



BARON MIND



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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Now that it is officially fall, bigger darker beers are starting to come our way including this month's meeting with Central Waters!

Also, it's election time, not only throughout the United States but in our club. The only way we continue to run is with the help of all of the volunteers.

This includes board members who have reached their term limits and need replacing. Remember, you do get a Gold Card for your service if you do become a board member. Please help the club out and run for a position. All positions are always up for election, but the following have reached term limits and need replacement:

*President, Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant at arms.

Thank you and see you next week!

JOE



VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

I first want to apologize to everyone on cider night that we were shoved upstairs. I know it's a tighter room, but we made it work in part to how everyone pulled together on that. It also helped having such an entertaining and informative speaker, Ethan from Cache Cider! And speaking of cider, our second cider buy from Patterson Orchards was a grand total of 60 gallons!

But now we're in the final stretch of the year and we have some great meetings coming up, starting with Anello Mollica, co-owner of Central Waters, hosting our barrel night! Hope to see you all there!

Oct – Barrel Night with Central Waters

Nov-- Belgian Night with Supermoon

Dec – Christmas Party! (and elections)

Don't forget about the elections in December. We need new board members so please volunteer.

Kyle



TREASURERS REPORT

Last meeting Attendance

5 Guests (all first time attendees)

1 new member joined

60 members (41 gold)

Total members 126 – 58 gold members

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

MAYBE WITH IT GETTING COLD AND DARKER EARLIER WE CAN ALL BREW MORE!



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NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Board Meeting will be held at 3rd Space Innovation Brewhouse at the address of N71 W13040 W. Appleton Ave., Suite 100 in Menomonee Falls on Wednesday November 6th beginning at 7:00 pm. If you were at the October board meeting at 3rd Space on St. Paul and found that the board wasn't there, I sincerely apologize. It had to be changed at the *literal* last minute (or hour) due to the Brewers playing in the playoffs that night at Am Fam Field. It ended up being held at Raised Grain in Waukesha because there was no Trivia there that night.



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CIDER SUNDAY AT WEHR NATURE CENTER

October 6th was the 3rd year celebrating Cider Sunday at the Wehr Nature Center and



the club's involvement in this particular event. A big thank you to our continuing Sergeant John for hauling equipment, setup and pouring; our own VP Kyle for helping set up and providing an American Wheat and a Blackberry Cider. Dan for supplying another delicious beer, a Saison; our esteemed and award-winning cider master – Jim, for the semi-sweet French and semi dry English traditional ciders and last but not least, Jared with a hop water, dark IPA, Berliner, blonde for beers and for ciders, an apple pie, rosemary, lavender and cran/rasp. Cider for the event. Once again, the Barons tent was

VERY well attended and we had many return patrons from the previous events we have supported over the years.

For the 3rd year in a row, we were blessed with some INCREDIBLE weather, mid 70's and sunny. It was a very well attended event again with having a jar to raise additional money for the Nature Center, we nearly doubled the Barons fundraising from last year! The bucket at the Barons table raised nearly an additional \$300 for the center!!!

The event had great music, tasty apple treats, a scavenger hunt, apple-themed story stroll, food, raffles and many other wonderful things for the entire family to enjoy on a beautiful Sunday.

Thank you to all involved with this event! This is such a great way to support our communities while sharing our passion with the public.

Jared





THE MICHIGAN MEAD CUP

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The “Michigan Mead Cup” took place Saturday, September 28th, in Brighton MI. Rumor has it that Jason Rohloff took a 1st & 3rd place for several of his meads. Mike Borchert, Patrick McHugh and Julie Lawson as well as Jonathan Greene (not pictured) drove out Friday, judged Saturday and drove home Sunday. There were about 160 meads entered. This was kind of a warm up for Mazer Cup in November. Mike says it was fun, judging was set up well, and fun to meet with old and new friends.

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.

* * * * * **FONDY FEST 2025** * * * * *

It may be a bit early, but February 1, 2025 will be here before you know it. SOOOO The Barons are trying to plan ahead and request that members start thinking about donating a delicious beer, cider or mead (or 2) that we could serve at next year’s Homebrew Alley aka Fondy Brewfest. We will need several to serve (this last year we had 13 different ones.)

Stay tuned for more information to come in upcoming newsletters and/or on our website.

The Christmas Party Committee would like to ask that if you go to a brewery for a cold one, ask if that brewery would like to donate a few of their delicious beers, gift card(s) etc. for door prizes. I would be happy to mention their name in our newsletter as free advertising. Just let me know who the brewery was & what was the donation.

Debbie, Secretary



MAZER CUP COMPETITION

The Mazer Cup Competition will be held on November 8th – 10th, 2024 at Central Standard Distillery. They are looking for volunteers to judge and steward for all 3 days. If you would like to volunteer, please go to **Mazer Cup International Mead Competition** and down to the **Volunteers** and click on the **"SIGN UP HERE"**. Volunteers & judges will be provided breakfast and lunch. Judging will be electronic so please bring a device.

HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN AND BEWARE OF THE SPOOKS!





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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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