



“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. March 11th at Obed & Isaac's**

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

## Meeting Minutes (Feb 12, 2020)

**Attendance:** 13

### Hoppers:

Wednesday, February 26th, 6:30 PM at Old Chicago

### Bus Trip 2020:

The annual bus trip was held on Jan 18, 2020. This year we went to St. Louis to visit Urban Chestnut, Schlafly, Side Project, O'Fallon, and Trailhead. The net income from the even was \$197.73. The club tipped the driver \$150.

There was confusion about coupons to Winterfest given to participants of this event. Please see Gary Gilles or Jeff for a coupon to Marchtoberfest if you experienced issues with your coupon.

**T-Shirts Available** - \$12, Sizes M, L, & XL available.

### Fox-fest:

Thursday, May 30th at the Fox Pub.

The Fox Pub is looking for home brewers to pour at their Winterfest. Currently Clayton and Taylor have volunteered. If interested contact Clayton McNeil.

### Bylaws:

Have been uploaded to Facebook. Please review.

### New Business:

**Club Brew Challenge** - Bring ideas for club brew challenges to our March meeting.

**Dues** - Currently \$20 Individual, \$25 Family

**Learn Something** - The Peoria Public Library would like help with their Learn Something series. This would be presenting about homebrewing on May 4th, 6 PM at the north branch. Contact Will Barr if interested.

## PRESIDENT

Will Baar

## VICE PRESIDENT

Taylor Pellerin

## TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

## TRUSTEE

Clayton McNeil

## SECRETARY

Rebecca Pemberton

## Upcoming Events:

- Big Brew Day - May 2nd, 2020
- Fox-fest - The Fox, May 30th
  - They are asking for 3-4 home brewers to bring beer (5 gallons)
  - In exchange they will provide fest entry & beer
  - See Clayton McNeil for details
- Beers & Gears - Industry Brewing, June 6th 12-6 PM
  - Starts at Industry Brewing
  - Includes shuttle back to Industry
- Homebrew Con - Nashville, TN, June 18-20
  - Great education sessions, tastings, and more
  - Must be an AHA Member to attend
- Jaycess Beerfest - June 2020 at Dozer Park
- Irish Fest - August 28-30th
- Oktoberfest - September 18-20th

## What do you want from the club?:

What festivals and other events do we want to pour as a club at? What activities and education would you like to see? Contact our President Will Baar.

## Planning a Brew Day?

Feel free to announce it on our facebook page or our meetings to invite other club members. The more we learn from each other the better all of our brews will get!

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>

## Beer Education:

This month's beer education was a presentation on Yeast Propagation by Clayton McNeil.

## Upcoming Beer Education Volunteers:

March – Taylor Pellerin, TBD

April – TBD

## 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:

Ryan Schaschwary - American Pale Ale, 5.1% ABV

Noelle Buonaccorsi - IPA, 5.5% ABV

Mike Buonaccorsi - Honey Hefeweizen, 5.5% ABV

John Waldman - Tart Cherry & Chocolate Ale, 5.5% ABV

Clayton McNeil - Double IPA, 8.5% ABV

Will Baar - Schwartz Beer

Taylor Pellerin - Pale Ale, 10.08% ABV

## 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

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