



“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. June 12th at W.E. Sullivan's Irish Pub

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

Meeting Minutes (May 8, 2019)

Attendance: 18

Hoppers (social dinner):

Wed May 22nd at 6:00 pm, Jeff Pulfer's house, call Jeff at 309-621-1813 for details. There will be BBQ pork chops and chicken, bring a dish and beer to share

Discussion Topics:

Jaycee's International Brew Fest on April 27th was a success. It was cold and rainy but we served a lot of beer and interacted with the community. We had about 16 club members there and poured 10 different beers. If you volunteered email peoriajaycees@gmail.com if you would like to go to the volunteer party May 17th.

Big Brew Day on May 4th at Obed and Isaacs's Microbrewery and Eatery was also a success. The group of 10 club members took a tour of Obed and Isaac's and demonstrated the brewing process. We had about 8-9 people come by and watch us brew.

Bus Trip for Jan. 2020, possible suggestions included St. Louis, Springfield or Quad Cities (different places than a few years ago)

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Will Baar

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

North Peoria Craft Beerfest – May 11th at Fox Pub

HOPS Bike to Peoria Breweries- Sat June 22nd at 11:00 am. Meet other group members and bike to area breweries. Details to be discussed at next meeting.

BratFest, Hickory Grove Park, August 4th – we can do a brewing demonstration

Irish Fest, August 23-25th – Paul has been in contact with them, we can pour our homebrew

Oktoberfest, September 20th-22nd – we can pour homebrew similar to last year

HOPS Brewing Competition – Oct 5th at Bearded Owl Brewing. BJCP competition. Open to all styles, will have a fresh/wet hop category- you can get from any source you like (Rock Island Trail, Hallowed Hops, Live Wire Hops, other). Tentative cost: \$5 members, \$7non-members. More details to follow. Contact Will Baar for further information.

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>

Already a member? Update your profile to show you are a HOPS member.

Beer Education:

This month's beer education was a presentation on Brewing Microscopy: Yeast counts and viability testing by Noelle Buonaccorsi. Jane Baar brought in her microscope so we could all see what yeast looks like. Contact Noelle if you would like a copy of the presentation.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

June – Dave S., Cask conditioned beers/beer engine

July – Clayton M., Hotside souring

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!!!

Beers Tasted:

Munich Dunkel Ale US05 – Greg and Laura B.

Munich Dunkel Lager S23 – Greg and Laura B.

IPA (weed wadder) – Steve M.

Breakfast stout – Steve M.

Vida es una Playa Cerveza – John W.

Loco Gringo Cerveza with hot peppers - John W.

Maibock – Gary G.

Pragha Czech Pilsner – Jeff Pulfer

Rip van Winkle Alt- Jeff Pulfer

Crooked Citra 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: _____