

# BOSS Newsletter

August 2018

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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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## July Meeting @ Alter

In July we made our second trip in two years to Alter Brewing. They had us meet in the upstairs loft area this time, which was a unique experience. Amy Kamp made the food, which everyone agreed was delicious. Those who attended got to try a ton of different home brews as well as a variety of commercial beers, and we had an epic raffle! Make plans to attend this month's meeting at One Trick Pony so you don't miss out on the fun!



**A huge thank you goes out to everyone at Alter and everyone who helped plan this meeting!**





## August Meeting @ One Trick Pony

In August we will be returning to One Trick Pony in Lansing, IL. The style of the month is American IPA, which always makes for a fun meeting. As if that isn't awesome enough, the tapping of Mark Westmeyer's gold medal winning double IPA will be that same night!

**Date:** Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** One Trick Pony Brewing, 17845 Chappel Ave., Lansing, IL 60438

**RSVP:** In order to plan for food, please let us know you're coming. We're doing this in a new way this time. No emails to Terry this month! This month RSVPs are being collected online here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ykkIhF1FhhQTUBos2>

**Driving:** From the East or West, take I-80 to the Torrence Avenue exit and turn south. Next turn right onto Thornton Rd. Follow Thornton to Chappel Avenue and the brewery will be on the right hand side.

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

**Meeting Style:** The styles of the month will be BJCP category 21A – American IPA.

### **21A – American IPA**

**Overall Impression:** A decidedly hoppy and bitter, moderately strong American pale ale, showcasing modern American or New World hop varieties. The balance is hop-forward, with a clean fermentation profile, dryish finish, and clean, supporting malt allowing a creative range of hop character to shine through.

**Aroma:** A prominent to intense hop aroma featuring one or more characteristics of American or New World hops, such as citrus, floral, pine, resinous, spicy, tropical fruit, stone fruit, berry, melon, etc. Many versions are dry hopped and can have an additional fresh hop aroma; this is desirable but not required. Grassiness should be minimal, if present. A low to medium-low clean, grainy -malty aroma may be found in the background. Fruitiness from yeast may also be detected in some versions, although a neutral fermentation character is also acceptable. A restrained alcohol note may be present, but this character should be minimal at best. Any American or New World hop character is acceptable; new hop varieties continue to be released and should not constrain this style.

**Appearance:** Color ranges from medium gold to light reddish-amber. Should be clear, although unfiltered dry-hopped versions may be a bit hazy. Medium-sized, white to off-white head with good persistence.

**Flavor:** Hop flavor is medium to very high, and should reflect an American or New World hop character, such as citrus, floral, pine, resinous, spicy, tropical fruit, stone fruit, berry, melon, etc. Medium-high to very high hop bitterness. Malt flavor should be low to medium-low, and is generally clean and grainy-malty although some light caramel or toasty flavors are acceptable. Low yeast-derived fruitiness is acceptable but not required. Dry to medium-dry finish; residual sweetness should be low to none. The bitterness and hop flavor may linger into the aftertaste but should not be harsh. A very light, clean alcohol flavor may be noted in stronger versions. May be slightly sulfury, but most examples do not exhibit this character.

**Mouthfeel:** Medium-light to medium body, with a smooth texture. Medium to medium-high carbonation. No harsh hop-derived astringency. Very light, smooth alcohol warming not a fault if it does not intrude into overall balance.

**Characteristic Ingredients:** Pale ale or 2-row brewers malt as the base, American or New World hops, American or English yeast with a clean or slightly fruity profile. Generally all-malt, but mashed at lower temperatures for high attenuation. Sugar additions to aid attenuation are acceptable. Restrained use of crystal malts, if any, as high amounts can lead to a sweet finish and clash with the hop character.

**Vital Statistics:**

OG: 1.056 – 1.070

IBUs: 40 – 70

FG: 1.008 – 1.014

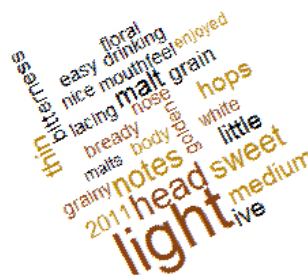
SRM: 6 – 14

ABV: 5.5– 7.5%

**Commercial Examples:** Alpine Duet, Bell’s Two-Hearted Ale, Fat Heads Head Hunter IPA, Firestone Walker Union Jack, Lagunitas IPA, Russian River Blind Pig IPA, Stone IPA

**2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings**

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
August	21A – American IPA
September	N/A – BOSS Picnic
October	16B – Oatmeal Stout
November	30B – Autumn Seasonal Beer
December	N/A – BOSS Christmas Party
January	1C - Cream Ale
February	N/A – Goose Island Trip
March	29A – Fruit Beer



## BOSS Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2018 and into 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:

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – @ One Trick Pony  
**September** – BOSS Picnic @ Evil Horse Farm  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – @ Evil Horse Brewery  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – @ Mid-Country Malt  
**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party @ Rock Bottom Orland Park  
**January** – Date TBD, likely at Blue Island Beer Company



### Upcoming Midwest/Regional Competitions – Time to get brewing BOSS!

Entries in **GREEN** are participating in the 2018 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

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#### **Schooner Home Brew Championship** – (Racine, WI)

Entry Deadline: TBD September, 2018

Judging: September 11, 2018 (winners announced on September 15<sup>th</sup>)

Competition Information: <http://www.theschooner.org/>

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#### **Brixtoberfest** – (Brookfield, IL)

Entry Deadline: September 28, 2018

Judging: October 6, 2018

Competition Information: <http://brixies.bobbo.net/brixtoberfest/>

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#### **Sower's Cup** – (Lincoln, NE)

Entry Deadline: September 26, 2018

Judging: October 13, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.lincolnlagers.com/cup/>

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#### **Spooky Brew Review** – (Chicago, IL)

Entry Deadline: TBD October, 2018

Judging: TBD October, 2018

Competition Information: <https://spooky.chibeer.org/>

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**Hoppy Halloween Challenge** – (Fargo, ND)

Entry Deadline: TBD October, 2018

Judging: TBD October, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.hoppyhalloween.com/>

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**Land of the Muddy Waters Homebrew Competition** – (Moline, IL)

Entry Deadline: TBD November, 2018

Judging: TBD November, 2018

Competition Information: <http://lotmw.mugzhomebrew.org/>

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**Happy Holidays Homebrew Competition** – (St. Louis, MO)

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2018

Judging: December 8, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.stlbrews.org/competition/hhhc/index.asp>

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



**Midwest Home Brewer of the Year**

<http://midwesthomebrewer.com/>

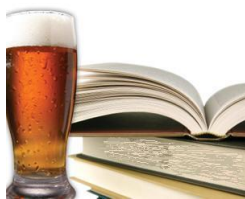


**Master's Championship Of Amateur Brewing**

<http://www.masterhomebrewer.org>



**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 [steveppambox2001@yahoo.com](mailto:steveppambox2001@yahoo.com) . A complete (maybe) list of the BOSS Library holdings can be found at [www.bossbeer.org](http://www.bossbeer.org)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Payment any time between those dates constitutes membership until the following April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## Questions? Contact the Officers

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## 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](mailto: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.

**South Loop Beer and Cider Fest** – Women’s Park, Chicago – July 28, 2018

<http://southloopbeerfest.com/>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise** – *Wisconsin Beer* - Chicago, IL – August 5, 2018

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

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise** – *Small Chicago Brewers* - Chicago, IL – September 9, 2018

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

**Chicago Bacon and Beer Classic** – Soldier Field - Chicago, IL - October 6, 2018

<https://www.baconandbeerclassic.com/>

**Chicago Rare and Wild Beer Fest** - Field Museum - Chicago, IL - October 13, 2018

<https://www.rareandwildbeerfest.com/>

**Munster Ale Fest** - Munster, IN - October 13, 2018

[www.munsteralefest.com](http://www.munsteralefest.com)

**Brewpub Shootout** - Chicago - January 2019

**Michigan Winter Beer Fest** - February 2019

**Day of the Living Ales** - Chicago - March 2019

## 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:

*“Instead of water we got here a draught of beer...a lumberer’s drink, which would acclimate and naturalize a man at once—which would make him see green, and, if he slept, dream that he heard the wind sigh among the pines.”*

- Henry David Thoreau

Cheers and happy brewing!

Scott