



“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, Jan. 12th, 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 (from previous meeting December 8, 2015)

NovemBEER wrap-up:

We had 10 entries for the event held at Peoria Brewing Company on Nov. 21st. The team of Bryan Whitehead and Matthew Johnson came out on top with a DunkelWeiss. The beers were named for BIG10 schools to keep the tasting blind. For those who took home some beer, here's the key:

Ohio St.- Don Howell

Michigan - Greg Probst

Indiana - Eric Ross

Northwestern - David Schuffham

Michigan State - Elliot Kammeyer

Iowa - Greg and Laura Berardi

Illinois - Jeff Patrick

Nebraska - Bryant W. and Matt J.

Purdue - Greg Dare

Wisconsin - Tom Kelly

HOPS Officers

PRESIDENT

Elliot Kammeyer

VICE PRESIDENT

Jason Hohulin

TREASURER

Jason Hohulin

TRUSTEE

Greg Dare

SECRETARY

Eric Ross

Annual Bus Trip:

Flier went out shortly after the Dec. meeting. Indianapolis is the destination. At the meeting about 20 seats were accounted for. Please promote it to friends and around town. Bring money to the Jan. meeting, if you haven't already.

Officer nominations:

President – Chris Manders & Greg Dare were nominated but neither were present to defend themselves!

VP / Treasurer – Jason Hohulin

Secretary – Eric Ross

Trustee – Elliot Kammeyer

Hoppers (social dinner):

We took December off for the holidays. January location tbd at the meeting.

Beer Education: Roundtable. Elliot is working out topics for 2016

Beers Tasted: Paul brought an American brown ale and a scotch ale (commercial examples). Greg and Laura brought an Eldorado Pale Ale, Brown Ale and a Stout.

Attendance: 9

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!!!

Scheduled Presenters

Jan.	Eric Ross – Keezers
Feb.	Open
Mar.	Open

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

Past Presenters

Meeting Minutes Cont.:

NovemBEER Challenge - Nov. 21st

Bus Trip - Jan. 30, 2016

Annual Dues: Club will vote in January to raise the annual dues from \$18 to \$20 and discontinue the pro-rated dues for the second year or membership (1st year still free).

New Competition / Event: Todd at PBC wants to participate in a bracket style tasting, but wants to do a style specific competition. Discussion focused in on May/June as a good timeframe for it. A volunteer is needed to organize. Maybe a black and tan type competition with 2 brackets.

November 2016: Maybe change up the rules a little and draw from hat for the grain bill. Elliot to put together some ideas.

Former Members: Former active members of the club that have moved away are welcome to attend meetings when in town. They may be considered Alumni of the club.

Fund Raiser Idea: As a way to raise some money, the tee-shirts may still be available in someone's garage (Greg's??).

Free / For Sale:

Website:

www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
eross79@att.net

HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eatery • 619 SW Water Street, downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000
Website: <http://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org>

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: _____