



"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. 10th, 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 Dec. 13th, 2016)

Bus Trip 2017 CANCELLED! As of this past weekend, only 14 people were committed which is enough to sink our club and that's about it. Maybe something to do with Chicago's crime rate?

Hoppers (social dinner):

December cancelled for Christmas. Ideas for January are the new Sullivan's place in the Heights, Obed and Isaacs and the Pour Brothers.

Contemplated New Meeting Location:

Obed & Isaacs has a small room and would like for us to come there. Paul has done some discussions with the planner there. The group decided it's worth pursuing but we will meet at Kelleher's in January. Questions are whether there's any fees, minimum spend and is outside beer is OK?

HOPS Officers

PRESIDENT
Greg Dare

VICE PRESIDENT
Jason Hohulin

TREASURER
Jason Hohulin

TRUSTEE
Elliot
Kammeyer

SECRETARY
Eric Ross

NovemBEER - DecemBEER: On the 3rd, about 15 folks gathered at PBC and contested the annual bracket challenge. There were 8 beers, with Greg Probst coming out on top once again. Mercifully, Greg Dare didn't finish 2nd this year. The volunteer servers (thanks all!) recommended next year we go back to 12oz. bottles. The growlers were a bit inconsistent and hard to manage. Special award to Greg Dare as his growler did earn "biggest PITA" award coming at a stout 2 foot tall and 50lbs.

Beer Education: none. Looking for volunteers for styles and whatnots.

Officer Nominations:

Eric - President

Will - Trustee

Greg P. - Whatever

Greg & Laura - Secretary(newsletter)

Jason- VP/Treasurer

Note: most of these people weren't there to defend themselves! Looking for more volunteers.

Treasurer;s Report: Account balance is \$656. Dues are coming up in January.

Attendance: 8

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

December Elliot Kammeyer

January Open

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

Past Presenters

August – Greg Dare (BJCP Style update)

September – none

October Greg Dare

November Eric Ross

December -none

Beers Tasted:

They must have been good, because I didn't write them down!

Free / For Sale:

Jason Hohulin has 2 fridges for sale.

2-track malting out of ND has organic home-grown malted barley for sale. 50# bags run around \$0.85/lb. Pilsner, Pale, Dakota, Denhoff available. David Schuffham has details.

David still has DecemBEER marris otter for sale. \$20 gets you 12lbs. Good stuff too!

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: _____