



Homebrewers of Peoria

You are encouraged to print this newsletter out and bring it to the meeting, no copies at meeting.

NEXT HOPS MEETINGS:

2nd Tues/month: Aug. 14 and Sept. 11 at 6:30pm, Chef John's, Dunlap

(food and beer available for sale...and you can also bring in your own beer!)

August Beer education: Julie and Jessie will present Koelschs in August.

Beer Education Schedule: The list on page 2 is looking pretty bare...anyone?

WHAT'S OLD ON TAP:

Treasurer's Report: As of July, current total for the club is \$461.37.

Minutes: It was discussed and approved that whom ever won the Club Only Competition, that HOPs would pay the entry fee for the winner to enter the next COC, if they so desire. See page 3 for a couple competitions in the near future.

Paul H brought in a pistachio rum cake to share in celebration of his birthday.

Beer Education: John M discussed Old Ales

WHAT'S NEW ON TAP:

Birthday Party: You are invited...fellow member John M has a birthday next week (Aug. 21st) and it's a biggie...60. To celebrate, the Martin's are having a party at their house on **Sun. Aug. 19th...315 E. Santa Fe Rd, Chillicothe...249-4409**...take 40 N past Edelstein, turn right on Santa Fe Rd, go 2,3 miles...house on left. Starting at 2pm...hay ride (so come casual) and appetizers, main meal at 5pm. Drinks and main course provided...donations of homebrews, sides and appetizers most welcome! There will be a large group of friends from California here to help celebrate...3 of which are homebrewers!

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF:

Ask Dr. Langlappe*: (Pass your brewing questions through the HOPs email. Q&As will be reprinted here in the newsletter.) There was a question from Jason which never made it to me to print...help me out. Editor

Brewing Tips: None for this month???

Your beers always welcome: Bring some to the meetings and strut your stuff all over the bar tables, or ask to see if someone can offer tips for improvement. Don't be shy...we're here to help everyone become a better brewers.

Had any good beers or been to an interesting pubs, beer functions or liquor stores lately??? Send me your new finds and I'll help pass the word.

BEER HOPPERS SOCIAL: 4th Tues. of the month at 6:30...location to be decided at each meeting prior...an email reminder will be sent out just prior to the event.

HOPs

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Mon.-Fri. 12-6pm
Sat. 10am-5pm
Closed Sun.
(309) 341 4118

HOPs Club Members Only: (with a 10% HOPs membership discount!)
Website: somethingsbrewn.com. Call Jim the day before the meeting if you'd like him to bring you anything...hint, he can't always make it to the

MONTHLY BEER EDUCATION

(Everyone, who wants to, can participate!!!)

THE PRESENTER: You can sign-up (*see open months below*) for either:

- 1) a **beer style** and present it with commercial versions and one you may have made **or**
- 2) bring in some **intresting/unique beers** we may not have ever had or it's been awhile or
- 3) present an **intresting brewing aspect/equipment** that we all can learn from or
- 4) **introduce us to something you are intresting in** as far as brewing/beers are concerned.



The main idea behind this education is to continue learning about beers. You have a budget of \$20 on the purchase of commercial beers that the club will reimburse you for. Give Kodie B. your receipts.

Here is the education schedule. Choose a month not already taken, select your topic...*(oh and be sure to let the editor know so it makes the schedule!)*

2007

August	Koelsch	Julie & Jessie
September	(open)	???
October	(open)	???
November	(open)	???
December	(open)	???

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January	(open)	???
February	(open)	???
March	(open)	???
April	(open)	???
May	(open)	???
June	(open)	???
July	(open)	???

(Don't forget to sign-up for any of the open months with your editor...wanna change? Let her know that too!)

A Monthly Mind Exercise...

BEER EDUCATION:

6C. Kölsch

Aroma: Very low to no malt aroma. A pleasant, very subtle fruit aroma from fermentation (apple, cherry or pear) is desirable, but not always present. A low noble hop aroma is optional but not out of place (it is present only in a small minority of authentic versions). Some yeasts may give a slight winy or sulfury character (this characteristic is also optional, but not a fault).

Appearance: Very pale gold to light gold. Authentic versions are filtered to a brilliant clarity. Has a delicate white head that may not persist.

Flavor: Soft, rounded palate comprising of a delicate flavor balance between soft yet attenuated malt, an almost imperceptible fruity sweetness from fermentation, and a medium-low to medium bitterness with a delicate dryness and slight pucker in the finish (but no harsh after-taste). One or two examples (Dom being the most prominent) are noticeably malty-sweet up front. Some versions can have a slightly sulfury yeast character that accentuates the dryness and flavor balance. Some versions may have a slight wheat taste, although this is quite rare. Otherwise very clean with no diacetyl or fusels.

Mouthfeel: Smooth and crisp. Light body, although a few versions may be medium-light. Medium carbonation. Highly attenuated.

cuz we ol' dogs wanna know more!!!

Overall Impression: A clean, crisp, delicately balanced beer usually with very subtle fruit flavors and aromas. Subdued maltiness throughout leads to a pleasantly refreshing tang in the finish. To the untrained taster easily mistaken for a light lager, a somewhat subtle pilsner, or perhaps a blonde ale.

History: Kölsch is an appellation protected by the Kölsch Konvention, and is

restricted to the 20 or so breweries in and around Cologne (Köln). The Konvention simply defines the beer as a "light, highly attenuated, hop-accentuated, clear top-fermenting vollbier."



BEER RECIPE:

May 07 Club only Competition
Kapitol Koelsch (31.7 PTS)

Malt

Pale extract 4 p
Wheat Extrach 1 p
Light DME 1p
Munich 1 p steep 15 min

Boil 1 hr

Hops all pellets
Saaz 1oz 60 min
Saaz 0.5 oz 15 min
Tettnager 0.75 oz 15 min
Saaz 0.5 oz 5 min
Tettnager 0.5 oz 5 min

Ferment in glass 62 F with German Ale/Koelsch yeast
fine Whirlflor tablet
OG 10.50

FUTURE CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS:

10/09/2007
AHA Club-Only Competition Bock
Dallas, TX, US
Contact: Larry Kemp
Phone: (817) 595-3511
Email: kempbrewing@aim.com
Web: <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

11/17/2007
Land of the Muddy Waters
Rock Island, IL, US
Contact: Jason Gabriel
Phone: (563) 529-3165
Email: alphaacid99@yahoo.com
Web: <http://www.mugz.org>

Also see next page for another new competition...

CALENDAR OF BEER EVENTS/COMPETITIONS:

In bold are local HOPs events. + = Actual competition name & date. Dates you submit beers are earlier, check internet for more info...

- **HOPs Bus Trip (annual trip, permanent date)Jan. (last Sat.)**
- March Mashness (?) March
- + Iowa Brewers Union Open, IA March (2nd Sat.)
- + Drunk Monk Challenge, Aurora, IL March (2nd Sat.)
- **Jay-Cees Beerfest Peoria April (Fri. & Sat. 3rd**
- + **Black & Tan Competition, Peoria April (3rd Fri.)**
- + Knickerbocker Battle of the Brews (?) April
- + Bay Area Mashers World Cup of Beer (?) April
- + Great Taste of the Mid-West, St. Louis May (2nd Sat.)
- + AHA National Homebrew Competition May (3rd wkend.)
- + Upper Mississippi Mash Out, Minneapolis, MN May (3rd Sat.)
- + BUZZ, Champaign, IL June (first Sat.)
- **HOPs Summer PicnicJune (last Sun.)**
- American Beer month (all month)
- Taste of the Midwest, Madison, WI Aug. (2nd Sat.)
- Sprecher's Fest, Milwaukee, WI Labor Day weekend
- Autumn Brew Review, Minneapolis, MN Sept. (1st Sat.)
- + Brew HA-HA, Davenport, IA Sept. (last wkend)
- + Iowa City Brewfest, IA Sept.
- Bloomington Brewfest, IL Sept.(last wkend)
- **HOPs Fall Picnic Oct.(1st Sun.)**
- Quivey Grove Beer Festival, Madison, WI Oct. (1st Sat.)
- + Thirsty Homebrew Classic, Amana, IA Nov. (1st Sat.)
- + Land of the Muddy Waters, QC, IL Nov. (3rd Sat.)
- **HOPs Holiday party Dec. (date TBD)**
- + Happy Holiday HomeBrew, St. Louis Dec. (2nd Sat.)
- + Foam of the Range (?) (date unknown)

(Beer Recipes - cont. from page 3)

Subject: Dirty Nellie's Homebrew Contest

Gentlemen -

My name is Paul Lange and I am a member of Club Wort, a Palatine based homebrew club. We have our regular monthly meetings at Dirty Nellies in downtown Palatine. We have been approached by Dirty Nellies management and given the task of contacting all the other area Homebrew Clubs to solicited participation in the

1st Annual Dirty Nellie's Homebrew Contest

The idea is to have a mini-beer fest with 5 gallons each of 20 different beers supplied by Home Brewers. In this case, Home Brewers can be a club sponsored brew, or an individual's personal entry. Dirty Nellies was hoping to have this in early October (6th?), but without any feedback from area clubs, we are reluctant to make a commitment.

Dirty Nellies will provide all promotion and signage for the event. They are even considering festival glasses for all attendees. Dirty Nellies would also create ballots for a popular vote from all the attendees. They have offered gift certificates to an on-line homebrew company for the following prize levels: 1st - \$150., 2nd - \$100. & 3rd - \$50. This should help get you started for the 2nd Annual Dirty Nellie's Homebrew Contest.

This event is in its very early growing stages and could use your club's input, feedback, likes, dislikes or even help in making this work. Please discuss this at your

next meeting and let us know what reactions are received. If we do not receive sufficient interest, area micro's may be asked to join, but not participate in the contest.

Let me hear from everyone as soon as possible so we can get this event started.

Regards,
Paul D. Lange
Club Wort Homebrew Contest Committee

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Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
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HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Chef John's • 1719 W. Woodside Dr. (*next to Wheels of Time Museum • 2 mi. N of Rte. 6*) • Dunlap
Website: <http://hop.bradley.edu/>

BEER HOPPERs

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social - Bring your family/friends

4th Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm

An email will be sent out for this month's location or consult the HOPs email

HOPs Beer Club Annual Picnics/Parties/etc.

HOPs Annual Picnics - last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October

HOPs Holiday Party - December (flexible date)

Winter Bus Trip - last Saturday in January

Other local Homebrew Club meetings:

ABNORMAL HOME BREWERS

2nd Mon. of each month • 7:30-9:30pm

Fat Jacks • 511 N. Main • Bloomington

(309) 829-2805

GALESBURG HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION

2nd Sat. of each month • 3:00-5:00pm

Somthings Brewin' • 401 E. Main St. • Galesburg

(309) 241-4118

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 \$18 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 Tuesday 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: _____