



BARON MIND



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PRESIDENTS LETTER

I'll keep this short and sweet this month. I want to first thank Jim Cibak from Revolution Brewing for the amazing night we had and the unbelievable gifts he gave the club. More to come soon on future Revolution "fun".

This month I'll be stepping off a plane (From D. C.) and coming to another great meeting with owner and brewer Jackson Borgardt from Eagle Park! Looking forward to another fun meeting.

Finally, with beer festivals beginning we started the season off with 13 Beers, Meads, and Ciders on tap at Food and Froth! We were busy all night long! Next up is the Blessing of the Bock and the Kenosha Cheese and Beer festivals if anyone has any good beer they can donate to represent our club. Please let us know.

See you all soon!

JOE



VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Sláinte:

I hope everyone had as much fun as me last month. Jim also had a great time, so great of a time that he gave us copies of 5 of his recipes that are scaled down to 5 gallons! So if you want to try your own hand at Anti-Hero, Freedom of Speech, or Deth's Tar, go to the [new Recipe Library in the Beer Barons of Milwaukee](#) website and check them out for yourself.

I also hope we keep the same energy and respect with Jackson of Eagle Park this month.



Happy St. Pat's, and don't let the snakes bite,

Kyle

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

Oct > Barrel Night with Central Waters (tentative)

Nov > Belgian Night with Supermoon

Dec > Christmas Party! (and elections)

TREASURERS REPORT

Currently the club has 87 members, 44 of which are gold members. Let's work towards getting 100 members and more.

At the last meeting we had 7 guests, 3 new members, 39 gold attendees, and 21 regular attendees, for a total of 68 people in attendance.

Finances will be discussed in person at the meeting going forward.

Thanks,

Rand

NEED BREWING SUPPLIES?

YEAST HOPS GRAINS MEAD CIDER BOTTLES

A new Home Brew Supply store has opened up recently in the New Berlin area called **TRUEBRU HOMEBREW SUPPLIES**

They are located at 14260 West National Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151. You can call or text to 262-788-0944 or email sales@trubru.com. Or just stop in, say HI and make your purchase. The owners are Ryan Schram & Tyler Wallace, 2 great guys with the same interest as the rest of us.



PLEASE SUPPORT

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Friday Fish Fry

Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners, Baptisms, Birthdays,
Showers, Anniversaries, Funerals and Family Gatherings

Wed. Karaoke Wally's 65 Cent Wings
Karaoke Every Wed, Fri, & Sat – 9:30 pm

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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APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

The next Officer's Board Meeting will be on Wednesday April 3, 2024 at Supermoon Beer Company, 3145 S. Howell Ave. on Howell Ave. just south of Oklahoma. The meeting begins at 7 pm and usually lasts about an hour. All members are welcome to attend.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Hello Barons! I have been busy the last month updating the website trying to make the information available as accurate as possible. If you see any errors, broken links, outdated information or would like to see additional content, please let me know at the next meeting or send a message on the website **contact us** form. I am in the process of updating the events calendar. If you have an event you would like to see added or incorrect information, let me know. Jim Cibak of Revolution Brewing gave us five of his recipes!!! I have posted them in our new "Recipe Library" page. I have also created a Beer Baron's Favorite Recipes page. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share on our website, see me at the next meeting and I will get it posted. **Our Jockey Boxes are getting pretty full at our meetings! To make sure we do not run out of taps, there is a new MeetingTap Reservation item in the website store where you can also purchase your memberships. It is a free item to add to the cart and you can tell what you will be bringing - in the notes section of the checkout page. Tap priority will be given to those who make a reservation.**

Hopefully you have noticed a few more posts on Facebook! I am creating Facebook events for all of our meetings and events that we are participating in. We have also started advertising our meetings, so If you see the events make sure to Like, Share and respond that you will be attending the events. This will help make our events more visible to your Facebook friends and help us grow the club!

Andrew Grove

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

Hemken Honey Co.

W229 S7120 Guthrie School Rd., Big Bend, WI
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We are a family owned Honey Producer in Big Bend, WI.

We promote the art of beekeeping and benefits of using local honey through education of consumers, new beekeepers, school groups and community programs.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KENOSHA BEER FEST (aka DAIRY STATE CHEESE AND BEER FESTIVAL—KENOSHA)

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Brat Stop

12034 75th St., Kenosha, WI

Time will be 1 pm – 5 pm

The Barons will be pouring at this 16th Annual fun-filled event which features a variety of Wisconsin cheeses, some of the most sought after beers from Wisconsin and beyond and awesome live music!. This is a “don’t miss event” for anybody who likes beer, cheese and music!

All proceeds help support the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha after-school programs for at-risk youth. All VIP Ticket proceeds will go towards expanding attendance at the Youth & Teen Center.

Cost: \$55 in advance \$60 at the door

VIP \$80 in advance \$85 at the door

Designated driver tickets will be \$15 for unlimited soda, water & cheese samples

36th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BOCK

This year the blessing will be on Sunday, April 14th at The Falcon Bowl, 801 E. Clarke in Riverwest and once again the Barons will be serving. The time is from Noon to 4pm so come on down and enjoy.

2024 Cream City Homebrew Competition!

One of our favorite events of the year is BACK! The Cream City Homebrew Competition is a Best In Show-style competition, put on to showcase the talents of the Metro Milwaukee homebrewing community.

Free to enter and free to the public to attend, join us at the Riverwest taproom on Saturday, May 18th. Registration to participate must be done by Friday, May 3rd.

**It's St. Paddy's Day, everyone's Irish tonight.
Why don't you just pull up a stool and have a drink with us?**



These are some emails we received at the Barons site for our members:

BIG BREW DAY WITH BELLE CITY BREWERS

Dear Brewers,

I am emailing to invite you and yours to join us for fun, refreshment, merriment on Big Brew day 2024 which is May the 4th.

I host a gathering each year at my shop where we set up the club bar, enjoy music, and brew and drink beer and any other refreshments anyone cares to bring.

It's not fancy, this shop hosts my contracting business so it's a workshop, noone cares if you spill.

Nice thing is that it has an old beat up trench drain!

Come out if you can join us for some camaraderie. Pass this on to your members,

Best regards,

Scott Goebel

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Call, text or email



LALLEMAND BREWING SWEEPSTAKES

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TAKE YOUR CHANCE!

Dear Homebrew clubs,

We are reaching out to know our homebrew community in the USA better. In order to build an understanding of how we can best support your club members, we've linked a survey.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could please pass this five-minute survey on to your club members.

You can directly forward this email or print this [QR code](#) for people to scan.

As a thank you for participating, each entry will be added to a drawing to win*:

- **As 1st prize:** Two (2) World Brewing Academy Specialized Lectures of your choice to pick from this [list](#)
- **As 2nd prize:** One (1) ticket for HomeBrew Con, Oct. 10-12, in Denver, USA, including access to the tradeshow and conferences
- **As 3rd prize:** One (1) display box of 50 sachets (11gr) of a Lallemand Brewing yeast of the winner's choice from the LalBrew®, WildBrew® or Mascoma® ranges

If you are looking for technical support and brewing yeast education, don't hesitate to reach out by replying directly to this email.

Best regards

Marie Coppet

Homebrew Homewine Support Manager

#webrewwithyou

**Terms and conditions are available [here](#).*

For more information, please visit our website www.lallemandbrewing.com.





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

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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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