



“Beer brewed well is bliss. Beer brewed bad is educational.”

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

NEXT HOPS MEETING:

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30pm, Kelleher's downtown Peoria.

(food and beer available...and you can bring in your own home brewed beer or commercial beers you'd like to share!)

Meeting Minutes and Announcements (Oct 8, 2013)

Attendance: 17

Meeting Started at 6:30 PM

Possible Group Grain Buy

Discussion was held on the possibility of a group grain buy. Buying multiple sacks of grain could produce a significant saving for all grain brewers. Discussion was held regarding a trip to Northern Brewer to purchase sacks as well. Research on pricing will be presented at a future meeting. – John to Research and Present

Jockey Box for NHC

In anticipation of providing beer for the 2014 National Homebrew Competition, an idea was floated to build a more robust jokey box with actual tap handles that can pour six different beers. The members in attendance passed a unanimous vote. Start thinking of designs to discuss.

Events:

HOPS

PRESIDENT

Don Summers

VICE PRESIDENT

Jason Hohulin

TREASURER

Jason Hohulin

TRUSTEE

Greg Dare

SECRETARY

Elliot Kammeyer

ANNUAL NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

The competition was held on the 1st Saturday of November at Fox Farms in Morton. Thank you to all who participated, stewards, judges and hosts!

Congratulations to Don (Gus) Howell, he beat out Greg Dare's Stout for another competition win.

Fall Picnic

The fall picnic was an opportune time to help John Brew the club's entry in the Chicago Homebrewtacular entry which utilized peppers from Jason's garden. Look forward to the next meeting when we will be able to taste our entry!

BUS TRIP

January 25th we will head toward St. Louis. Start posting your suggestions for locations on Facebook or Email Greg Dare.

Beer Hoppers:

October 29th: Fox Pub – the date moved in order to accommodate later turn ins for the November Challenge.

Beer Education – Recap

Elliot presented on harvesting yeast from a commercial bottle. The key to success: Sanitation, Sanitation, Sanitation. Additionally, Paul brought beer back from Japan for all to share.

Official Business closed at 7:32 PM.

TWITTER! Follow us on Twitter for updates about meetings and last minute changes @HOP_Peoria

MONTHLY BEER EDUCATION

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

THE PRESENTER: You can sign-up (*see open months below*) for either a **beer style** and present it with commercial versions and one you may have made **or** bring in some **interesting/unique beers** we may not have ever had, or it's been awhile. *The main idea behind this education is to continue learning about beers.* Remember, you have a budget of \$20 on the purchase of commercial beers that the club will reimburse you for.

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...or sit back and free-load off of other people's efforts!!!

November... Tues. 12th

Topic: Oak & Toasting / Aging your own

Speaker: Jason Hohulin

If you are interested in a future topic, please provide ideas at the upcoming meeting.

Fall... the time of year when pale ales and lawnmower beers start to fade into shades of amber, brown and black. I am currently desiring something more roasty, full bodied, and rich. It needs to be an every day drinker though, so I don't think a winter warmer or a barley wine really fits the bill. Something balanced, not necessarily hoppy or malty but it needs to roll around on the tongue with enough bitterness to balance the sweetness of the malt. It needs to be complex enough to hold my attention but easy drinking enough that I want more than one.

In thinking about this, what I really want is a sessionable beer in the style of Baltic Porter. Is this even possible, to achieve those great alcohol notes that help make a Baltic Porter desirable without the potency?

I think I'll experiment and find out, but for now I'll put a challenge out there to all our club's brewers. Develop a recipe that meets my above criteria, something that is sessionable but fits in the winter tradition. Call them browns, stouts, porters, ambers, whatever you want... maybe a Belgian style meets your needs this fall and winter season. Whatever it is make sure you have plenty to share, because friends and neighbors tend to visit more around the holidays.

Whats on draft at your house this season?

Cheers,

Elliot

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:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eaery • 619 SW Water Street., downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000
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.

Annual Beer Bus Trip - Jan., the Sat. before Super Bowl Weekend

HOPs Annual Picnics - usually the last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October

HOPs Annual Group Brew - 1st Sat. in May

HOPs Holiday Party – December

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

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: _____