



“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. Apr 10th 6:30 p.m. W.E. Sullivan's Irish Pub

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

Meeting Minutes (Mar 13, 2019)

Attendance: 13

Hoppers (social dinner):

Wed Mar 27 6:30 p.m. - Bearded Owl Brewery

Discussion Topics:

Dues - The club voted to offer a family membership for \$25. Single membership is \$20. Please pay Priscilla Gilles at the next meeting.

Shirts - Eric Ross contacted Screen Graphics about new shirts. They can offer us a discounted rate if we order 24. These can be any mix of shirts (t-shirts, long sleeve, sweatshirts) but must be in the same color family.

Nominations for colors were voted on by ballot. Kevin Lawson will summarize the ballots and create a survey for club members to determine what colors to order, types of shirts and sizes.

Hoppers - April will tentatively be at Industry Brewing April 24th 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

SECRETARY

Noelle Buonaccorsi

Jockey Box - The club voted to update the jockey box, authorizing \$250 from club funds. Clayton McNeil is heading that subcommittee which includes Dave Scuffham, and Kevin Lawson.

Upcoming Events Discussed (see Jan newsletter for full list of possible events):

Jaycees International Beer Fest - Saturday, April 27th, Dozer Park. HOPS will be pouring!! A sign up sheet was passed around for club members to sign up to bring beer, work pouring shifts and ability to brew (demonstration). If you weren't at the meeting and would like to participate please contact Will Baar prior to April 10th. Those volunteering with the group will get free entry to the event, food and beer tickets.

Big Brew Day - May 4th, Will is looking into doing this at Friar Tuck or Obed & Isaacs. Discussed doing a brewing demonstration and looking into pouring if possible.

North Peoria Craft Brew Fest - May, Clayton McNeil will contact the Fox Pub to determine the date of the North Peoria Brewfest to determine if HOPS can provide beer and volunteers to pour.

May Social - Jeff Pulfer offered to host, further discussion at next meeting.

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>

Already a member? Update your profile to show you are a HOPS member.

Beer Education:

This month's beer education was a great presentation by Jeff Pulfer on Marzen beers (full bodied version of Vienna Lagers) including handouts which detailed the style of beer, writeups from beer magazines and a list of beers in this style to try on your own.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

April - Paul Hughes - Pabst Brewing History and samples

May - Noelle Buonaccorsi - Brewing Microscopy

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:

Sour Braggot x 2 (plain and one with Lavender, Hibiscus and Butterfly pea flower added) - Clayton McNeil
Maple Old Ale (made with Silver Maple Sap and bark) - Clayton McNeil

Panamanian Balboa Lager - Paul Hodge

Keg Grove's Holy Crop corn stout - Kevin Lawson

Hibiscus Ginger Ale and a Pale Ale - Will Baar

Samuel Adam's Octoberfest - Jeff Pulfer

Hofbrau Oktoberfestbier - Jeff Pulfer

Blueberry Wheat - Gary Gilles

Alaskan Amber clone - Gary Gilles

Red Ale - Gary Gilles

Whispering IPA (Two Hearted Ale clone extract recipe) - John Waldman

Lakefront Brewery Barrel Aged Doppelbock - John Waldman

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/78830423754/>

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: _____