



“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:

Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Kelleher’s, downtown Peoria.

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

### Meeting Minutes and Announcements (from previous meeting Jan 10, 2016)

#### Bus Trip 2017 Post-Mortem:

Unfortunately, the participation was too low this year to make a trip. David noted that 105.7 has been advertising regular bus trips to craft breweries through Brewer’s distributing. Maybe some competition?

#### Hoppers (social dinner):

January went to Sullivan’s in Peoria Heights. Food, atmosphere and service were all good. Several “house” beers that were brewed at big name micro’s.

#### New Temporary Meeting Location in March:

Obed & Isaacs will be the location for the March meeting. Same time (6:30 PM, March 14<sup>th</sup>). Come check it out. It’s OK to bring in your own homebrew, just like normal.

## HOPs Officers

**PRESIDENT**  
Eric Ross

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Jason Hohulin

**TREASURER**  
Jason Hohulin

**TRUSTEE**  
OPEN

**SECRETARY**  
Greg Probst

**Beer Education:** none. Looking for volunteers for styles and whatnots.

#### Officer Elections:

Eric Ross - President

OPEN - Trustee

Greg Probst - Secretary

Jason Hohuli - VP / Treasurer

Note: if you are interested in organizing next year’s bus trip, we’re looking for a volunteer.

**Jaycee’s Beerfest (April 22<sup>nd</sup>):** If anyone is interestested in participating in some form, bring ideas to the Feb and March meetings. Serving homebrew is not going to happen this year (legalities and whatnot), but volunteering to pour or setup maybe a possible club event.

**Treasurer;s** If you haven’t already... **PAY YOUR DUES!** \$20 via check to Homebrewer’s of Peoria or in Cash at the meeting

The Website has been renewed for another year. [www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org](http://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org)

**Attendance:** 9

# 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!!!

## Scheduled Presenters

February –Open

If you are interested in a future topic, please provide ideas at the upcoming meeting.

## Past Presenters

November Eric Ross

December –none

January – none

## Beers Tasted:

They must have been good, because I didn't write them down!

## Free / For Sale:

Jason Hohulin has 2 fridges for sale.

2-track malting out of ND has organic home-grown malted barley for sale. 50# bags run around \$0.85/lb. Pilsner, Pale, Dakota, Denhoff available. David Schuffham has details.

David still has DecemBEER marris otter for sale. \$20 gets you 12lbs. Good stuff too!

## Website:

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# Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:  
eross79@att.net

## HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

**2nd Tuesday** of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!  
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eatery • 619 SW Water Street, downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000  
Website: <http://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org>

## 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 website

## 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 • 7:30-9:30pm

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 \$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: \_\_\_\_\_