



# BARON MIND



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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you are all warm, well and have power. First, I'd like to thank the outgoing board members for all they did. It helped us have an amazing year. I'd also like to thank all the new board members for joining us.

I want to remind everyone to renew their membership as it runs through the January meeting. This makes it much easier on our treasurer. It's just a few clicks away.

I'm looking forward to what Dave Campbell has to present this year! Stay warm, and see you at the January meeting,

Joe

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## VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Happy New Year!

I would like to thank everyone for making it out to the Christmas party and a special thanks to everyone who donated equipment, glassware and their effort to make the raffle and door prizes as amazing as it was.

And onto January! This is a continuation of last January's meeting on the history of Milwaukee beer hosted by our very own Dave Campbell. There will also be a special blind vertical of macro lagers. Can you tell a Hamm's from a High Life?

We will also be hosting a gear swap at the side of the hall if you want to sell, trade, exchange or just give away old items you no longer need or want after upgrading from the holidays.

And so you can set your calendars accordingly, here is a tentative schedule of our upcoming meetings.

- Jan > History of Milwaukee Beers with Dave Campbell
- Feb > Revolution Brewing with Head Brewer Jim Cibak
- Mar > Eagle Park Brewing with cofounder and brewer Jackson Borgardt
- Apr > Rob Novack of Old World Wisconsin's brewing program
- May > Mead Night with our own Best in Show winner Jason Rohloff
- Jun > Hop Butcher For The World (*tentative*)
- Jul > 608 Brewing Company with owner and head brewer Phil Humphrey (*tentative*)
- Aug > Fermentorium (*tentative*)
- Sep > Cider Night with Cache Cider owner Ethan Keller (*tentative*)
- Oct > Barrel Night with Central Waters (*tentative*)
- Nov > Belgian Night with TBD
- Dec > Christmas Party! (and elections)

Kyle

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## TREASURERS REPORT

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Deposit to Accounts for December 2023                      \$1483.00

We made \$1000.00 on raffle at the Christmas Party

Spent on Raffle prizes for party                                      \$603.98

Club Account                                      \$6,018.38

Pay Pal    \$6,483.36 (Most of which is for Midwinter)

The club has 122 Members.

**\*\*\*DONT FORGET TO GET THIS YEARS PAYMENT IN FOR YOUR BARONS MEMBERSHIP. WE HAVE SOME EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THEM.\*\*\***

### NEW HOME BREW SUPPLY COMPANY MOVES INTO SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

Since Northern Brewer closed down, Another Home Brew Supply store has opened up in the New Berlin area by the name of Truebrü Homebrew Supplies. They are owned by Ryan Schram and Tyler Wallace, two great guys with the same interest as the rest of us.

The location of the store is 14260 W. National Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151. Their telephone number is 262-788-0944 and email address is [sales@truebru.com](mailto:sales@truebru.com).

**Let's welcome them to the area by giving them some of your business or just stop by and say HI!**

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## SERGEANT AT ARMS

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In last month's newsletter, I made a strong appeal for members to step up and run for office. I'm proud to say that our members did just that -- we filled every board seat, including a new one. Hats off to Rand Lindner (Treasurer), Erik Carlson and Tim Rupnow (Members at Large) and Andrew Grove (Social Media). You guys answered the call and have brought new blood to our board. We are pleased to welcome you! Thanks also to Kyle Manderscheid for accepting the 2 year position as Vice President.

Although the next election is still a year away, let's have our members thinking about running when that time comes. Our club is strong because of its members, and our newest guys are proof.



PLEASE SUPPORT

### **Clifford's Supper Club**

**Friday Fish Fry**

Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners, Baptisms, Birthdays,  
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**\*\*\*\*\*ITS FONDY FEST TIME\*\*\*\*\***

One last reminder that Fond du Lac Brewfest is coming up shortly. As this is a very home-brewing centric event, we encourage everyone to attend and support our Milwaukee Beer Barons team that will be serving some wonderful beers/ciders/meads at this event.

Details are as follows :

**When** : Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fond du Lac Expo Center. VIP opens at 3:00, general admittance at 4:00. Runs until 7:30.

**Theme** : Jimmy Buffet/Margaritaville

**For those donating beer to serve:** If possible, please *bring your kegs to the January meeting*. If this doesn't work out, Roger, Tim or Bob will make arrangements for pick-up. Please label your kegs with your name, beverage style and name of beer (if applicable). Kegs will be returned promptly, at the latest being the February meeting.

**HomeBrew Contest:** For those submitting entries, provide two bottles of your beverage; Make sure it is clearly and securely labeled with your name, the beverage style and name of beverage (if applicable). Winners will be chosen by the judges after sampling the top entries from the popular vote. Winner of the beer contest will have their entry brewed by Sabbatical Brewing in Manitowoc. Rushford Meadery & Winery of Omro will produce the winner of the wine/mead/cider category.

**Hotels** : There are several hotels nearby. The Hotel Retlaw downtown is offering a special, but make sure to mention "Fondy Brewfest" when you book.

**Additional information** : [fondybrewfest.com](http://fondybrewfest.com) and on their FaceBook page (FDLBrewfest)

Beer Barons Contacts/Servers: Tim Rupnow, Roger & Geri Dunbar, Bob Hanson



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments, **Cheers**,

Tim Rupnow, New Member at Large

**ATTENTION! ALL THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A BJCP MEAD JUDGE - - - - -**

The Valkyries Horn Mead Competition is hosting a BJCP Mead Judge Exam. It will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2024 – the day before the judging for the competition in Minneapolis, MN. **The sign-up is open now!** I have 12 seats available as of December 29, 2023. To receive your seat, send a check made out to me to: Al Boyce

25132 Mary Street  
Paynesville, MN 56362  
[alboyce@comcast.net](mailto:alboyce@comcast.net)

The cost is \$25.00 if you are already a BJCP judge, otherwise it is \$40.00. In either case, you must pass the online mead exam and bring a copy of the exam certification with you to the exam. <https://bjcp.coursewebs.com/>

Cheers!  
Al Boyce

**IT'S A MEETING, IT'S A CHRISTMAS PARTY !!!WAIT!!! IT'S BOTH!!**

**On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Barons held a quick monthly meeting to elect new board members and then proceeded to PARTY as we do every year for the Christmas season. There was plenty of great food to be eaten, prizes to be won and a lot of friendly beer drinking and conversation (of course). A big THANK-YOU as well as a GOLD CARD were given to Jared Sutliff for all the work he does for the club, namely planning the Barons Summer Picnic as well as planning the Christmas Party this year. We truly appreciate all his efforts. Two Gold Cards were given to Bruce Buerger also (1 ea. For 2024 & 2025), for all the items he donated to the club for raffles for our party.**

**The following people were elected as new officers for the year 2024:**

Vice President: Kyle Manderscheid  
Treasurer: Rand Lindner  
Sergeant at Arms: John Bowen  
Member at Large: Erik Carlson  
Member at Large: Tim Ruppnow  
Social Media: Andrew Grove

Thank you all for running. Thank you to Kyle Williams, Robert Hansen, Tim Minger and Roger Dunbar for serving on the board for the past 2 years. Also, to Kyle Manderscheid for taking over Kyle Williams position when he had to give up as VP and to John Bowen for running for Sergeant-at-Arms again. Both of you are great at handling these positions.



**HEY MEMBERS!** Anyone interested in swapping out or giving away/purchasing beer equipment? Just come to the January meeting held at Cliffords on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be another SWAP MEET held. Don't forget to bring the equipment you want to exchange/sell.

**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.

### Email from Jeff Plath to the Barons:

Greetings !

36th Blessing Of The Bock, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Falcon Bowl.

Please add the BOTB to your events calendar.

We will be hosting the BOTB Homebrew Competition again, as well.

Cheers ! WhisperingJeff Plath, Sudsville Beer



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<https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/>  
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## 2023 Board Members

President: **Joe Wichgers**  
Vice-President: **Kyle Manderscheid**  
Treasurer: **Robert Hansen**  
Secretary: **Debbie Minger**  
Sergeant at Arms: **John Bowen**  
Member at Large: **Tim Minger**  
Member at Large: **Roger Dunbar**  
Contact the Board via email at:  
[officers@beerbarons.org](mailto:officers@beerbarons.org)  
Or in writing at:  
Beer Barons of Milwaukee Cooperative  
P.O. Box 270012  
Milwaukee, WI 53227

### 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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