

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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August Meeting @ One Trick Pony

In August we made our second trip in two years to One Trick Pony brewing in Lansing. Coinciding with our visit this year was the tapping of Mark Westmeyer's gold medal winning double IPA. Mark won gold at the 2018 BOSS competition and had the privilege to brew his beer with OTP. Those of us who had the privilege of trying the beer that night were big fans! We also had another epic prize raffle!



Our tasting this month was BJCP category 21A - American IPA, and we had at least a dozen different examples to taste. It was fun to try them as a group and note the differences, strengths, and weaknesses.

A huge thank you goes out to Mark Kocol and everyone at One Trick Pony who made us all feel so welcome. Thanks also to the Jim and Terri Todd for arranging our dinner and all who helped plan this meeting!



September: The Annual BOSS Club Picnic

It's time for our annual club picnic BOSSers! A full day of great food, great company, music, and beer! If you like good beer and fun with friends you really need to come to this picnic. This year, our wonderful beerfest / club social event will also have multiple slow cooked meats...including lamb and brisket! Oh and the beers? With up to 20 beers pouring from the taps + one on the beer engine, this will once again be an epic event. As in past years, DJ Rich Larsen will provide the music and the dinner will be provided by Mike "the pig guy" Snedden's impressive BBQ rig and crew. We strive to make this a family-friendly event, so there will again be an inflatable jumpy house, a piñata, etc for the kids. Oh, and we will be keeping up the tradition of a BBQ sauce contest, a salsa contest, and a bags tournament. If you have not attended before, *you need to come out this year to see what all this fuss is about.*

Attendance

If you plan on attending you need to RSVP right away to Terry Frey at havefundad@comcast.net. Steve Kamp has once again graciously agreed to host the picnic at his Evil Horse Farm in Beecher, IL (see event info below). ***Everyone is encouraged to bring a tent and camp out overnight.*** We are also in need of volunteers to staff the BOSS admission and swag tent for 1 - 2 hour time slots. We will bring you beer while you work! If you already know you can volunteer to help with this, include that information when you RSVP to Terry. Otherwise look for more information about this soon on the BOSS listserv and in our private Facebook group page (not the public FB page).

Setup/Teardown

During the week leading up to the picnic we need volunteers to go out to Steve's to help make the place ready for the event. Let him know directly if you are able to help with this by sending a message to him at evilhorsebrewer@gmail.com. Friday night (the night before the actual picnic) is set-up night for the beer serving and food cooking equipment and Sunday is take-down day for the same. This year there will be a committee tasked with tear-down on Sunday, and we are looking for volunteers to help with this. It's a good gig, with free beer included in the deal! There will also be food provided on Friday night and Steve will likely be making breakfast on Sunday for those who serve on the cleanup committee.

Beer

Remember, if you bring the equivalent of a 5 gallon batch of beer (i.e. a full corny keg or two cases of 12 oz bottles) you get yourself in free. ***This deal is for paid up club members only.*** If you are bringing a corny keg, you need to bring that out Friday night so it can be loaded into the big cooler box. Make note of the fact that BOSS has moved toward all 1/4" flare fittings for our tap equipment. For the picnic we will have a bunch of gas/liquid in/out connectors for both ball and pin lock taps. All that being said, please bring connectors for your keg(s) and leave them in your car just in case.

Also note that we will have 20 kegs registered with Jim Todd (our picnic beer coordinator) that will be served from the tap box + another that will be served from our beer engine. Additional kegs are encouraged so long as those bringing them understand that they will need to provide their own means of cooling (ice/bucket) and serving (picnic tap, CO2 source, gas line, etc). If you have questions about kegs email Jim Todd directly at jtodd414@comcast.net.

Dessert

Food and beer will be plentiful at the picnic, but please feel free to bring desserts if you like.

Competitions!

There will be three competitive events this year at the picnic featuring homemade salsa, homemade barbecue sauce, and a cornhole / bags tournament. All entries into the salsa and barbecue sauce competitions need to be submitted no later than 2:00pm or they will not be considered by the judges. Also, both the salsa and barbecue sauce competitions require each entry to be a minimum of one quart. All three of these competitions will have a winner declared and prizes awarded.

Stuff Needed

We also need the following items for the picnic: Bag games, lighting, tables, camp chairs, and a few pop-up tents. If you have any of these items please consider helping out the club by loaning their use for the picnic. If you plan on bringing any of this stuff, it would be best if you could drop it by Steve's farm on Friday night if possible.

Here's everything else you need to know about the picnic:

Date: Saturday, September 15th

Location: Evil Horse Farm - 1222 E Delite Inn Rd., Beecher, IL 60401

Time: 1:00pm Picnic begins
1:30pm Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be on the grill
2:30pm Salsa and Barbecue Sauce Judging
3:00pm Piñata for the kids
3:30pm Bags Tournament
5:00pm Dinner
7:30pm - 9:00pm BONFIRE!

Phone: 312-415-2337

RSVP: In order to plan for food, please let us know you're coming. Send an email to Terry Frey at havefundad@comcast.net. See you there!

Driving: From the East or West, take I-394 south until it becomes IL Route 1 (Dixie Hwy). Follow this through the town of Beecher to a point about 2.5 miles south of Beecher, then turn left onto Delite Inn Rd. The Evil Horse Farm is located 2.3 miles down, on the left hand side of the road. There will be parking provided at the house next door (to the West) of Steve's place.

Meeting Dues: The costs to attend this special event have been simplified and are as follows -

Kids (under 18) - FREE!

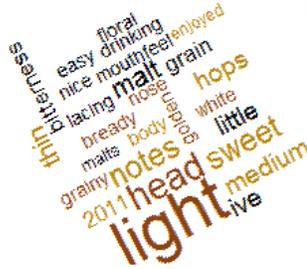
Member - \$15 (for the member only)

Member with a full corny or 2 cases of home brew – FREE! (for the member only)

Non-Members - \$25 each

2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
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
April	27 – Historical Beer



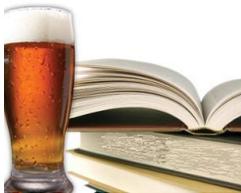
BOSS Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2018 and into 2019

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:

- September** – BOSS Picnic @ Evil Horse Farm
- October 5th** – @ Evil Horse Brewery
- November 2nd** – @ Mid-Country Malt
- December 9th** – Christmas Party @ Rock Bottom Orland Park
- January 4th or 11th** – likely @ Blue Island Beer Company
- February** – Date TBD, but hopefully the Goose Island Trip!
- March 1st or 8th** – @ Hailstorm
- April 5th** – @ 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 participating in the 2018 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

Brixtoberfest – (Brookfield, IL)

Entry Deadline: September 28, 2018

Judging: October 6, 2018

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

Sower's Cup – (Lincoln, NE)

Entry Deadline: September 26, 2018

Judging: October 13, 2018

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

Spooky Brew Review – (Chicago, IL)

Entry Deadline: TBD October, 2018

Judging: TBD October, 2018

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

Hoppy Halloween Challenge – (Fargo, ND)

Entry Deadline: October 26, 2018

Judging: November 3, 2018

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

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

Entry Deadline: TBD November, 2018

Judging: TBD November, 2018

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

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

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2018

Judging: December 8, 2018

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

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 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.

Questions? Contact the Officers

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Dick Van Dyke (emeritus)	xxx-xxx-xxxx	DVDsComp@msn.com

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.

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

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:

*“Never underestimate how much assistance, how much satisfaction, how much comfort, how much soul and transcendence there might be in a well-made taco and a cold bottle of beer.” — Tom Robbins, from *Jitterbug Perfume**

Cheers and happy brewing!
Scott