



“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. Aug 14th at W.E. Sullivan's Irish Fare & 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 (July 10, 2019)

Attendance: 17

Hoppers (social dinner):

Wed. July 24th at 6:30 pm - River Beach Pub and Eatery

Wed. Aug 28th at 6:30 pm - Khaki Jacks

Wed. Sept 25th at 6:30 pm - Will and Jane B.'s house (in conjunction with weird ingredient beer pour/beekeeping discussion)

Discussion Topics:

Annual bus trip in January - based on club vote we will be going to St. Louis. Tickets will be approximately \$35. More information later in the year. Contact Gary and Priscilla G. with any questions.

Facebook - Some local businesses have been posting advertisements on the Facebook page. Group discussed possibly limiting posts/requiring prior approval of posts if needed in future as we want to make sure member content stays the focus of the page.

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Will Baar

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

BratFest, German American Society event at Hickory Grove Park, August 4th – Eric R. and Gary G. will be doing a brewing demonstration, need approximately 5-10 volunteers and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the day

Irish Fest, August 23-25th – Not pouring or brewing this year, may explore next year

Oktoberfest, September 20th-22nd – we will be set up out front, pouring homebrew and demonstrating the brewing process

HOPS Brewing Competition – Oct 5th at Bearded Owl Brewing. BJCP competition. Open to all styles, will have a fresh/wet hop category- you can get from any source you like (Rock Island Trail, Hallowed Hops, Live Wire Hops, other). Tentative cost: \$5 members, \$7non-members. More details to follow. Contact Will B. for further information.

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 an excellent presentation on Hot Side Souring/Sour Ales by Clayton M.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

Aug - Cody F., Brewing in Alaska

Sept - Will B., Beekeeping and Mead

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:

Clayton M. - Lemongrass cucumber sour, Watermelon Sour

Taylor P. - Cream Ale

Eric R. - Blonde Ale (infected)

Kevin L. - Cider

John W. - Rye IPA

Gary G. - Lemon Shandy, Big Brew Day original recipe, Big Brew Day dumped batch

Jeff P. - Brewdog Pina Playa IPA, Due East IPA

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: _____