



“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:

Tentatively Wed. April 8th at Sullivans

The meeting may become virtual or be canceled due to Covid 19. Please check the website and facebook for details.

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

Meeting Minutes (March 11, 2020)

Attendance: 15

Hoppers:
CANCELED Due to Covid 19

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

Springfest at Fox Pub:
Thursday, May 30th at the Fox Pub.

The Fox Pub is looking for 3-4 home brewers to pour at their Springfest. Currently Clayton and Taylor have volunteered. If interested contact Clayton McNeil.

Bylaws:
Have been uploaded to the Website & Facebook. Please review.

Active Member Mailing List:
We are currently looking into setting up a email address any member can use to share brew sessions, ask about ingredients, or things they aren't comfortable sharing on Facebook. This could also take the form of Google Groups or an online forum.

Projector:
Discussed getting a projector for Beer Ed presentations at locations without a TV. Jeff Pulfer volunteered to bring his to the next meeting to test.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

Taylor Pellerin

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Clayton McNeil

SECRETARY

Rebecca Pemberton

Club Brew Challenge:

Themes for a club brew challenge will be proposed at the April HOPS Meeting. This challenge can be completed as teams. The themed beers will need to be ready for the June meeting.

New Business:

Dues - Currently \$20 Individual, \$25 Family

Learn Something - May 4th, 6PM @ Peoria Public Library North Branch

The Peoria Public Library would like help with their Learn Something series. This would be presenting about homebrewing. Contact Will Barr if interested.

HOPS Policy Document - Currently in its first draft, this document will cover club policies like appropriate behavior, dues, bringing in commercial beer, and other topics not covered in our Bylaws. The final draft will be presented in the April meeting.

Group Purchases - If you see a deal, have extra, or anything that would be a great group purchase please bring this up in our meetings.

Upcoming Events:

- Big Brew Day - May 2nd, 2020
- Fox-fest - The Fox, May 30th
- Beers & Gears - Industry Brewing, June 6th 12-6 PM
 - Starts at Industry Brewing
 - Includes shuttle back to Industry
- Homebrew Con - Nashville, TN, June 18-20
 - Great education sessions, tastings, and more
 - Must be an AHA Member to attend
- Jaycess Beerfest - June 2020 at Dozer Park
- Irish Fest - August 28-30th
- Oktoberfest - September 18-20th

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 Common Off Flavors by Taylor Pellerin.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

April – Milwaukee Brewing History by Paul Hodge
May - 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:

Paul Hodge - Sweet Tooth Barrel Aged Stout

Erik Dringenberg - American Rye

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Clayton McNeil - Lobster Golden Stout 6.2% ABV

Kyle Foskett - Bee's Knees Honey Beer 8.8%

Jason Clow - Stout 5.4%

Taylor Pellerin - Oatmeal Stout 4.5% ABV

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:
president@homebrewers-of-peoria.org •

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: _____