



**“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. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at W.E. Sullivan's Irish Pub and Fare**

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

## Meeting Minutes (Sept 11, 2019)

Attendance: 21

### Hoppers (social dinner):

\*\*Note date/time changes

Wed. Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at **5:30 pm** - Will and Jane B.'s house, potluck and beekeeping demonstration. Will and Jane will provide meat. Please bring an item to share and lawn chairs.

**Thurs.** Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – Suite Fire Grill, Holiday Inn (all day happy hour!)

### Discussion Topics:

Discussed moving the November 27 hoppers social to November 20<sup>th</sup>; and moving December 25<sup>th</sup> social to December 18<sup>th</sup> - will finalize dates at October meeting.

Voted yes on the club buying a 10 x 10 pop up tent to have for pouring events. Gary purchased at Sam's Club. Eric and Clayton are heading up an exploratory committee to see about having the HOPS logo put on the top of the tent - they will report at October meeting.

Jeff announced that the German American Society is inviting the HOPS beer club members to the Wiener Roast on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30-7pm.

### PRESIDENT

Will Baar

### VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

### TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

### TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

### SECRETARY

Noelle Buonaccorsi

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

Weird Ingredient Beers – Bring to Hoppers in September at Will and Jane's house. Can also bring to October meeting.

Oktoberfest, September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – We will be set up out front, pouring homebrew on October 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday). Please contact Will to sign up by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to volunteer/pour. Anyone pouring at Oktoberfest please email Jeff Pulfer with your beer name and type so Jeff can make up laminated signs. German American Society will provide the permit and will reimburse for cost of ingredients with receipt (give to Jeff Pulfer).

Geneseo Brewing Bones and Brews Contest – Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> at Bearded Owl Brewing. See registration link below and details/information on Facebook page. Cost \$7 per entry. Deadline to register midnight Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Deadline for beer drop off at Bearded Owl Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Looking for judges too! Contact Will with questions.

<https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=AIRLVQ1000487>

Learn to Homebrew Day – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details to follow.

Christmas Party/Beer Swap – Details to follow.

Annual bus trip in January – This year we are going to St. Louis on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be approximately \$40 for early bird/\$45 regular. Contact Gary and Priscilla with questions.

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 mead and beekeeping by Will. Join us at his house for a beekeeping demonstration/potluck on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

## Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

Oct. Taylor – water chemistry

## 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:

John – Weird ingredient beer (figs) “Getting Figgy with It”, A honey blond with figs

John – Sam Adams Boston lager clone

Taylor - base "rice lager" for his weird ingredient beer, will bring the weird ingredient (seaweed) beer to Hoppers at Will and Jane's house

Will – NEIPA

Eric – Weizenboch he brewed at bratfest in August

Jason – IPA made with Pekin water

Jennie – Bud light lemon tea

## 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_