



# BARON MIND



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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

I hope everyone is having a great summer! It's a great time to start planning or making beers for the Summer Picnic. Just a reminder, it is September 14th - bring the best Beers, Meads, and Ciders you have to be tasted and judged by all of our members.

Also, remember there is another competition for food with Beer/mead/Cider! Bring the family and enjoy an awesome day with the Barons.

Finally, **for those who are into making mead**, just a reminder to start brewing for that as well because we are also hosting the Mazer Cup here in Milwaukee typically late October/early November. And then Midwinter a few Months after that. Good luck!

JOE

## VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Sad news, not only was the website down but Phil from 608 can't make it to our meeting Wednesday. I am currently working with a local group to see if we can get them in on such short notice, but there will be something happening at the meeting.



**STOP THE PRESS! I have an update:**

Dan from Tabal Chocolate will be coming by for a beer and chocolate pairing while talking a small bit about a different kind of fermentation. Hope to see you there.



Kyle

**We have a total of 112 members with 54 of them being Gold.**

**Attendance at the last meeting was as follows:**

**40 Gold Members**

**24 Regular Members**

**11 Guests**

**For a total of 65 people and 10 guests.**

...THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: WRITE THINGS DOWN... I FORGOTTEN WHY THOUGH...

**RAND**



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## **Clifford's Supper Club**

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# MILWAUKEE BREW FEST

This annual beer festival will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at McKinley Park in Milwaukee. Doors open at 2 pm for VIP and 3 pm for general admission. Chairs or blankets can be brought in but please NO PETS or CHILDREN. Also no one under 21 years of age. Even Designated Drivers must be 21 years or older.

There will be over 100 Brewers to sample from. ALSO: The **Beer Barons** will be represented there with some of their fabulous beers.

For more information go to the [Milwakeebrewfest.com](http://Milwakeebrewfest.com) website.

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

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Cheryl came along for the ride.

### AUGUST EXECUTIV BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> out in the open air at Whitnall Beer Garden, 8831 N. Root River Parkway in Greendale. All members are welcome

Come on down and have a beer with us. Hopefully it will be a nice night. And if you have been there before, be sure to bring your pint glass along.



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WRITE THIS DATE DOWN: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**.

This is the date of the Barons annual picnic. This year it will be at Whitnall Parkway Area #3. So prepare your beer, cider, mead for judging and share with your fellow Barons and any food made with beer as an ingredient. As always, there will be prizes for the winners of both beer and food competitions. We have had some fantastic beers and foods made with beer in the past. More info to come.





**GROWLERFEST IS COMING**

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You may ask, What is it? It is basically a beerfest at a new Bar.

The Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024.

The Place: Growlers East Tosa

Address: 6715 W. North Avenue in Wauwatosa

Start & End Time: 1 pm to 3:30 or 4 pm

The cost to get in is \$20 per person. There will be 24 Breweries who's brews need to be sampled, with music In the background. So mark your calendars for the date.

Hope to See you there.

O Yeah - - - - Don't forget to bring your **Growlers**.

### **GET YOUR BEER BARONS APPAREL**

Andrew has added a link on our website to the apparel store so check it out.

***VISITING OLD BARONS FRIENDS.*** 2 weeks ago Patrick McHugh and several Barons friends drove to North Carolina for 5 days. They drove to Asheville, North Carolina to visit the brewery scene. While out there Matt Kuenzi (sound familiar) joined them for a few days? Some of the breweries they visited were Wicked Weed Brewing, Sierra Nevada, Salt Faced Mule, Burial Beer Co., New Belgium Liquid Center and several others. They did do a little outdoor sightseeing as well. On the way back they visited the Woodford distillery. They had a great time even though they did not escape the heat.

See Pictures below.









## **PRETZEL CITY BREWFEST**

Several months ago the Barons received an email letting us know about a festival being held in Freeport, IL on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For those interested in attending I have copied the information from their website:

### **Description**

Pretzel City Brewfest will take place on Saturday, September 28th in downtown Freeport. This is a 21 and older & rain or shine event. Tickets can be purchased with credit/debit cards online. VIP will open at noon with General Admission opening at 1 pm and will last until 5:00 p.m. Purchase your \$40 general admission ticket online which includes event entry, 20 tasting tickets, and a souvenir glass. There will be a (very) limited number of \$75 VIP passes also available, which include one-hour early entry, 30 tasting tickets, access to special releases, a Brewfest t-shirt, a special VIP souvenir glass, swag bag, VIP lounge, and an option to buy a discounted limited edition Pretzel City Brewfest hoodie (not available to the general public). Tickets will be available at the gate for \$40 for General Admission the day of the event, VIP will not be sold the day of. Designated driver tickets can be purchased on the day of the event for \$10. They plan on having 10-15 home brew clubs involved. Who knows, we may be one of them. For more information, go the [greaterfreeport.com/brewfest](http://greaterfreeport.com/brewfest) website. More information to be posted in future newsletters and the Barons site.





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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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