



“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. Jan 8th at Obed and Isaacs Restaurant and Brewery

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

Meeting Minutes (Dec 11th,2019)

Attendance: 18

Hoppers (social dinner):

**Note date/time changes

No Hoppers in December (see Christmas Potluck Party/Beer/Cookie Swap info under upcoming events)

Wed. Jan 22nd at 6:30 pm – Titan Games. Please bring homebrew to share. You can bring your own food or order from the restaurants around Heritage Square (such as Brienzo's/Slow Hand)

Discussion Topics:

Changes to meeting format are as follows:

1. We will have the business meeting, 15 minute beer education and then beer share
2. Please only bring homebrew to share unless the commercial beer is for use during beer education
3. Please label homebrew with name, beer style and ABV. Indicate if you want formal feedback or have brought the beer just for fun

Dues will be due in February. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

We have proposed several amendments to the bylaws to better clarify the cost of membership and when payment is expected. Please see our website for details and policy documents. We will vote on the amendments in January.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

SECRETARY

Noelle Buonaccorsi

Nominations for next year's officers:

President – Will

Vice President – Taylor

Treasurer – Priscilla

Secretary – Rebecca

Trustee – Clayton

We will vote at the January meeting.

T-shirts are still available, M, L, XL \$12. Contact Will B. if you would like one.

Jeff is working on our logo. He brought in a draft.

Rebecca is collecting frozen spent grain for Sweet Treats Bakery. You can give her your grain through the month of December. They will make dog treats out of it and will indicate the grain is from HOPS. Contact her for more information. She put up info on the FB page.

Jeff discussed he is looking into having a weekend beer school at W.E. Sullivans or Obed and Isaacs. The idea is to bring in experts from breweries and have a discussion about brewing. Offer discount to HOPs members.

Discussed having home brew sessions for new members, possibly at member's homes so people can learn from each other.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Potluck Party/Beer Swap/Cookie Swap – Noelle and Mike's house, 6 pm Dec. 21st (Sat). Please bring a dish and beer to share(homebrew or commercial). If you would like to participate in the beer and/or cookie swap please bring a 6 pack (or more) of homebrew and 2 dozen cookies. Contact Noelle for more information. Email to follow.

Annual bus trip in January 2020 – This year we are going to St. Louis on January 18th. Visiting Urban Chestnut, Schlafly, Side Project, O'Fallon and Trailhead. Tickets are \$35 for early bird(until Jan 1st)/\$40 regular. Contact Gary with questions/to sign up. Gary posted flyer on Facebook. We currently have 18 people signed up. If you know anyone who would like to go please give them a flyer. We discussed possibly stopping at Capitol Brewing in Springfield on the way to pick up brewing supplies (and see Mashly the cat).

May 2020 – Big brew day with AHA

Sept 2020 – Peoria Oktoberfest

Oct 2020 – Annual brewing contest in partnership with Bearded Owl Brewing

Beer Education:

This month's beer education was an excellent presentation on beer judging/BJCP by Taylor. He brought a Vienna Lager to share, it was Sam Adams Boston Lager!

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

Jan. Rebecca – Fermented foods

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!!!

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.

Beers Tasted:

Will – New Zealand Pilsner, 4.6% ABV, used Loral cryo hops

Eric – Belgian Ale, 6.5% ABV, not to style

Noelle – IPA (sorta NEIPA), 6% ABV, used mosaic, citra and eukanot hops

Taylor – Rauchbier, 5.5% ABV, used beechwood smoked malt

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: _____