



“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. Sept 11th at Obed and Isaacs 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 (Aug 14, 2019)

Attendance: 16

Hoppers (social dinner):

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 – This year we are going to St. Louis. Tickets will be approximately \$40 for early bird/\$45 regular (increased price to account for driver tip). We will need to pay for the bus 3 weeks prior to trip. Date has been changed to Jan. 18th due to lack of bus availability on our regularly scheduled weekend. Contact Gary and Priscilla with any questions.

Brat Fest – Saturday Aug. 5th. Gary, Eric and Clayton did brewing demonstrations. Will was interviewed by the local news and discussed our club. Jeff said event was a success, had a great crowd this year.

Facebook – Discussed keeping posts brewing related and asking screening questions for new members (Do you brew, what do you make, what is your favorite style, do you live or work in Central Illinois, do you agree to follow the group rules)

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Will Baar

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Gary Gilles

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

Weird Ingredient Beers – Bring to next meeting in September or to Hoppers in September at Will and Jane's house

Oktoberfest, September 20th-22nd – We will be set up out front, pouring homebrew on October 21st (Saturday). Contact Will to sign up to volunteer/pour. German American Society will provide the permit.

Geneseo Brewing Bones and Brews Contest – Saturday Sept 28th. Gary/Priscilla, Mike/Noelle and Clayton will be entering event. This is a combination brewing and barbecue/grilling competition (you can do one or both). Contact Gary for more information.

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, \$7 non-members. Beer dropoff at Bearded Owl, 3 bottles/entry. More details to follow. Contact Will for further information.

Learn to Homebrew Day – Nov 2nd. Details to follow.

Christmas Party/Beer Swap – Details to follow.

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 brewing in Alaska by Gary. He and Priscilla went on an Alaskan cruise and had the chance to visit Alaskan Brewing Company. He brought a variety pack of Alaskan Brewing beers to share.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

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:

Gary and Priscilla – Alaskan Amber, Alaskan White Kolsch, Alaskan Husky IPA

Will and Jane – NEIPA

Taylor – Pre Prohibition Lager, Roast Oat Session Ale

John – Oktoberfest, Tart Cherry Cyser

Greg P. – Dry Irish Stout, Cream Ale

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: _____