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President's Letter

It's March! We are excited to have one of our long time club members, Jeff Enders, present the history of brewing in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the brewing heritage that developed in Wauwatosa. So, come and listen to the story of our brewing past while enjoying some vintage style beers made by our own Barons.

As a reminder, if you haven't already renewed your membership. You can either pay online on our website, or pay with cash or check when you come to the meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Blessing of the Bock, at the Falcon Bowl, April 12th, 2026 form 12-3 pm.
- 5th Annual H.H. HINDER Head Butt Homebrew Competition, Saturday, April 18th, 2026, Waupaca, WI, *Details*
at: <https://hinderbrewingco.com/hinder-headbutt-competition>

It'll be a great time.



Prost!

Jim

Upcoming Events

- [4/1/2026 7:00 PM March Board Meeting, Ray's Liquor Wauwatosa](#)
- [4/12/2026 Blessing of the Bock at Falcon Bowl](#)
- [4/18/2026 H.H. Hinder Head Butt Homebrew Competition](#)
- [4/22/2026 7:30 PM April General Meeting, Duvel Clones, Clifford's Supper Club](#)



March Meeting Featuring History of Brewing in Wawautosa



April Meeting Featuring Duvel Clones

"In heaven there is no beer. That's why we drink ours here"

-Frank Yankovic

Vice-President's Update

Happy Brewing Barons,

I hope you enjoyed the beers from BrewFinity, that owner, Chad Ostram, shared with us in February, and I hope you found his presentation interesting and entertaining.

Coming up at March Meeting

Our topic is "The History of Brewing in Wauwatosa", presented by our very own, Jeff Enders. Jeff has given this presentation to various other groups around town, and I am looking forward to learning more from Jeff.

Milwaukee Pretzels will be provided, and of course various mustards and cheese sauces to dip your soft pretzels.

If you are interested in brewing for the "Unique Ingredient" night in May, we will be picking your unique ingredient, right before our March meeting. Please show up about 7:15, so we can get this done. I am hoping we have around 5-10 volunteers for this, so please consider it.



April Meeting Preview

Have you ever had the beer 'Duvel'? Duvel is a renowned Belgian Strong Golden Ale, coming in at 8.5% ABV. At our April meeting, we will have around 5-8 different beers that fellow baron members have brewed to be just like Duvel. You will be responsible for tasting all of the entries and voting for which one you believe is the closest to the real Duvel. We will have Duvel bottles on everyone's table to compare to. After the voting is over, the plan is to have the brewers come up and discuss their recipes, and how they formulated them.

Lastly, if you have a topic that you believe would be a good topic for one of our meetings, please come talk to me about it.

Live Life & Enjoy Beer! PK

Treasurer's Report

Hi all,

I am still wrapping my head around this task. So most will be general until next month.

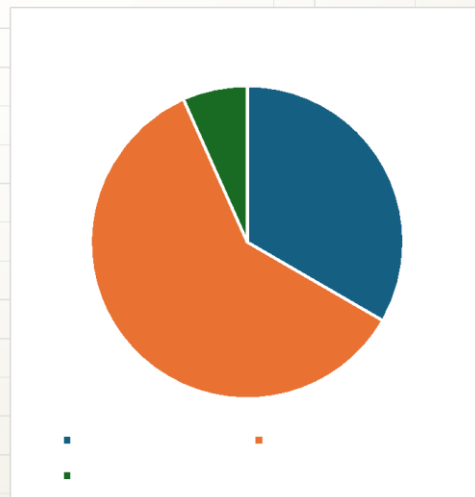
First, thank You to Rand and the board for helping ease back into this. All money we have is in the bank. Last year we had a little over 100 members. So far, we are about 70% of that, but we have been having issues with Paypal. Square on the website does seem to work. We should be able to accept credit at the March meeting also.

We do pay credit fees, so cash is obviously king! But our members' convenience is paramount.

I have always wondered where my BboM fees go to (Dues and meeting fees.) First I was to mention that all board members while receiving a Gold Card for the year, do pay the annual dues.

These charts are based on approximately 100+ members. Meeting attendance runs about 65 on average with fees being between \$10 and \$12 on average per person. I will fine tune these charts as the year progresses and present them later in the year and at fiscal year end (1/27.)

Yearly Dues	
Club Insurance	10
Monthly Board Meeting	18
Fixed Expenses	2
Total	30





Food and Froth 2026



Chad Ostram from Brewfinity



February's Home Brews



Fondy Brew Fest 2026

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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

Website: <http://www.beerbarons.org>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE>

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Brewlog: <http://www.beerbarons.org/brewlog>

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