



“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. Feb. 12th at W.E. Sullivan's

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

Meeting Minutes (Jan 9, 2020)

Attendance: 24

Hoppers (Social Dinner):

Jan 22 @ 6:30 – 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)

Bus Trip 2020:

The annual bus trip will be held on Jan 18, 2020. This year we are going to St. Louis to visit Urban Chestnut, Schlafly, Side Project, O'Fallon, and Trailhead. Tickets are \$40 (regular). Contact Gary with questions to sign up. We currently have approximately 10 spaces left. If you know anyone who would like to go please give them a flyer (available on facebook).

T-Shirts Available - \$12, Sizes M, L, & XL available.

Discussion Topics:

Elections - The Club voted on our officers during the Jan meeting. The new officers are listed in the center of the newsletter

Dues - Vote was approved. Dues will remain \$20/ Individual, \$25/Family (2 people). Due in February.

Dues will be prorated throughout the year. Please see our website for details and policy documents.

Website Hosting - Fees (\$130 annually) for hosting were approved.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

Taylor Pellerin

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Clayton McNeil

SECRETARY

Rebecca Pemberton

Club Overview:

- Club Equipment - Jockey Box
- Pouring Events - Oktoberfest, Jaycees Beerfest
- Brewing Demos - Big Brew Day, Brat Fest
- Socials - Hoppers, Bike Crawl, Cookie Exchange
- Competitions
- Liability Insurance

Upcoming Events:

- Bus Trip to St. Louis, Jan. 18
- Hoppers - Titan Games, Jan. 22
- Taps @ St. Pats - Feb 8
 - \$10 per entry, provide 3 gallons
 - Chance to brew on a pro system
 - <https://stpatsgolfs.ticketleap.com/tapsatstpats/?fbclid=IwAR19yuMS1k72eJHZJbF9rcdr7QdLljf56ETJfN88b3gqOFdpQ8pmhk7Ny5Q>
- Springfest - The Fox, May 30th
 - They are asking for 3-4 home brewers to bring beer (5 gallons)
 - In exchange they will provide fest entry & beer
 - See Clayton McNeil for details
- Homebrew Con - Nashville, TN, June 18-20
 - Great education sessions, tastings, and more
 - Must be an AHA Member to attend
 - Discussed pouring club at Club Night

Sweet Treats Barkery

- Rebecca still collecting frozen spent grain to donate. They will be made into dog treats.

Preliminary Discussion Topics for Feb:

What do you want from the club in 2020?

What festivals and other events do we want to pour as a club at?

Planning a Brew Day?

Feel free to announce it on our facebook page or our meetings to invite other club members. The more we learn from each other the better all of our brews will get!

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 presentation on fermented foods by Rebecca Pemberton. We all made sour kraut to take home.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

February – Clayton McNeil, Yeast Propagation
March – TBD

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:

Gary Giles - Copper Ale, 5.4% ABV

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Joe Werth - Hop Blond, 4.5% ABV

John Waldman - American Lager, 6% ABV

Clayton McNeil - Cookie Stout, 6% ABV

Rebecca Pemberton - Biscoff Brown Ale, 5% ABV

Will Baar - NEIPA, Grapefruit, 5.5% ABV

Jason Clow - Pale Ale, Dry Hop, 3.7% ABV

Taylor Pellerin - Oak-aged Pilsner

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

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: _____