



“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 14th 6:30 p.m. Obed and Issac's Restaurant and Brewery

(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 10, 2019)

Attendance: 21

Hoppers (social dinner):

Wed Apr 24th 6:30 p.m. - Industry Brewing

Discussion Topics:

Dues- Please pay Priscilla G \$20 for single membership, \$25 for family membership, dues are waived if it's your first year in the club

Today's meeting was the last day to order shirts. Will B will place the order with Screen Graphics and hopes to have shirts available by the next Hoppers at Industry Brewing or at the Jaycee's International Beer Fest. He will order a couple of extra for anyone who didn't sign up.

Clayton M finished the Jockey Box upgrade. It looks amazing! Mike B tested it and it works great.

Noelle B updated the group regarding her conversation with Abnormal Brewers in Bloomington. They do not pour beer for the public at Breweries, just festivals like HOPs does.

Eric D got his Basil IPA and American Pale Ale through a couple rounds of the AHA Homebrew contest and will advance, congratulations!

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Will Baar

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Priscilla Gilles

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Gary Gilles

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Noelle Buonaccorsi

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 and work setup/pouring/teardown shifts. We will not be doing a brewing demonstration. Our setup will be at 1st base and we enter at the suite entrance on Oak St. We are allowed to pour 3, 2oz samples for each guest. Guests will have 4oz sample glasses, so pour half way and mark their wristband after each pour. Those volunteering with the group will get free entry to the event, food and beer tickets and will also be invited to the beerworkers party that takes place ~ 2 weeks later. Email Will B with any questions.

Big Brew Day - May 4th, Will spoke with Obed and Issac's and we will be able to do a brewing demonstration outside on their patio. Please email Will B if you are able to attend/brew beer.

North Peoria Craft Brew Fest - May 11th, Clayton M contacted them and they were open to pouring/demonstration, however given the proximity to our other events we will hold off for this year, will discuss for next year

Beers & Gears Pub Crawl - June 1st, discussed getting a group together to go. Free entry with bike donation. Benefits Bike Peoria's community outreach programs.

Also discussed pouring/brewing demonstrations at Irishfest in August and Octoberfest in September. Will discuss more 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 Paul Hughes on Pabst Brewing Company. He worked at the Peoria, IL plant and brought a portion of his collection of memorabilia including an unopened bottle of PBR from 1983 he shared with us. There was a handout on the brewing process at Pabst and everyone got a pint of PBR to enjoy during the talk!

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

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:

Greg and Laura B - Hefeweizen, Pilsner with US05 yeast, Pilsner with WD34/70 yeast, Stout Dry with 2112 yeast, Stout Dry with US04 yeast

Gary G - Bock

Clayton M - Mixed culture farmhouse/hefeweizen

Noelle B - Resilience IPA clone

Mike B - Hefeweizen

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: _____