



“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:

Tuesday, April 8 6:30pm, Kelleher's, downtown Peoria.

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

Meeting Minutes and Announcements (Mar 11, 2014)

Attendance: 9

Jockey Box

In anticipation of providing beer for the 2014 National Homebrew Competition, an idea was floated to build a more robust jokey box with actual tap handles that can pour six different beers. Design recommendation and quotation of materials required – Adam will research.

Peoria Beer Fest

Greg Dare attended a meeting with the Jaycees regarding bringing homebrew back to the beer fest. While the Jaycees were interested there were a few obstacles that couldn't be overcome in time for the fest this year.

HOPs

PRESIDENT

Elliot Kammeyer

VICE PRESIDENT

Jason Hohulin

TREASURER

Jason Hohulin

TRUSTEE

Open

SECRETARY

Greg Dare

Midwest Morel Fest

After an invitation from the MASH club, HOPs has signed up to participate in this event in Ottawa on May 3. We'll need to figure out who is attending and bringing beer.

November Challenge

We need to formulate a base recipe and figure out any potential rule changes soon for this year's event.

JK Williams barrels

JK Williams has an "adopt a barrel" program, but club members decided it was way too expensive for a club barrel project. There are some other sources of barrels that we should discuss at the April meeting.

Black and Tan

A date needs to be set and a location found. June 21 is a possibility. Bring location ideas to the meeting!

AHA Conference

The conference is in June. Are we serving at club night?

Events:

Beer Hoppers:

March 25: Oliver's

Beer Education - Recap

David Scuffham gave a presentation on beer engines

Beers Tasted - March 11th Homebrews

1. I was supposed to take notes on this? Whoops!

Trustee

Unfortunately our newly elected trustee, Adam Stokes, is moving out of the area so the trustee office has been vacated. The plan is to elect a new trustee at the April meeting.

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!!!

April: Greg Dare presenting off-flavors

May: Open, or more off-flavors

June: Open

July: Jason Hohulin presenting soap making

If you are interested in a future topic, please provide ideas at the upcoming meeting.

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
gdare78@gmail.com

HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eaery • 619 SW Water Street, downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000
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.

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 \$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: _____