. My kegerator took a puke so had to go freezer shopping. I found a 7 cubic foot one at Lowe's and now will be making a keezer. Hope you are all having a better time with your equipment.

Cheers everyone

Robert Hansen

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

Fellow Barons -

We have long struggled with ambient noise during meetings. What level of table talk is acceptable, and what goes too far? Often hard to judge. From time to time we've had reminders to keep the noise down, and this is good (even if sometimes annoying . . .).

At our last meeting, I had several members approach me with complaints that they couldn't take in the presentation by our guest due to the noise. People actually moved to other tables to overcome this. I'm sure all of us find this unacceptable, as we should. The guest presentations usually cover 45 minutes to an hour and are of great interest to the many dedicated brewers among us. This consideration should be paramount.

And . . . the biggest problem? Me. I've thought that being far from the speaker offered some insulation from the noise, but fellow Board members have set me straight on this. The jockey box area is a big problem, and one I am grateful to know about. Rest assured, this will be greatly improved as we move forward.

We all love our social time but, we also need to be mindful of our collective responsibilities. I promise to lead the way on my end and invite all of you to do likewise at the tables.

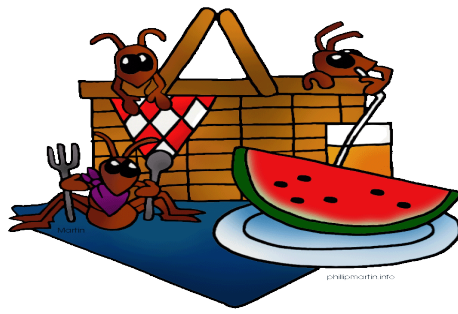
Sergeant John

AUGUST OFFICER'S BOARD MEETING

The August Officer's Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd at the Whitnall Park Beer Garden at 8831 North Root River Parkway in Greendale, just east of 92nd street. It starts at 7:00 pm. It is suggested to bring a chair to sit on because sometimes the place gets pretty crowded. There are 24 craft beers and soft drinks, snacks and sometimes music.



If it happens to rain that day and the beer garden is closed again (like in July), the meeting will be held at Amorphic Beer, 3700 N. Fratney St. in Milwaukee.



2023 BEER BARONS ANNUAL PICNIC

Believe it or not, our picnic is coming up in just over a month, on Saturday, September 9th. It will be held at Greenfield Park, Area #5. **If you plan on making beer for the contest, it is suggested that you start soon**, as the time goes faster than expected.

The cost will be \$10 per individual and \$15 per couple, kids are free. It will start at noon and food will be served at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Keep an eye out for tickets to be purchased online. More information will be available in the August newsletter.

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NATIONAL HOMEBREWERS CONVENTION

This year, the homebrewers convention was once again held in San Diego, CA at the NEW Town & Country San Diego Convention Center. The whole area had been rebuilt since the last time the convention was held there.

The Baron members in attendance were: Patrick McHugh, Joel Taylor, Mike Borchert, Mac McKagan and Tim & Debbie Minger. (Actually Debbie did not attend the convention, she only went to spend time with relatives living in San Diego). Also former Barons ex-vice president Logan Prosser was there.

Patrick, Joel and Mike did judging of many of the entry beers Wednesday, and were pretty well beered out by the end of that day.

Per the members in attendance, the social events that were held at the convention center were over-crowded and underfed. It seemed to be very poorly organized as compared to the last time it was held there. HOWEVER, all the brews at breweries and meads in the area that were visited by our members were very tasty. (No complaints there!) There were too many beers to choose from and not enough time.

Overall, a good time was had by all in attendance and everyone made it back safely.



Left Pic: Tim and Mac at a table at Hodad's in Ocean Beach



Right Pic: Mike, Debbie, Joel, Mac and Tim at the 1st Brewery we visited after leaving the Airport. Patrick McHugh was not in San Diego yet.



Another Home Brewer at the Convention



Mac, Tim and Debbie at a Winery in Escondido



Mac and Tim at a Cidery & Meadery in Escondido



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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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