

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!

BUZZ Library

I created a library book check-out page on our site. You can fill out the form to check out books. The form will email me and I can get them to you. Please be respectful of the books as you have them in your possession <https://www.buzzbrew.club/library>

Club Recipes

Joshua brought up the idea of coming up with club recipes to submit to competitions, see how they do, and then continue to tweak the recipe and have others take turns brewing them. We already have 4 recipes on the site already <https://www.buzzbrew.club/club-pages/club-recipes>. If you

have any award winning recipes that you would like to share then please let me know. We thought it would be fun if others brewed them, tweaked them, and entered into competitions. Our magic number is a score of 43 at a competition. The club has a Grainfather app account now to be able to host recipes

Competition Champion

We have started another club event of an internal, year-long competition focused around entering competitions. Basically as people enter competitions around the country, we will keep track of their scores/medals and turn it into a point system. The person with the most points at the end of the year will receive a reward of sorts. Rules are worked out and if we need to do any changing we can. You can view the rules and member positions on our site. You must fill out the analytics form in order for this to be tracked. <https://www.buzzbrew.club/club-pages/competition-champion>

New Business

Barrel update

The barrel has been filled for about a month now so look for updates later this year.

Boneyard Brew-Off

There is a date! October 17 we will be hosting our competition at Triptych. We plan to have a party the Friday before most likely at Triptych. There will be more updates on this as the year goes on but make sure to put it on your calendars! You can sign up to volunteer or submit entries here <https://beerawardsplatform.com/the-2026-boneyard-brew-off>
We are at 116 entries currently but still need more volunteers! We currently have 22 sponsors and are hoping to grab a couple more.

Competitions

You can keep up on any competitions at the BJCP site

<https://app.bjcp.org/upcoming-competitions>

Other competitions can be found on the BJCP Site

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

September Meeting

Currently don't have a venue, but Sara will be doing a presentation on an old time method of brewing which she will also invite people to her house to brew.

Homebrewer of the Year Competition

September is the next competition which is Scottish Ales 14A-14C. You can keep track of everything on our site. We plan to judge the May entries tomorrow. <https://www.buzzbrew.club/club-pages/homebrewer-of-the-year>

CHAOS Brew BQ

We have been invited back to the CHAOS BrewBQ up in Chicago this year. It will be August 22. The festival has gotten so large that they require everyone to bring their own tent and table. I think I am going to commit to going to this. Look for more details later on.

Indiana Brewers Cup

Wanted to say thanks to everyone who joined us at IBC and congrats to Treehive and Triptych on their medals.

Cider Tasting with Gordon Strong

Maggie has arranged for Gordon Strong to host a virtual cider tasting for the club. We will be meeting at the Bee Space, located at 706 S. Birch St in Urbana, to sample four different ciders. There is a \$5 fee for this event. If you are interested in attending, please send a text to Maggie at 217-722-8513 to let her know. The tasting is scheduled for August 11 at 7pm

Great Taste of the Midwest

Many of us will be heading up to Great Taste of the Midwest this weekend. If you aren't familiar with it, there are hundreds of breweries that

participate in the festival. The craziest part is it is put on by a homebrew club. Tickets can be rather difficult to come by but if you ever want to participate in the future, reach out to me and I can tell you where to get them. More info can be found <https://greattaste.org/>

Brew Like the 1850s

Sara will be doing a brew day on August 22 brewing like its 1850. Start time will be 630pm and you will be brewing over a fire. It's at 707 West Harvard St, Champaign

Tim's Condition

