



# Homebrewers of Peoria

## MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:

**Editors note:** And now to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear worth of minutes I got from last month's meeting!

### WHAT'S OLD ON TAP:

**Treasurer's Report** - We have \$474.61, as of the beginning of this meeting.

**Black & Tan Competition:** Ribbons have delivered to the winners!!! A picture of the ribbons can be found on the HOPs website...congratulations again to our very own...John M and Don S for their wins...

**Beer Banner/Beerfest Display:** I think it has been decided to recreate the banner so it looks like the header at the top of this newsletter??? Melanie will take it on as an action item and submit a price estimate before she commits the group to the \$\$\$\$. Any ideas on the Beerfest display???

**Jockey Box Up Grades** - John M has ordered parts from Somethings Brewing'...

**Beer Hoppers:** We talked about changing this event to the 3rd Wednesday so that way we might be able to see our buddies that can't show up at the Thurs. meeting. That lasted for one time. As it turns out the change made it so that one of our regulars, John M, couldn't show up! After some talking, the **new day will be the 3rd TUES.** That way both Bruce B and John M can both show up...and hopefully more members can come!!!

### WHAT'S NEW ON TAP:

**Newsletter:** In order to help things along abit in getting this info out to you, I have decided to try and get this newsletter out soon after the previous months meeting.

**Winter Bus Trip:** We're going to Chicago!!! Dave S is in charge and I am sure he would accept any help with this project if you have some great suggestions. The date will be the scheduled last Sat. in Jan. Dave S will be reserving the bus in Sept. for this event. Any comments???

## MISCELLANEOUS STUFF:

### Gotta Good beer Making Tip/Discovery?:

Send it to me and I will put it here in the newsletter so we all can learn, since that's what this club is about! **John M's tip this month** would be that after he made his batch of Fat Tire Pale Ale clone, the temperature was too high for fermenting so he chilled the carboy down by 7 or so degrees by wrapping the container with a wet t-shirt and aimed a small fan at it...

**Wanna Strut Your Stuff???** Made any good beer lately??? Bring some to the meeting and strut your stuff all over the bar tables!!! We're always thirsty!

**Had any good beers or been to an interesting pubs, beer functions or liquor stores lately???** Send me your new finds and I'll help pass the word. John M and I went on Steve King's bus trip up to the Great Taste of the

Midwest in Madison in Aug. We ran into Jim & Mary Smith as well as Joel P. and Linda from Champaign. I also ran into Richard Ottman, one of our "HOP exes". He's doing fine...though I forgot where he moved to.

### BEER EDUCATION:

Bob K did high gravity beers...again! They were all so good. Too bad we can't go for round 3! John M will present Berliner Weiss for Sept. education. See Beer Education list for openings!!! It is w-i-d-e open right now.

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**HOPs Club Members Only:** (with a 10% HOPs membership discount!)  
Website: [somethingsbrewn.com](http://somethingsbrewn.com). Call Jim the day before the meeting if you'd like him to bring you anything...hint, he can't always make it to the

# MONTHLY BEER EDUCATION

*(Everyone, who wants to, can participate!!!)*

**THE PRESENTER:** Sign-up for a beer style and a month to present it (*see open months below*). You will be the presenter of that beer by hopefully bringing your home brew of that style plus other store-bought examples. And remember, you have a budget of \$20 on the purchase of similar commercial beers that reflect your beer style that the club will reimburse you for. Give Kodie B. your receipts.

**THE REST OF US:** We have the option to participate by also brewing a batch of the beer style being presented and bring it along for comparison...or sit back and free-load off of other people's efforts!!!



So, get those kettles brewing!!! Here is the brew schedule. Choose a month not already taken, select your beer style...*(oh and be sure to let the editor know so it makes the schedule!)*

## 2006

October ..... (open) ..... ???  
November .. (open) ..... ???  
December ... (open) ..... ???

## 2007

January ..... John M..... Old Ales  
February ..... (open) ..... ???  
March ..... (open) ..... ???  
April ..... (open) ..... ???  
May ..... (open) ..... ???  
June ..... (open) ..... ???  
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July ..... (open) ..... ???  
August ..... (open) ..... ???  
September .. (open) ..... ???

(Don't forget to sign-up for any of the open months with your editor...wanna change? Let her know that too!)

# Potential for Mind Exercise...

## BEER EDUCATION

### 17C. Berliner Weisse

**Aroma:**

Slightly fruity; a sour aspect may be quite noticeable. On occasion a mild Brettanomyces yeast aroma may be present. No hop aroma. No diacetyl.

**Appearance:**

Very pale straw in color. Clarity ranges from fair to cloudy. Despite high carbonation, head retention can vary from moussy to low.

**Flavor:**

Lactic sourness dominates and can be quite strong, but some wheat flavor should be noticeable. Hop bitterness is very low. Mild Brettanomyces yeast character may be detected occasionally. No hop flavor. No diacetyl.

**Mouthfeel:**

Light body. High carbonation.

**Overall Impression:**

A very pale, sour, refreshing, low-alcohol wheat ale.

**History:**

A regional specialty of Berlin; referred to by Napoleon's troops in 1809 as "the Champagne of the North" due to its lively and elegant character.

**Comments:**

Often served with the addition of sugar syrups flavored with raspberry or woodruff to counter the substantial sourness. Has been described by some as the most purely refreshing beer in the world.

**Ingredients:**

Wheat malt content is typically well under 50% of the grist, the remainder being pale barley malt. Lactobacillus delbrueckii culture and fermentation provides the sharp sourness, which may be enhanced by blending of beers of different ages during fermentation and by extended cool aging. Ale yeast ferments to a low alcohol level. Hop bitterness is extremely low. Water may have significant hardness.

**Vital Statistics:**

OG: 1.026-1.036  
IBUs: 3-8 FG: 1.006-1.009  
SRM: 2-4 ABV: 2.8-3.6%

**Commercial Examples:**

Schultheiss Berliner Weisse, Berliner Kindl Weisse.



## Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:  
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### HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

1st Thurs. of each month • 6:30pm  
Plank Road Pub\* • 4714 W. Plank Rd • Bellevue  
<http://hop.bradley.edu/>

(\* Cash only bar, but with food!)

**NEW DAY!!!**

### BEER HOPPERs

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social

3rd Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm

An email will be sent out for this month's location or consult the HOPs email  
Bring your friends/spouses, it's time to socialize!!!

### HOPs Beer Club Annual Picnics

Last Sunday in June and First Sunday in October

### Other local Homebrew Club meetings:

#### ABNORMAL HOME BREWERS

2nd Mon. of each month • 7:30-9:30pm  
Fat Jacks • 511 N. Main • Bloomington  
(309) 829-2805

#### GALESBURG HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION

2nd Sat. of each month • 3:00-5:00pm  
Somthings Brewin' • 401 E. Main St. • Galesburg  
(309) 241-4118

## Join "HOPs" Beer Club

Interested in joining a club of beer-making fools? Find yourself obsessing about beer and don't have anybody to talk to? Want to learn how to make beer in your own but don't know how to start? Or do you just want to get together once a month to drink and talk beer?

### Join HOPs (Homebrewers of Peoria)

Dues are an obsessively cheap \$18 a year...pro-rated when you join up. Dues include this newsletter, a monthly place where you can do one or all of the above mentioned desires PLUS various parties, picnics, socials and a beer tasting field trip thrown in.

Fill-out this form and bring to any of our meetings, every 1st Thursday of the month.  
First timers are welcome to visit and check us out.

Yes! I want to join HOPs!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

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