

BOSS Newsletter

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We are dedicated to the art of crafting and quaffing fine beers through the sharing of ideas and experiences, the advocacy of brewing as a hobby, and the responsible consumption of beverages containing alcohol



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The March Meeting at Hailstorm Brewing

In March we enjoyed revisiting our friends at Hailstorm. As always, we were treated like family. One highlight of many was the ability to try many of the BOSS members' competition beers. We also had a guided tasting of fruit beers, welcomed some new faces and reconnected with some old time BOSS members. What a great club!



Sincere thanks go to the entire BOSS Board for planning the event and to the Bardusks for feeding us a delicious dinner. Extra special thanks to Brandon, Chris, Steve, Josh and the entire Hailstorm team for treating us so well!



April Meeting @ BrickStone

In April we will be enjoying one of the best meetings we have all year. This month we are headed out to see our friends at the BrickStone production brewery in Bourbonnais. Though this is a “regular” meeting, it is anything but that. The whole BrickStone family treats us like kings and their beers are phenomenal, so you won’t want to miss this one!

Special Educational Topic: This month Ed Bove and a cast of BOSS brewers have prepared a special tasting event. They will be presenting four versions of an Irish Red ale recipe, brewed by four different brewers on four different systems.

April Meeting Details

Date: Friday April 5th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 572 Brewery Lane, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 (this is not the brewpub address!)

RSVP: In order to plan for food, please let us know you’re coming [submitting an online RSVP](#).

Driving: This is an easy one. From whatever direction you are coming from, make your way to I-80 and take that to I-57. Follow I-57 south to IL State Route 50 (exit south again). Once you are going south on IL 50, the first major intersection is Armour Road. Turn right on Armour and go straight. Armour becomes N3000e Road and, after the intersection with U.S. 45/52 it becomes William Latham Drive. The brewery is just down the road from here.

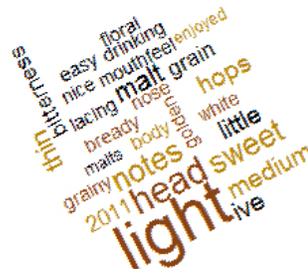
Meeting Dues: The cost to attend this meeting is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests.

Meeting Style: There is no style of the month tasting this month.



2019 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings & Club Competitions

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
April	Special Educational Topic
May	28B – Mixed Fermentation Sour (tasting)
June	5B - Kolsch (club competition)
July	TBD
August	10A – Weissbier (club competition)
September	N/A – BOSS Picnic
October	TBD
November	TBD



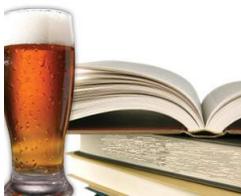
BOSS Meeting Schedule for 2019

With the club having grown to the size that it has, the Board continues to work hard to locate appropriate places to meet. That being the case, here is a compiled list of upcoming meetings:

- April 5th** - TBD – hopefully @ BrickStone
- May 3rd** - TBD – hopefully @ Werkforce Brewing
- June 7th** - TBD – hopefully @ Soundgrowler
- July 12th** - TBD



BOSS Library



Steve Sikorski is the BOSS librarian. If you're interested in a particular brewing book, email Steve prior to the next meeting at stevesspambox2001@yahoo.com. A complete (maybe) list of the BOSS Library holdings can be found at www.bossbeer.org

Upcoming Midwest/Regional Competitions – Time to get brewing BOSS!
Entries in **GREEN** are likely part of the 2019 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

Wizard of Saaz – (Akron, OH)
Entry Deadline: April 12, 2019
Judging: May 10, 2019
Competition Information: <http://www.sazakron.com/WoS/>

Germanfest Stein Challenge – (Milwaukee, WI)
Entry Deadline: TBD July 2019
Judging: TBD July 2019
Competition Information: <http://www.steinchallenge.com/>

For What It's Wort – (Bloomington, IL)
Entry Deadline: July 7, 2019
Judging: July 27, 2019
Competition Information: <http://forwhatitswort.brewcomp.com/>

Also, if you are interested in multi-competition challenges, here are two to consider:



Midwest Home Brewer of the Year
<http://midwesthomebrewer.com/>



Master's Championship Of Amateur Brewing
<http://www.masterhomebrewer.org>



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BOSS Membership Information

Annual Dues

We only accept membership payments via PayPal! Look for more details on our [website](#). Also, to help the Board plan for and purchase an appropriate amount of club premium items, from now on, if anyone joins after the picnic, new member or renewal, they won't be eligible to receive this year's club premium.

Annual dues for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 are **\$32**. Our fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30th. Payment any time between those dates constitutes membership until the following April 30th. So, anyone who has not paid for the current year will have “guest” status at meetings. There is no reduced rate for joining or renewing late in the fiscal year. If you have questions about paying annual dues, you can send an email to Terry Frey, BOSS Treasurer, at havefundad@comcast.net and he will find an answer for you.

Meeting Fees

Our standard meeting fees are \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Because we base how much food to have on hand from the number of RSVPs received, if you RSVP late or show up to a meeting without sending an RSVP by the deadline, you will be assessed an additional \$5 to attend the meeting.

Newsletter Items

Since this newsletter is in electronic form and as such we don't have any space restrictions, I encourage all BOSS members to submit items for inclusion. Visit a brewery or great beer bar in your travels? Write up your impressions and send them to me. Digital pictures with captions are also welcome! Did you brew an outstanding beer recently? If you are willing to share the recipe, please do so and I will publicize it to our group. Got some news to share that affects home brewers in the BOSS area? Let me know about it. Send all those, or anything else you think would be interesting to me, Scott Pointon, at spointon2002@yahoo.com



Upcoming Beer Festivals

At the request of our members, I am including a list of upcoming local and regional beer festivals (as I learn of them). Though these fests are not necessarily centered on the art of home brewing, we can all surely appreciate a commercially made beer from time to time.

Chicago Beer Classic – Soldier Field, Chicago, IL – May 4, 2019
<http://chicagobeerclassic.com/>

Tri-City Craft Brew Festival – St. Charles, IL – June 8, 2019
<http://www.tricitycraftbrewfestival.com/>

Naperville Ale Fest – Naperville, IL – July 13, 2019

<https://www.napervillealefest.com/home-summer>

Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – WI Beer Cheese & Sausage - Chicago, IL – July 22, 2019

<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

South Loop Beer and Cider Fest – Women’s Park, Chicago – July 27, 2019

<http://southloopbeerfest.com/>

Quote of the Month

As an avid reader, writer, brewer, and drinker of beer I am quite fond of beer-related quotes. This month’s quote is:

“If I saved all of the money I spent on beer, I’d spend it on beer”. – **Earl Dibbles Jr.**

Cheers and happy brewing!

Scott