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# BARON MIND



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### President's Letter

Greetings. It's April, and I want to start by giving a quick thanks to Bruce Buerger for sharing his expertise on cask ales last month. It was fantastic. I sure learned a lot. We have a great evening planned. We welcome Phil Humphrey from 608 Brewing Company located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Phil brews a great selection of beer, and we'll have the privilege of sampling some. So, bring a friend and a tasting glass and enjoy the evening.

Let's enjoy the evening, but please remember to keep the noise level down while our guest is speaking.

Just a reminder of the events coming up soon. Bockbierfest at Hart Park in Wauwatosa, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Blessing of the Bock, Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Falcon Bowl. Get out and enjoy some great beer. Also, National Homebrew day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

See you at the meeting!



Prost!

Jim



April Meeting Featuring 608 Brewing Company



May Meeting Featuring Explorium Brewpub

### Upcoming Events

- [4/23/2025, 7:30 PM April General Meeting, 608 Brewing at Clifford's Supper Club](#)
- [4/27/2025, 4:00 PM The Blessing of the Bock at Falcon Bowl](#)
- [5/3/2025 National Homebrew Day](#)
- [5/7/2025, 7:00 PM May Board Meeting at Perspective Brewing](#)
- [5/19/2025, Chilton Beer Fest](#)
- [5/28/2025, 7:30 PM May General Meeting, Explorium Brew Pub](#)

"Some people wanted champagne and caviar when they should have had beer and hot dogs."

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

## Vice-President's Update

Hello all!

I heard amazing things about our very own Bruce, who is now doing overtime with meetings, and the cask ales. I hope this next meeting with Phil from 608 out of La Crosse is just as good, and Phil has a sense of humor about him so I know it will be enjoyable.

I have also been talking with Briess and True Bru about a Big Brew Day event on Saturday May 3rd. If you are interested in showing up and being a part of it please let me know via email right away at [kyle.e.manderscheid@gmail.com](mailto:kyle.e.manderscheid@gmail.com) so I can confirm we're taking over a chunk of their parking lot to brew a special beer for the June meeting.

Stay frosty!

### Meeting Lineup

April - 608 Brewing with owner and head brewer Phil Humphry

May - Explorium Brewpub with owners Mike and Joan Doble

June - Briess

July - *Tentative Beer Off Flavors (BJCP Training)*

Aug - *Tentative Lagers and Lagering*

Sep- TBD

Oct - Barrel Night

Nov - Non-Alcoholic Beers with Untitled Art (formerly Belgian Night)

That's a joke, Belgian Night is still happening

Dec - Holiday Party!



March Meeting Featuring Cask Ales

## Treasurer's Report

Here is my article for the newsletter:

March Attendance

Guests: 5

Non-Gold Card Holders: 28

Gold Card Holders: 32

Total Attendance: 65

Members: 100

Gold Card Holders: 49

Thought of the Month: It feels like the summer holidays are around the corner.

Thanks

Rand



Kenosha Beer and Cheese Festival



## Member at Large

### The Blessing of the Bock

- Sunday April 27th at the Falcon Bowl in Riverwest. It runs from noon until 4pm. Again, we are looking for beer for this festival, especially bock beers, but any kind is acceptable. If you are donating beer and would like to attend the festival and help pour as well, that would be great.

Please reach out to Terry McDonald with any questions or responses.

Regards,

Terry McDonald

**Celebrating 37 Years**  
**2025 BLESSING OF THE BOCK**  
Sunday, April 27th • Falcon Bowl

**\$35 All-Day**  
**12PM**  
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- 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.

## Club Links

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