



Website – clubwort.com or .net

July 2019

Next Meeting – Aug. 13

Normal meeting in Tap House Grill, Palatine

Upcoming Club Events

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July 2019 Club Meeting

1. **Guests:** Vincent

2. **Style of the month: wheat**

John M. was the only entrant with a dark wheat. The club picked out styles through early 2020; next month will be pale ale.

3. **Brew-in**

Some folks brewed the poplar pale ale at Craig's house on June 15; day went well despite a bit of rain.

4. **Website**

A team is working on moving our website content to a new platform; we're making progress on the base site and giving individuals permissions to update pictures, links, etc.

5. **Treasury**

Bank holds \$2,046.43 as of July meeting, about to pay a new web host (\$50), insurance (\$350-\$400), and picnic (\$200).

6. **Book club**

Save the date (September 20, 7:30 p.m.) to read "Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides at John Guilfoil's place.

7. **Picnic**

The annual club picnic was held July 20 at Todd's house; the club Facebook page has some nice photos.

8. **AHA Conference rundown**

Several club members attended the recent AHA conference in Providence, RI (Nancy, Jim A., Jeff L.). Allegedly home brewing is slowing down in America, which the club disputes. Sessions included yeasts, meads, herbed beers, kimchi-making, and more. Jeff L. judged some beers (IPAs & English bitters). Providence doesn't have a whole lot of breweries, but the restaurants were solid.

Next year's conference will be in Nashville, which is closer for club member travel. It was suggested that we participate in club night.

Styles of the month

Note the style guidelines for each beer. Check Homebrewers Association to get the style info.

August 2019: pale ale

September 2019: Oktoberfest

October 2019: ESB

November 2019: dunkel

January 2020: stout / porter

February 2020: barleywine

Travel corner

Lots of travel this month, including two guest columns!

Mike K.'s visit to Springfield, IL

“First stop was **Anvil & Forge Brewing & Distilling** on East Washington. Contrary to the name, no distilling was being done as they awaited getting licensed. The beer selection was limited to only 5 working taps with no surprises. The Brown Ale evidenced too many hops for my taste. The Nitro Stout was bitter (detect a trend of overuse of hops here?).

“Second stop was **Buzz Bomb** on East Adams. They had 8 beers and 2 guest Ciders on tap. My flight consisted of a 60 IBU Stout (they love hops in Springfield), a typical Cream Ale, a typical Belgian Strong Ale, and a 12% Imperial Milk Stout with a cherry syrup flavor.

“Skip both of these and drink at the **Craft Beer Bar** on East Monroe. Great selection from around the state and country.”

The newsletter would like to add that **Obed & Isaac's** is a nice stop for craft beer and tasty food, as well!

A stop in Columbus, OH

I haven't been anywhere too interesting this month; on a quick visit to Columbus, Ohio, I tried a new brewery, **Hoof Hearted**. Definitely worth a visit if you are in town; I really wanted to stop at Pretentious Barrel House, but it has very limited hours.



Club Wort at RAGBRAI

John G. and Jim A. joined 40,000 of their closest friends to ride the world's largest bike race, RAGBRAI, across Iowa. Only 15,000 bikers made it all the way across Iowa's 437 miles.

