

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 October Meeting at One Trick Pony

In October we made our first visit to One Trick Pony brewery. We met in the actual brew house and got to ask the brewers a lot of questions. We also had a great tasting and open discussion about the differences between Festbier and Marzen, our styles of the month.



A huge thank you goes out to Mark Kocol and everyone at One Trick Pony for taking such good care of us. Also, thanks go to Jim and Therese Todd for handling the food. Lastly, I must thank Bill Goetz for remembering to take a picture or two at the meeting as I certainly forgot in all of the excitement!





November: The Lagunitas Trip

This one is a real treat for us! For the 4th year in a row we will be visiting the Lagunitas production brewery in Chicago for our November meeting. This is always an epic gathering for sure, so I hope all who wish to attend have paid attention to the RSVP prompts on the listserv and the Facebook group. We will once again have a bus taking us (same routine as the Goose Island brewery trips), but please note below that this will be on a Sunday afternoon instead of our usual Friday night, per the brewery's request. You can learn more about this location [here](#).

Date: **Sunday**, November 5th

Time: **1:00pm** meeting time, but the bus leaves Hailstorm at **12:00pm sharp!**

Location: Lagunitas Chicago, 2607 West 17th St., Chicago, Ill. 60608

RSVP: In order to plan for food, please let us know you're coming by please fill out [this form](#).

Driving: Follow I-55 toward Chicago and take Exit 289 (California Avenue), then turn north. Follow California Avenue northward approximately 2 miles and then turn right onto West 16th Street. Drive three blocks on West 16th Street and you will see the brewery on the right.

Meeting Dues: Remember, this meeting has been opened up to members + a guest. The fee structure is as follows:

Member \$15

Member on the bus \$25

Non-member \$20

Non-member on the bus \$30

Please bring exact change; it makes life so much easier!

Meeting Style: There will not be a meeting style this month.



2017/2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
November	N/A - Lagunitas Trip
December	N/A – Christmas Party
January	30C: Winter Seasonal Beer
February	N/A – Goose Island Trip
March	20C: Imperial Stout (not barrel aged)
April	9C: Baltic Porter
May	22A: Double IPA
June	10A - Weissbier



BOSS Meeting Schedule for 2017

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 partially completed list of 2017 meetings:

- November 5th** – Lagunitas Trip
- December** – Christmas Party, likely at Rock Bottom
- January 5th** – Blue Island Beer Company (tentative)
- February 2nd** – The Goose Island Trip (tentative)
- March 2nd** - TBD



BOSS Brewers Compete!

BOSSers, now is the time to brew some beers for the late 2017 and early 2018 competition seasons! Remember to let me know of any competitions in which you enter and win awards.

Brew – Enter – Win - Make BOSS Proud – Repeat!

Upcoming Midwest/Regional Competitions – Time to get brewing BOSS!
Entries in **GREEN** are participating in the 2017 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

Hoppy Halloween Challenge – (Fargo, ND)

Entry Deadline: October 20, 2017

Judging: October 28, 2017

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

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

Entry Deadline: November 2, 2017

Judging: November 11, 2017

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

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

Entry Deadline: December 1, 2017

Judging: December 9, 2017

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

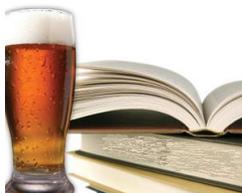


Master's Championship Of Amateur Brewing

<http://www.masterhomebrewer.org>



BOSS Library



Steve Sikorski is the BOSS librarian. If you're interested in a particular brewing book, email Steve prior to the next meeting at steveespambox2001@yahoo.com. A complete (maybe) list of the BOSS Library holdings can be found at www.bossbeer.org

BOSS Membership Information

Annual Dues

It is time to renew your membership to B.O.S.S. We will only be accepting membership payments via PayPal. You can see more details, fill out the registration form, and pay online through our [website](#). Also, to help the Board plan for and purchase an appropriate amount of club premium items, 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 2017/2018 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. Premium meetings such as the Goose Island trip may cost more to attend. 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.

Contact the Officers

This year's slate of Board members and their respective positions is as follows:

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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



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.

Beer Hoptacular – Chicago – November 4, 2017

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

Festival of Wood and Barrel Aged Beer – Chicago – November 10-11, 2018

<http://fobab.com/>

Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest – Madison, WI – January 20, 2018

<http://www.isthmusbeercheese.com/>

Day of the Living Ales – Chicago – January 2018 (exact date TBD)

<https://chibeer.org/category/cbsevents/>

Michigan Winter Beer Fest – Comstock Park, MI – February 23-24, 2018

<http://www.mibeer.com/winter-festival>

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:

“It was as natural as eating and to me as necessary, and I would not have thought of eating a meal without drinking beer.” – Ernest Hemingway

Cheers and happy brewing!
Scott