(You are encouraged to print this newsletter out and bring it to the meeting, no copies at meeting.)

NEXT HOPS MEETING:

Tues. Mar. 11th, 6:30pm, Chef John's, Dunlap (food and beer available...and you can also bring in your own home brewed beer or special commercial beers you'd like to share!)

Beer Education: none tonight.

FEB. MEETING MINUTES:

(I missed the Feb. meeting...and I misplaced the small amount of notes from the meeting from John with the name of the new person...my appologies!) Various topics were discussed and John brought up the issue of getting some by-laws, and will have some mocked up ones to review/discuss for the March meeting.

WHAT'S OLD ON TAP:

Treasurer's Report - The current total for the club is \$???...pretty slim after bus trip.

Dues are due: Now...\$18 each. Guests are welcome

for 1 year....from their first meeting date...then their dues will be prorated to catch up to the normal dues cycle of Feb. Your "guest" date is by your name on the Membership List, attached. If your don't have a date, you joined before our new rule...you're a member. To not discourage previous members who can't come very often...we might discuss a pay as you come fee instead of dues...

JayCees Beerfest: Beerfest will be held April 11th & 12th, at the Expo Gardens. Get your kettles brewing...we donate kegs to this event, as well as have a great time serving up the beers to the public. Starts at 1pm but we get in earlier for set-up...usually around 11am. Someone will need to take the beer dispenser home Sat. night. The Martin's won't be there Sat. to take it.

The **Black & Tan Beer Competition** will also be held on Fri. April 11th, at the Expo Gardens...this is an event that HOPs is in charge of so **Melanie**, John M and Jim S will gladly take any of your participation. Starts at 5:30pm with set-up. and usually goes until around 8:30-9pm Let one of us know if you are interested and we can accommodate you. If you have never been to a beer judging, this is an example of one...though the conditions aren't ideal.

HOPs

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WHAT'S NEW ON TAP:

JayCee Beerfest: IMPORTANT!!! I need the names of the beers that anyone is going to donate to the beerfest on April 12th but this **Thursday, March 13th,** so we make the program!!!!!!!! If you are late, you will have to contact Jennifer at Specialty Import Distributing on your own.

HOPs Elections: To be held tonight...?

HOPs By-Laws: Yeah, John M wants to bring up that subject again...

New BJCP Guideline Changes: See page 2 & 3.

Beer Hoppers Social: This Beer Hoppers social event is decided upon at each meeting. Check our website for the location if you miss the meeting. Guests and significant others are encouraged to come along! The Feb. Beer Hoppers was to be at Khaki Jacks..

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF:

Ask Dr. Langlappe*: (Pass your brewing questions through the HOPs email. Q&As will be reprinted here in the newsletter.)

REMEMBER: Your homebrews are always welcome, as well as anything else you have dicovered...we love samples!!!



401 E. Main St. Galesburg, Il Proprietors: Jim and Mary Smith

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 12-6pm Sat. 10am-5pm Closed Sun. (309) 341-4118

HOPs Club Members Only: (with a 10% HOPs membership discount!) Website: **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

HOPs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings will be held at **Chef John's**.

Beer Hopper locations vary each
month...check out our website for location:

http://hop.bradley.edu/



2008

March
Tues. 25th, 6:30 Beer Hoppers
April Tues. 8th, 6:30
May Tues. 13th, 6:30 HOPs meeting Tues. 27th, 6:30 Beer Hoppers
June
July Tues. 8th, 6:30 HOPs meeting Tues. 22nd, 6:30 Beer Hoppers
August
September Tues. 9th, 6:30
October Sun. 5th, time??? HOPs Picnic Tues. 28th, 6:30 HOPs meeting Tues. 28th, 6:30 Beer Hoppers
November Tues. 11th, 6:30 HOPs meeting Tues. 25th, 6:30 Beer Hoppers
December Tues. 9th, 6:30 HOPs meeting TBD Holiday Party
January Tues. 13th, 6:30 HOPs meeting Tues. 27th, 6:30 Beer Hoppers Sat. 24th, 7:00am Annual Winter Bus Trip
February

A Monthly Mind Exercise...

Summary of 2008 Changes to the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines:

- 1. Added chart explaining how color descriptors were mapped to SRM values.
- 2. Made sure references to other style categories within the guidelines were consistent.
- 3. Updated style parameters (OG, FG, ABV) to be mathematically consistent and to use a more accurate Plato-to-Specific Gravity formula.
- 4. Removed '+' signs and comments from style parameters; comments on style parameters are now in the Comments section. This will better allow the style numbers to be used in databases or calculations.
- 5. Revised commercial examples, removing examples no longer available or no longer good examples of the style, adding new examples, updating the ordering reflecting the best current examples of the style.
- 6. Described some pale lager styles as having a pils malt character.
- 7. Significant rework on many Belgian styles (especially Saison and Bière de Garde), to bring the guidelines into agreement with more modern reference works (especially the three Belgian beer books published by Brewers Publications).
- 8. Revised the ingredients and comments sections of many Belgian styles to reflect more accurate information on recipes and methods.
- 9. Dried out many Belgian styles, especially Saison and Tripel. Adjusted IBUs in Belgian styles as well.
- 10. Dried out Imperial IPA.
- 11. Minor tweaks on some styles to reflect more accurate style profiles (Munich Helles, Dortmunder Export, Bohemian Pilsener, Munich Dunkel, Kölsch, American Wheat/Rye, Düsseldorf Altbier, Southern English Brown Ale, Baltic Porter, Foreign Extra Stout, American IPA, Imperial IPA, Witbier, Berliner Weisse, Flanders Red, Flanders Brown, Rauchbier) these updates were generally from direct brewery visits, discussions with authentic brewmasters, and local research.
- 12. Clarified the differences within the Foreign Extra Stout category (Tropical vs. Export).
- 13. Changed references from candi sugar to caramelized sugar syrup.

cuz we ol' dogs wanna know more!!!

14. Clarified alcohol character in some beers of high alcohol content.	NOTES:
15. Removed American Stock Ale variant from Imperial IPA and moved to Specialty.	
16. Clarified where certain unusual beers should be entered (chile beers, nut beers, wood-aged beers where underlying style is already wood-aged, etc.).	
17. Clarified base style declaration requirements in Specialty Beer category.	
18. Listed minor beer styles that are examples of styles that can be entered in Belgian Specialty Ale and Specialty Beer categories.	
19. Updated definition of sweetness levels for meads.	
20. Clarified that chocolate, coffee and nut-based meads should be entered as metheglins.	
21. Reformatted style chart to be more legible.	
22. Added more historical notes to the Southern English Brown Ale style, based on data from Mann's.	
	(When all else fails, give 'em space for notes!)

CALENDAR OF BEER EVENTS/COMPETITIONS:

In bold are local HOPs events. + = Actual competition name & date. Dates you submit beers are earlier, check internet for more info...

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• HOPs Bus Trip (annual trip, permanent date) Jan. (last Sat.)	• Taste of the Midwest, Madison, WI Aug. (2nd Sat.)	
March Mashness (?)	• Sprecher's Fest, Milwaukee, WILabor Day weekend	
+ Iowa Brewers Union Open, IA March (2nd Sat.)	• Autumn Brew Review, Minneapolis, MN Sept. (1st Sat.))	
+ Drunk Monk Challenge, Aurora, IL March (2nd Sat.)	+ Iowa City Brewfest, IA Sept.	
• Jay-Cees Beerfest Peoria April (2nd Fri. & Sat.)	• Bloomington Brewfest, IL Sept. (last weekend)	
+ Black & Tan Competition, Peoria April (2nd Fri.)	• HOPs Fall PicnicOct.(1st Sun.)	
+ Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews (?)	• Quivey Grove Beer Festival, Madison, WI Oct. (1st Sat.)	
+ Bay Area Mashers World Cup of Beer (?) April	• Great American Beerfest, Denver Colorado Oct. (2nd weekend)	
American Beer month	+ Thirsty Homebrew Classic, Amana, IA Nov. (1st Sat.)	
+ Great Taste of the Midwest, St. Louis May (2nd Sat.)	+ Land of the Muddy Waters, QC, IL Nov. (3rd Sat.)	
+ AHA National Homebrew Competion May (3rd wkend.)	• HOPs Holiday partyDec. (date TBD)	
+ Upper Mississippi Mash Out, Minneapolis, MN May (3rd Sat.)	+ Happy Holiday HomeBrew, St. Louis Dec. (2nd Sat.)	
+ BUZZ, Champaign, ILJune (first Sat.)	+ Foam of the Range (date unknown)	
• HOPs Summer PicnicJune (last Sun.)		

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at: melaniehg@yahoo.com • fax: 309 249-4109 • ph: 309 249-4409

HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!

Chef John's • 1719 W. Woodside Dr. (next to Wheels of Time Museum • 2 mi. N of Rte. 6) • Dunlap Website: http://hop.bradley.edu/

BEER HOPPERs

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social - Bring your family/friends
4th Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm
An email will be sent out for this month's location or consult the HOPs website

HOPs Beer Club Annual Picnics/Parties/etc.

HOPs Annual Picnics - usually the last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October HOPs Holiday Party - December (flexible date) Winter Bus Trip - last Saturday in January...in 2008 we're going to Milwaukee

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

(Homebrewers of Peoria)

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?

Dues are an obsessively cheap \$18 a year...with the first year FREE. 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 bus trip thrown in.

Fill-out this form and bring to any of our meetings, every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Guests are more than welcome to visit and check us out.

☐ Yes! I want to join HOPs!	
Name:	
Street/Apt:	
City/State/Zip:	
Home Phone #:	
Email:	