

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 April Meeting at BrickStone Brewing

In April we had a fantastic time visiting our friends at the BrickStone production brewery in Bourbonnais. We were treated like family, and got to try some wonderful BrickStone beers. We also had a very interesting educational presentation in which we got to sample multiple versions of the same recipe brewed by different home brewers using various different brew systems and techniques.



Sincere thanks go to the entire BOSS Board for planning the event and to the BrickStone crew for feeding us delicious tacos and beers!

Extra special thanks to Ed Bove for coordinating our educational topic. There are many more awesome educational presentations like this in the works!



May Meeting @ Werk Force

In May we will be making our first visit to Werk Force Brewing in Plainfield, IL. Many of you may be familiar with an awesome home brewing supply store called Chicago Brew Werks. That shop was opened by Brandon and Amanda Wright a few years back. Eventually, the store became successful enough that they got a license to brew and sell their beer. A couple of years after that, they acquired a large, additional space in their building and opened a dedicated brewery called Werk Force. This is a very good brewery, so this is a meeting you won't want to miss!

May Meeting Details

Date: Friday May 3rd

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 14903 S Center St #101, Plainfield, IL 60544

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

Driving: If you prefer highway driving, take I-55 to the RT30 exit and head west toward Plainfield. Once in downtown Plainfield, turn right on Lockport St., drive a couple of blocks and turn left onto Center St. The brewery is down a little ways on the right hand side.

If you are coming from the South suburbs and want the shortest distance to drive, take I-80 west to I-355 and go north. Exit I-355 at 159th St. and head west toward Lockport. Drive through Lockport, then proceed over the RT 7 bridge. Continue driving on Renwick Rd. until you get to RT 30 and then turn right. Once in downtown Plainfield, turn right on Lockport St., drive a couple of blocks and turn left onto Center St. The brewery is down a little ways on the right hand side.

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

Meeting Style: The style of the month is 28B: Mixed fermentation Sour beer.

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Overall Impression: A sour and/or funky version of a base style of beer.

Aroma: Variable by base style. The contribution of non-Saccharomyces microbes should be noticeable to strong, and often contribute a sour and/or funky, wild note. The best examples will display a range of aromatics, rather than a single dominant character. The aroma should be inviting, not harsh or unpleasant.

Appearance: Variable by base style. Clarity can be variable; some haze is not a fault. Head retention can be poor due to high levels of acid or anti-foam properties of some lactobacillus strains.

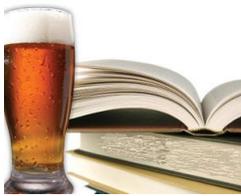
BOSS Meeting Schedule for 2019

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:

May 3rd - @ Werk Force Brewing
June 7th - @ Soundgrowler
July 12th - @ Rainmakers Home Brew Supply
August 2nd - TBD, possibly Hailstorm
September 14th or 21st - BOSS Picnic!
October 4th - TBD
November 1st - TBD
December 8th – BOSS Christmas Party



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.

BUZZ Boneyard Brewoff – (Champaign, IL)

Entry Deadline: June 4, 2019

Judging: June 8, 2019

Competition Information: <http://brewoff.buzzbrewclub.org/brewoff/>

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 are Due!

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 2019/2020 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:

“A drunk mind speaks a sober heart”.
– **Jean-Jaques Rousseau (French philosopher)**

Cheers and happy brewing!
Scott