



“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:

Wed. Mar 16th 6:30 p.m. Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery

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

Meeting Minutes (Feb 13, 2019)

Attendance: 13

Hoppers (social dinner):

Wed Feb 27 6:30 p.m. - Fox Pub

Dues: Club membership dues are due. \$20 per year, please pay Priscilla at our next meeting.

Discussion Topics:

The bus trip on Jan 26th was successful, thanks again to everyone who came and especially to those who helped put it together (see Jan newsletter). We raised \$92.50 for the club doing the 50/50 contest. Jeff reported 13 people on the bus trip came to the Lindenhof Jan 27th for Winterfest.

Eric Ross will contact Screen Graphics to see if they still have our logo so we can order new Tshirts/Sweatshirts.

Dues are \$20. Looking into prior newsletters for information on last year's vote to offer a couples membership. Discussion tabled until next month.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

SECRETARY

Noelle
Buonaccorsi

Jane suggested creating a stand with our HOPS logo to place on a table during our meetings as advertisement for the club. Jeff can help with laminating.

Discussed pour events at local breweries. Noelle will contact Abnormal homebrewers to see if they have done this. Discussed possibly creating a trial membership.

Pricilla will be volunteering at Wurstfest on 2/17 at the Lindenhoff from 12-2.

Jeff handed out fliers for the 22nd Annual Capital Brewery Bockfest in Middleton, WI and the Spring Calendar of events at The Lindenhof which includes the Mardi Gras Ball on 3/2, Marchtoberfest on 3/10, Springfest on 3/30 and the Pancake and Sausage breakfast on 4/14.

Upcoming Events Discussed (see Jan newsletter for full list of possible events):

Bearded Owl- March, probably too soon to have a competition/pour, will look into it for next year

Jaycees International Beer Fest - April, Eric and Jenny have contacts at the Jaycees and are looking into HOPS either volunteering or pouring homebrew. Jane and Will have volunteered there before and had a great time.

Big Brew Day - May 4th, Will is looking into doing this at Friar Tuck or Obed & Isaacs. Discussed doing a brewing demonstration and looking into pouring if possible.

Joining the American Homebrewers Association? Use our club's link so HOPS will get reimbursed for the cost of our insurance!
<http://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org/links.php>

Beer Education:

This month's beer education was a great presentation on the State of Homebrewing by Jane Baar. Check out the link below for some fun stats on Homebrewing in America

<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/membership/homebrewing-stats/>

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

March - Jeff Pulfer - Maarsden beers

April - Paul Hughes - Pabst Brewing History

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 **intresting/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!!!

Beers Tasted:

Norwegian Pale Ale x 2 (fermented at different temperatures) - Will Baar

Vanilla Porter - Gary Gilles

Imperial Stout - Joshua Ross

Bud Light Clone - Mike and Noelle Buonaccorsi

Bam Noire Dark Farmhouse Ale - Jeff Pulfer

Terreux Gypsy Tart Brown Ale - Jeff Pulfer

Perennial Ales Meriwether Saison - Jeff Pulfer

Free / For Sale:

Need Hops? Live Wire Hops has 1 LB packages of Cascade and Crystal Hops available. \$10-Cascade, \$15 -Crystal.

Contact Greg Probst

(gkprobst67@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Website:

www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org

or find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/78830423754/>

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
noeydee@gmail.com •

HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Wednesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!

Even Months – W. E. Sullivan’s-Peoria Heights

Odd Months – Obed and Isaac’s - Peoria

Website: <http://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org/>

Beer Hoppers

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social - Bring your family/friends

4th Wednesday of each month • 6:30pm

Consult the HOPs website for schedule

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 • 7:00-9:00pm

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 \$20 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 Wed. 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: _____