



“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. May 9th at Obed and Isaac'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 (Apr 11, 2018)

Attendance: 10

Dues: Club membership dues are due. \$20 per year, please pay Will at our next meeting.

Hoppers (social dinner):

April 25th - Tannins and Hops

Discussion Topics:

Matt Rigg's from Riggs Beer Company in Urbana was introduced. He is a former member of HOPS. Matt gave beer education this month. He talked about his time in the club, apprenticing in Germany, going to brewing school in Germany, starting the business, and growing as many ingredients as possible. It was an informative and entertaining talk. He brought six beers to sample.

May - Anthony Welty from Live Wire Hops will be talking to us about his hops business for brewer's education.

Equipment-Jockey-box rebuild April 21, 9 AM at Gary's house

HOPS

PRESIDENT

Eric Ross

VICE PRESIDENT

Gary Gilles

TREASURER

Will Baar

TRUSTEE

Greg Dare

SECRETARY

Greg Probst

Competitions- It was discussed that the German-American Society would be interested in us having our yearly Challenge Competition at the Lindenhof and have all of the beers be German styles. Everyone seemed to like this idea.

Pouring -Talked about pouring events. German American society has asked us to participate in pouring for Oktoberfest. We're asking them for more information. Are we serving beer? brewing beer? educating the guests about brewing beer?

Big Bang Homebrewfest in Streator July 7. Gary volunteered to bring a keg. We are planning to serve there, so Gary is going to contact the Streator club.

Big Brew Day- May 5th 10 am to 2 pm in front of Heart of Illinois Hydro. Styles are Irish Stout and Honey Lager. Mike and Noelle volunteered to bring 9 gallons of reverse osmosis water. Gary is brewing the all grain batch. Eric is brewing the extract batch.

Other notes: Adam at Heart of Illinois Hydro can special order Omega yeast. Let him know if you need a specific yeast.

Membership dues may be changed to a family membership. No decision but everyone like the idea.

Beer Education:

Beer Education Volunteer:

May-Anthony Welty-Live Wire Hops from Amboy, IL

June-Will Baar - Topic 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 **intresting/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:

None Recorded

Calendar:

- April 25th - Hoppers Tannins and Hops
- May 5th - Big brew day- Heart of Illinois Hydro 10AM-2PM
- May 5th - Morel MASHup homebrew tasting and competition???
- May 9th - May meeting Obed and Isaacs
- Mid-May - North Peoria craft beerfest @ Fox Pub & Cafe May 20 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
- May 23rd - Hoppers TBD
- July 7 Streator Home Brew Fest

Free / For Sale:

Nothing? Let me know if there is anything for sale.

Website:

www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
gkprobst67@gmail.com •

HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Wednesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Even Months – 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

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 \$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 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: _____