



Website – clubwort.com or [.net](http://clubwort.net)

August 2019

Next Meeting – Sept. 10

Normal meeting in Tap House Grill, Palatine

Upcoming Club Events

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August '19 Club Meeting

1. Great Taste recap

Several Club Wort members attended the Great Taste of the Midwest; there were many excellent beers this year, including IPAs, big stouts, and experimentals. See John M.'s review of Madison breweries in Travel Corner on page 2!

2. Website

The site will go live soon after some final formatting touches. All newsletters have been added, and photos from our Facebook page will be present, too, to show that the club is active.

3. Tech session

Tom H. is hosting a session on mead making at Roaring Table on August 21.

4. Brew-in

Elliot will send out dates for September for a brew-in at his Equipment Emporium.

5. Newsletter

The newsletter editor is moving to the city, but the club offered to pay her train fare to and from the city to Palatine station. Newsletter notes that fare is \$14.50 round trip and she takes Chase Quickpay. ;)

6. Pub crawl

Paul is putting together a pub crawl on September 28 to the following locales:

- Arrowhead Ales (New Lenox)
- River Hawk Brewing (Channahon)
- Will County Brewing (Shorewood)
- MyGrain Brewing (Joliet)
- Garage Band or Werk Force (Plainfield) or Black Horizon (Willowbrook) – vote for your choice!

Seat is \$35, pickups in Glenview / Northbrook and Dirty Nellie's. We need a minimum of 40 people to make the bus fare worth it; contact Paul ASAP.

7. Book club

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

8. Treasurer report

With some costs this month (\$58 for website, \$177 for picnic), bank account currently holds \$1,858.

Styles of the month

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

September 2019: Oktoberfest

October 2019: ESB

November 2019: dunkel

January 2020: stout / porter

February 2020: barleywine

Upcoming competitions

Thanks to Jeff L. for assembling this list of upcoming brewing competitions!

October 5 – Brixtoberfest from the Brixie Brewers, Brookfield, IL. This is one of the “funnest” comps around to judge/steward, so sign up. Registration starts Sept 7. Register your beers early, because last year they reached their max before the deadline. What’s Brewing is a drop-off point.

October 5 - Schnapp Hans Cup from the Beer Barons of Milwaukee, Delafield, WI. MCAB Qualifier

October 12 – Sower’s Cup from the Lincoln Lagers, Lincoln, NE. MWHBOTY competition

October 26 – Spooky Brew from the Chicago Beer Society, Chicago IL.

October 26 – Hoppy Halloween from the Prairie Homebrewing Companions, Fargo, ND. MWHBOTY competition

November 9 – FOAM Cup from the Fellowship of Oklahoma Alemakers, Tulsa OK. MCAB Qualifier

December 2019 – Happy Holiday from the St. Louis Brews, St Louis, MO. Info soon. MWHBOTY competition and MCAB Qualifier

* Master Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) competition circuit

* Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Circuit Competitions (MWHBOTY)

Travel corner

Lots of travel this month, including two guest columns!

John M.’s beer-a-thon in Madison

Somehow John had the stamina to hit the following stops from Thursday to Monday around Great Taste weekend. Newsletter editor has still not sufficiently recovered from that weekend, having fallen asleep in a field and been woken up by some of Madison’s finest.

Next Door – 4 of 11 beers tasted; well-balanced, good variety

Union Corners – 6 of 10 beers tasted; good beers but undercarbonated

Giant Jones – 8 of 8 beers tasted; good variety, well-balanced

Karben4 – 8 of 13 beers tasted; great beers, but mostly hoppy

Ale Asylum – 6 of 17 beers tasted; strong selection of malty & hoppy beers

Alt Brew – 5 of 8 beers tasted; all beers are gluten-free and lack flavor

Rockhound – 6 of 14 beers tasted; solid regular beers, barrel-aged too flavored by barrel. Tasty food.

Funk Factory – 4 of 8 beers tasted, all sour lambics

Working Draft – 4 of 11 beers tasted; average

One Barrel – 4 of 11 beers tasted; good flavorful beers & an excellent barleywine

Great Dane – 4 of 12 beers tasted; average beer, good food

Vintage – 5 of 22 beers tasted; above average beer & good variety, tasty food.