



**“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. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery**

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

## Meeting Minutes (Oct 9, 2019)

Attendance: 16

### Hoppers (social dinner):

\*\*Note date/time changes

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

Wed. **Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm - Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery

### Discussion Topics:

T-shirts are still available. Contact Will if you would like one.

Membership cards. A subcommittee will look into this, possibly get discounts at local brewing related establishments

Printing logo on tent. A subcommittee was formed at the last meeting.

Oktoberfest was Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a rainy day, but we had a great time pouring beer for the community. Thank you Jeff Pulfer and everyone at the German American Society!

### PRESIDENT

Will Baar

### VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

### TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

### TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

### SECRETARY

Noelle Buonaccorsi

HOPtoberfest was Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. We had 33 entries from 16 brewers. Thank you Bearded Owl Brewing for hosting this event! Congratulations to the winners!

Discussed what went well/what could be improved for next year's contest. Some points included whether or not to limit the number of entries by a single brewer, whether or not to put out all the beers for tasting, whether or not to offer different prizes depending on presence at event, having stewards participate in organizing their group's beers (will make decisions closer to next year's contest). Also discussed not doing on same weekend as Fox Pub's fall fest (will coordinate with them next year).

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

Learn to Homebrew Day – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details to follow. Not sure we are doing anything this year.

Christmas Party/Beer Swap – Will do at December meeting. Anyone interested please bring a 6 pack of homebrew if you would like to participate. Also doing a cookie swap, please bake a batch if you would like to participate.

Annual bus trip in January 2020 – This year we are going to St. Louis on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$40 for early bird/\$45 regular. Contact Gary with questions/to sign up. Gary will post flyer on Facebook.

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 water chemistry by Taylor P.

## Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

Nov. Clayton – Non-enzymatic mashing

## 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:

Rebecca – Bike Rack Brewing Co. Golden Ale, Bentonville, AR

Clayton – Motueka Lime Sour

Gary – Red Ale with Fresh/Wet hops

Mike – Weird ingredient cherry menthol cough drops

Mike – Weird ingredient pomegranate cough drops

Noelle – Weird ingredient Gary and Priscilla's organic green pepper (raw)

Noelle - Weird ingredient Gary and Priscilla's organic green pepper (roasted)

## 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

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