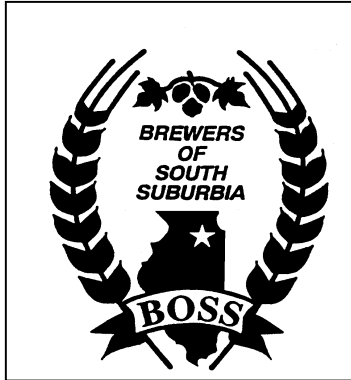


BOSS Newsletter

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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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March Meeting

The March general BOSS meeting was held on March 6 at Mid Country Malt Supply, hosted by BOSS member and Mid Country manager Bob Heinlein as well as by Mid Country's VP of Sales, Kelly Kuehl. About 40 people attended, including several new members. As Dick Van Dyke noted in an email, "The venue was terrific, surrounded by pallets of malts, hops, and other brewing supplies...hard to keep your imagination under control dreaming of really BIG brews." BOSS Vice-President Harry Bielawski also noted that Mid Country donated raffle items, including a sack of malt. Our sincere thanks to Bob and Kelly.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be at Brickstone Brewery and Restaurant in Bourbonnais. BOSS Past-President Mike Morel writes, "According to Tom Vasilakis of Brickstone, we will have the private room, but be able to tour the brewery." Also, the winners from the BOSS Challenge (see p. 2) will receive their prizes and the accolades of their fellow BOSSers.

Here are particulars for the April meeting:

Location: Brickstone Brewery and Restaurant

557 William Latham Dr., Bourbonnais, IL

Phone: (815) 936-9277

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Driving: Interstate 57 south (I think that includes everyone) to IL State Route 50 exit south. Going south on IL 50, first major intersection is Armour Road, about a quarter mile. Turn right on Armour and go straight. Armour becomes N3000e Road and, after the intersection with U.S. 45/52 becomes William Latham Drive. Brickstone is about another quarter mile on the right.

Style: Style for the meeting is bocks. Bring your best homebrewed or favorite commercial examples

Dues: Because the meeting is at a commercial establishment, regular meeting dues will not be in effect. Meeting dues will be \$10 for BOSS members and \$15 for non-members.

RSVP: Please let Mike Morel know if you will be attending. You can email him at m.morel@comcast.net or phone at 815-932-9906

BOSS Challenge Competition

Another great BOSS Challenge competition was held Saturday, March 28. Thanks, as always, to Charlie Orr of Maple Tree Inn for hosting.

The list of winners is too long to reproduce here, but you can find it soon at www.bossbeer.org. Various emails named winners and we should all be proud of the many BOSS members who won prizes. Notably, Best of Shows went to Harry Bielawski for beer (Porter) and Tom Sadowski for mead (Traditional Mead). Of course, they also took first place in those categories. Harry will have the opportunity to brew his porter at Flossmoor Station, with the brewer's agreement.

First place in various other categories went to Steve Kamp (Light Lager), Terry Frey (English Pale Ale; Smoke/Wood Aged), Mike Pelter (Scottish and Irish Ale; Belgian and French Ale), Roger Masson (Small Stouts), and Tom Sadowski. Lots of other BOSS members took seconds and thirds. Great brewing by all.

Special thanks to Mike Pelter for organizing a great event, Roger Deschner for organizing the judges and Bob Heinlein for getting the stewards together

BOSS Officers Meeting

The BOSS officers met at Flossmoor Station on March 19. The main agenda items were the BOSS Constitution and BOSS By-Laws (betcha didn't even know we had those). Only a few recommendations were made regarding changes. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds vote of members in good standing. Changes in By-Laws required a simple majority of at least 20 members, including at least four Board members, at any regular monthly meeting.

One change the officers would like to see is that, at Board meetings, the club pay for two beers. This is a small perquisite for serving as a Board member and we hope will entice people who have not served before to run for a Board position.

The current By-Laws state that, "New members, regardless of when they apply for membership, are required to pay the full annual dues." Board members re-affirmed this, and it will render any other dues information obsolete. For example, newsletters have been announcing that new members joining after October 1 would pay only half a year's dues. Not any more.

Styles for the Year

Only two to go, and then the list shoots back up to twelve

- April, 2009 – Bocks
- May, 2009 – Pilsner

Treasurer's Report

Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$25. Our fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30. Payment any time between those dates constitutes membership until the following April 30. So, anyone who has not paid since May 1 has "guest" status at meetings. There is no reduced rate for joining or renewing late in the fiscal year. If you have not paid your annual dues at a meeting, you can send a check, payable to B.O.S.S. for \$25.00 to Lee Mayer, BOSS Treasurer, 16972 S. Laramie, Oak Forest, IL 60452

Meeting Dues

Meeting hosts do not pay dues for the meeting(s) they host (a good reason to host a meeting). Members' meeting dues are \$7.00 per meeting when held at a member's home. Non-member or guest meeting dues are \$10.00. However, if you are a guest and join BOSS at the meeting, you will pay only the \$7.00 fee for that night's meeting. Meeting dues at commercial establishments are variable and, to the best of the Editor's ability, will be announced in the Newsletter.

Financial Statement

Financial statements at the end of the year get too large for reprinting. I have attempted to put some important summary information (*i.e.* year-to-date figures), based on treasurer Lee Mayer's

statement of March 24. Thanks to Lee for preparing it. The editor takes responsibility for any errors in copying. If you wish to view the entire statement, please email me at ajlubinsky@gmail.com .

Cash reconciliation

Previous Balance Feb 28, 09	<u>622.82</u>
Feb 09 activity	179.50
Expected balance per Mar 31, 09	<u>802.32</u>

Bank Book Reconciliation

Balance per Statement Feb 09	477.82
Feb meeting (Goose Is.)	155.00
March meeting (Mid Country)	248.00
Total Deposits Outstanding	<u>403.00</u>
Incorporation fee (Secretary of State)	(10.00)
BOSS Board at Flossmoor	(68.50)
Total Checks Outstanding	<u>(78.50)</u>
Expected Balance per Bank Mar 09	<u>802.32</u>
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Cash Flows (Year-to-Date):

<u>Income</u>	
Annual Dues \$1,065	
Meeting Dues \$3,951.00	
Guest Meeting Dues, \$220	
Picnic, \$499.00	
Raffles, \$506	
Total Income, \$6,241	-

Expenses

Meeting expenses, \$3,549.00
Premiums, \$781.71
Incorporation fee, \$10.00
Picnic, \$1,232.50
07/08 Annual competition, \$332.00
08/09 Annual competition, \$44.00
Bus for Feb meeting, \$275.00

Total expenses, \$6,292.71

Balance, (\$51.71) Note: This is a negative balance.

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

Contact the Officers

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Newsletter Items

I'd sure welcome your items to put in the newsletter. Visit a new brewery? Write up your impressions and send them to me. Do well in a competition? Send me a description and, if you'd be willing to share, your recipe. Got some news that affects homebrewers in the south suburbs and environs? Let me know about it. Send all those, or anything else you think would be interesting to include, to me, Jay Lubinsky, at ajlubinsky@gmail.com

Thanks a lot,
Jay