



“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. Dec 11th 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 (Nov 13th, 2019)

Attendance: 20

Hoppers (social dinner):

**Note date/time changes

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

No Hoppers in December (see Christmas Potluck Party/Beer/Cookie Swap info under upcoming events)

Wed. Jan 22nd at 6:30 pm – Titan Games. Please bring homebrew to share. You can bring your own food or order from the restaurants around Heritage Square (such as Brienzo's/Slow Hand)

Discussion Topics:

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

Still looking into membership cards, may be easier to just have cards without the local discounts.

Still looking into printing logo on tent.

Discussed membership dues and amending bylaws, putting in language about member behavior, when officers are voted in – still some things to work out.

PRESIDENT

Will Baar

VICE PRESIDENT

David Scuffham

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

Gary Gilles

SECRETARY

Noelle Buonaccorsi

Discussed possibly creating a “steering committee” that would meet at a separate time to discuss things like bylaws.

Rebecca P. is collecting frozen spent grain for Sweet Treats Bakery. You can give her your grain through the month of December. They will make dog treats out of it and will indicate the grain is from HOPs. Contact her for more information.

Jeff P. discussed possible events for 2020 including a Pourtoberfest in conjunction with the German American Society, beer education partnering with local breweries. He also gave out a flyer with upcoming events sponsored by the German American Society.

We will vote on officers at the January meeting. Contact Noelle B. if you would like to nominate someone.

Upcoming Events Discussed (see Jan 2019 newsletter for full list of possible events):

Christmas Potluck Party/Beer Swap/Cookie Swap – Noelle and Mike's house, 6 pm Dec. 21st (Sat). Please bring a dish and beer to share. If you would like to participate in the beer and/or cookie swap please bring a 6 pack (or more) of homebrew and 2 dozen cookies. Contact Noelle B. for more information.

Annual bus trip in January 2020 – This year we are going to St. Louis on January 18th. Tickets will be \$40 for early bird/\$45 regular. Contact Gary G. 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 non enzymatic mashing by Clayton M. He brought a stout brewed this way for us to try.

Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

Dec. Taylor P. – Judging Beer/BJCP

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:

Homebrews

John W. - Whistling IPA (Two Hearted Clone), Vergnizen Brawen Dopplebock

Gary G. - Red Ale

David R. - Pale Ale

Taylor P. - Hard Cider using Tanner's cider

Will and Paul - Mead

Brian D. - Saison

Jason C. - All grain pale ale

Kevin L. - Mexican lager

Commercial Beers

Paul H. - Indonesian Pale Ale

Rebecca P. - Nut Cracker Ale from Boulevard Brewing, Kansas City, MO

Noelle and Mike B.- Heady Topper and Focal Banger from Alchemist Brewing, Stowe, VT

Jeff P. - Hoppen Daz Raspberry Milkshake IPA, Good Ass Beer Light Lager, Mischief and Jardiner from The Bruery

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

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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: _____