

August Meeting Minutes

Old Business


Discord server

As many of you know, most of the discussions these days are on the club's Discord server. The forum on the website is still running, but is hardly used. Please feel free to join the discussion on Discord using the invite link here <https://discord.gg/gq5sF63F>

BJCP update

We have a group of people who get together virtually to taste specific beers to help expand their palette as well as off-flavor tasting kits in hopes to pass the BJCP exams. The idea is to get more members to be BJCP judges for our own competition as well as traveling around to others. The club will reimburse your exam fees if you pass them. If this is something you would like to be a part of then reach out to me about it.

Presentations

We will start doing more presentations when possible at meetings. You can present whatever you like in the brewing world whether it be a specific style, method, hardware, etc. If you choose to brew a specific style or bring in beer for it, the club will reimburse you up to \$30 for your supplies. Please let me know if you are interested along with what your presentation will be on and which meeting.  BUZZ Presentation Schedule.xlsx We also have a portable projector and 50" that can be used.

BUZZ Equipment Library

A webpage was created that lists any equipment that members are willing to loan out to other members. There are drop downs next to the equipment title that has the owner's contact info so you can reach out to them about it. The link is available on our Discord under the Welcome channel. Or you can use the direct link below.

<https://sites.google.com/view/equipmentlibrary/home>

BUZZ on Instagram

BUZZ is now on Instagram. I wanted a good way to tag our sponsors for the competition. Plus it just gives us more exposure. You can find it by searching BuzzBrewClub. If there are any officers that want access, then just let me know. <https://www.instagram.com/buzzbrewclub/>

BUZZ Archives

Joshi began posting old photos from the days of 2007 through around 2016 on Discord. So it got me thinking that we should have an archive for any club photos that people are willing to share. You can find the Archive link on the main page of our site under the About Us section <https://www.buzzbrew.club/>. Please let me know if you have photos/videos you would like me to include.

American Homebrewers Association Referral

With the recent changes to the American Homebrewers Association, I find myself more interested in what they have to offer and supporting them. BUZZ is now part of a referral program with the AHA. If you sign up to be a member, then you will receive \$5 off and BUZZ will receive \$5. You must use the promo code BUZZARD for this to apply so please use the code if you sign up. You can join via this link as well as find out more about AHA <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/membership/join-or-renew/>

Subscribe to Club Calendar

You can now subscribe to the club's calendar. If you go to our website under the Events page <https://www.buzzbrew.club/events>, you will see links to be able to add the club calendar to your calendar app. Feel free to do this to always keep up to date. I also put on there local beer related festivals. Here's your chance to stay up to date!

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Barrel update

On 12/3/23 we filled the barrel at Greg's house. We will put a nail in it and sample it every other meeting or so. I'm hoping to keep the beer in there for quite a while, at least about a year but we will see how it progresses. We got the barrel from West Fork Distillery in Indiana <https://www.westforkwhiskey.com/grain-to-glass/>. Their barrels are cheap and only a couple hours away so that may be who we use in the future unless people want an excuse to go to Louisville. Joshua has also acquired a barrel from Lux Row. He would like to do a pastry stout aged on chocolate toasted coconut chips and vanilla beans. You can view the recipe [here](#). We put the beer into that barrel September 2024. We will be pulling the stout soon and adding the vanilla and toasted coconut chips. The West Fork barrel beer is kind of a bust but we may mix it with some very sweet wort and possibly have it distilled by Silver Tree Spirits

Competitions

[Beer For Boobs](#)

Where: Columbus, OH

When: October 25

Entry Date: now through October 23

Other competitions can be found on the BJCP Site

<https://www.bjcp.org/competitions/competition-calendar/>

September Meeting

Location is Triptych with Mark doing a presentation on Wee Heavy style.

Homebrewer of the Year Competition

I wanted to try a year long competition just between members for fun and prizes. The rules are simple. There will be 5 styles of beer that participants will brew throughout the year on the specified months below. You will bring a sample of your beer to have it evaluated by a handful of our BJCP judges. The judges will judge your beer based on the BJCP Guidelines and rank them. You will earn points for just participating along with placing 1st through 3rd.

Points

- 1st Place 7 points
- 2nd Place 5 points
- 3rd Place 3 points
- Entering Beer 1 Point

At the end of the year, the brewer with the most points will win. Currently, I have the prize as \$100 gift card to your favorite local brewery/bar and a sack of grain. I may add to it as the year progresses. You don't have to participate in all the styles, but obviously the more you participate the more points you can earn. You can stay updated on your points and other member's points by referring to the chart that I will update on our website <https://www.buzzbrew.club/events>. Below are the styles that you will be brewing for each of the meetings. Refer to the [BJCP Guidelines](#) for specific styles. Please let me know if you have any questions and happy brewing!

March Meeting: Irish Beer 15A-15C

May Meeting: Monastic 26A-26D

July Meeting: Pale American 18A-18B

September Meeting: Brown British Beer 13A-13C

November Meeting: American Porter and Stout 20A-20C

Boneyard Brew-Off

We have set the date for October 11th. It will be hosted at Hounds Rest with lunch and the after party at Dandy Hound/Hounds Court. There is still a lot of time before then, but details will be worked out every month and I will inform members as more information becomes available. So you have plenty of time to think about what you will brew for entries. We will need lots of volunteers for this as well, so please keep an open mind for helping us. We can always break you into shifts if you don't want to do it the whole day. I also need a couple positions filled: Head Steward, Food Coordinator, Cleanup Crew Organizer. Volunteer and entry sign-up here <https://beerawardsplatform.com/the-2025-boneyard-brew-off>

Boneyard Chili Cook-Off

We will be doing a chili cook-off after the Boneyard Brew-Off on October 11. It will be hosted at Dandy Hound. It will be a ticketed event that is run through the Hounds bars. We will also have our homebrews on tap. People who provide chili and/or beer will gain free entry. There will be awards for the winning chilis. I need volunteers to brew something to serve for this event. You can sign up to brew or to make chili by going [here](#). There will

be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd which are judged by a panel of judges. There is also an award for People's Choice to whoever gets the most votes.

For What It's Wort Winners

A couple weeks ago was the competition in Bloomington. I wanted to give a shout out to Joshua and Yvette for medaling in that competition.

BUZZ Anniversary Party

The club turns 31 this year! We are going to celebrate again at Jeremy's house, 393 County Road 2100 East Sidney. We will be doing a crawfish boil and Jimmy will be frying some fresh caught fish. This will also be a potluck so please bring a dish if possible. We will be doing the yard games competition again, so find yourself a partner and think of a team name. The winner gets the club barrel head for a year with your team name engraved on it. This will also be a bottle share so feel free to bring anything special. We will have the Illini football game on as well as karaoke later in the evening. We will start the party around 1pm on September 13. The yard games will likely start around 3. This will be a family friendly event so feel free to bring the rest of your crew.

Distilling: Field to Glass

On August 27 join Silver Creek Spirits and Grain Connections as they tour their farms and the distillery to learn how the ingredients are grown and used in the distillation process. Lunch will be provided and you must register for this event [here](#).

CHAOS Brew BQ

We have been invited to pour at the CHAOS club's annual Brew BQ street festival in Chicago on August 23 from 2-7 again. We will get free entry along with free homebrew and food. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. They have an internal competition for that day where clubs have to brew a Catharina Sour beer for a chance to win cash. I brewed a Catharina Sour with Montmorency cherry and mango.

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Silver Tree Spirits Collab

Silver Tree distillery up in Paxton is interested in doing a collaboration with us. The date is September 6 at 10am. We will get to help with part of their brew day and potentially help choose ingredients to customize it for our own. They will have their bar open so that we can enjoy cocktails from their spirits. More info will come when I have it.

<https://www.silvertreebeerspirits.com/home>

Bruegala Festival

The Bloomington club has invited us to pour at the Bruegala Beer Festival in downtown Bloomington on October 4. With this being the weekend before our competition and chili cook-off, I wasn't sure if I wanted to have people try to make beer for this event and the chili cook-off. So I would like to get people's opinions if they think they could brew for both events or not. More info on the event can be found on their [FB page](#).

Club Position: Cooper

Joshua Whitman has taken over the duties of Cooper. So he will be managing the barrel program

Alchemy Homebrewing Order

I am starting another bulk order from Alchemy Homebrewing. Please give me your order before this Sunday.

Beer News

Not that interesting but Pat and I are going to Great Taste of the Midwest this weekend!