



# Homebrewers of Peoria

*(You are encouraged to print this newsletter out and bring it to the meeting, no copies at meeting.)*

## NEXT HOPS MEETING:

**Tues. Mar. 11th, 6:30pm, Chef John's, Dunlap**  
(food and beer available...and you can also bring in your own home brewed beer or special commercial beers you'd like to share!)

**Beer Education:** none tonight.

## FEB. MEETING MINUTES:

*(I missed the Feb. meeting...and I misplaced the small amount of notes from the meeting from John with the name of the new person...my apologies!)* Various topics were discussed and John brought up the issue of getting some by-laws, and will have some mocked up ones to review/discuss for the March meeting.

## WHAT'S OLD ON TAP:

**Treasurer's Report** - The current total for the club is \$???...pretty slim after bus trip.

**Dues are due:** Now...\$18 each. Guests are welcome for 1 year...from their first meeting date...then their dues will be prorated to catch up to the normal dues cycle of Feb. Your "guest" date is by your name on the Membership List, attached. If your don't have a date, you joined before our new rule...you're a member. To not discourage previous members who can't come very often...we might discuss a pay as you come fee instead of dues...

**JayCees Beerfest:** Beerfest will be held April 11th & 12th, at the Expo Gardens. Get your kettles brewing...we donate kegs to this event, as well as have a great time serving up the beers to the public. Starts at 1pm but we get in earlier for set-up...usually around 11am. Someone will need to take the beer dispenser home Sat. night. The Martin's won't be there Sat. to take it.

The **Black & Tan Beer Competition** will also be held on Fri. April 11th, at the Expo Gardens...this is an event that HOPs is in charge of so **Melanie**, John M and Jim S will gladly take any of your participation. Starts at 5:30pm with set-up. and usually goes until around 8:30-9pm Let one of us know if you are interested and we can accommodate you. If you have never been to a beer judging, this is an example of one...though the conditions aren't ideal.

## HOPS

**PRESIDENT**  
John Martin

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Kevin Stearns

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MAILER**  
Kodie Brush

**TRUSTEES**  
Don Summers  
Kodie Brush

**SECRETARY/  
EDITOR**  
Melanie Martin

## WHAT'S NEW ON TAP:

**JayCee Beerfest: IMPORTANT!!!** I need the names of the beers that anyone is going to donate to the beerfest on April 12th but this **Thursday, March 13th**, so we make the program!!!!!!! If you are late, you will have to contact Jennifer at Specialty Import Distributing on your own.

**HOPs Elections:** To be held tonight...?

**HOPs By-Laws:** Yeah, John M wants to bring up that subject again...

**New BJCP Guideline Changes:** See page 2 & 3.

**Beer Hoppers Social:** This Beer Hoppers social event is decided upon at each meeting. Check our website for the location if you miss the meeting. Guests and significant others are encouraged to come along! The Feb. Beer Hoppers was to be at Khaki Jacks..

## MISCELLANEOUS STUFF:

**Ask Dr. Langlapp\*:** *(Pass your brewing questions through the HOPs email. Q&As will be reprinted here in the newsletter.)*

**REMEMBER:** Your homebrews are always welcome, as well as anything else you have dicovered...we love samples!!!

Some things  
Brewn'

401 E. Main St.  
Galesburg, IL  
61401

**Proprietors:**  
Jim and Mary  
Smith

**Hours:**  
Mon.-Fri. 12-6pm  
Sat. 10am-5pm  
Closed Sun.  
(309) 341-4118

**HOPs Club Members Only:** *(with a 10% HOPs membership discount!)*  
Website: [somethingsbrewn.com](http://somethingsbrewn.com). Call Jim the day before the meeting if you'd like him to bring you anything...hint, he can't always make it to the

# HOPs

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings will be held at **Chef John's**.  
Beer Hopper locations vary each  
month...check out our website for location:  
<http://hop.bradley.edu/>



## 2008

March .....	Tues. 11th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Topic: Beer & Cheese Paring: ? Tues. 25th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
April .....	Tues. 8th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Fri. 11th (time?) ... Black & Tan Competition Fri & Sat. (11th & 12th).... JayCees Beerfest Tues. 22nd, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
May .....	Tues. 13th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 27th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
June .....	Tues. 10th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 24th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
	Sun. 29th, time???	HOPs Picnic	
July .....	Tues. 8th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 22nd, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
August .....	Tues. 12th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 26th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
September .....	Tues. 9th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 23rd, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
October .....	Sun. 5th, time???	HOPs Picnic Tues. 28th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting
	Tues. 28th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers	
November .....	Tues. 11th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 25th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
December .....	Tues. 9th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting TBD .....	Holiday Party
January .....	Tues. 13th, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. 27th, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers
	Sat. 24th, 7:00am ...	Annual Winter Bus Trip	
February .....	Tues. ?, 6:30 .....	HOPs meeting Tues. ?, 6:30 .....	Beer Hoppers

# A Monthly Mind Exercise...

## Summary of 2008 Changes to the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines:

1. Added chart explaining how color descriptors were mapped to SRM values.
2. Made sure references to other style categories within the guidelines were consistent.
3. Updated style parameters (OG, FG, ABV) to be mathematically consistent and to use a more accurate Plato-to-Specific Gravity formula.
4. Removed '+' signs and comments from style parameters; comments on style parameters are now in the Comments section. This will better allow the style numbers to be used in databases or calculations.
5. Revised commercial examples, removing examples no longer available or no longer good examples of the style, adding new examples, updating the ordering reflecting the best current examples of the style.
6. Described some pale lager styles as having a pils malt character.
7. Significant rework on many Belgian styles (especially Saison and Bière de Garde), to bring the guidelines into agreement with more modern reference works (especially the three Belgian beer books published by Brewers Publications).
8. Revised the ingredients and comments sections of many Belgian styles to reflect more accurate information on recipes and methods.
9. Dried out many Belgian styles, especially Saison and Tripel. Adjusted IBUs in Belgian styles as well.
10. Dried out Imperial IPA.
11. Minor tweaks on some styles to reflect more accurate style profiles (Munich Helles, Dortmund Export, Bohemian Pilsener, Munich Dunkel, Kölsch, American Wheat/Rye, Düsseldorf Altbier, Southern English Brown Ale, Baltic Porter, Foreign Extra Stout, American IPA, Imperial IPA, Witbier, Berliner Weisse, Flanders Red, Flanders Brown, Rauchbier) – these updates were generally from direct brewery visits, discussions with authentic brewmasters, and local research.
12. Clarified the differences within the Foreign Extra Stout category (Tropical vs. Export).
13. Changed references from candi sugar to caramelized sugar syrup.





## Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:  
melaniehg@yahoo.com • fax: 309 249-4109 • ph: 309 249-4409

### HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

**2nd Tuesday** of each month • 6:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!  
Chef John's • 1719 W. Woodside Dr. (*next to Wheels of Time Museum • 2 mi. N of Rte. 6*) • Dunlap  
Website: <http://hop.bradley.edu/>

### 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.

**HOPs Annual Picnics** - usually the last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October

**HOPs Holiday Party** - December (flexible date)

**Winter Bus Trip** - last Saturday in January...in **2008 we're going to Milwaukee**

### 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

#### GALESBURG HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION

2nd Sat. of each month • 3:00-5:00pm

Somthings Brewin' • 401 E. Main St. • Galesburg

(309) 241-4118

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_