

# 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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## January Meeting at Blue Island

In January we visited our good friends at the Blue Island Beer Company. This was also our annual chili cook-off event. We got to try a bunch of really good chili, all made with beer of course. What a treat this meeting was!



**A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made chili and to Jose Torres for once again making us some extra chili and for coordinating the judging. Also, thank you Steve Kamp for running the guided tasting of Winter Seasonal Beers!**





# February Meeting @ Goose Island Brewing Company

There is nothing sweeter than when we get to visit a world renowned brewery's barrel warehouse and get treated like kings while we are there. In February we will have our annual bus trip to Goose Island – so watch the listserv for information on how to sign up for this meeting.

**New this year** – we are allowing paid-up members to bring **one** guest, which should help us fill up the bus. Also, please note that the meeting date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in February, not the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday.

Remember, we are guests of Goose Island and will be meeting in a working barrel-aging / production facility so please be mindful of their rules and don't do anything to jeopardize the club's ability to return in future years.

**Date:** Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at Goose Island. **The bus leaves Hailstorm at 6:00pm sharp!**

**Location:** Goose Island Barrel Warehouse, 603 N Sacramento Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612

**RSVP:** In order to plan for food, please let us know you're coming by filling out our snazzy new online RSVP form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpoCp\\_NTNVuF5M793KV1rzR6U-n54ab9NBqw1DqGnfKpsEpA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpoCp_NTNVuF5M793KV1rzR6U-n54ab9NBqw1DqGnfKpsEpA/viewform)

**Driving:** For those not riding the bus, the easiest way to get there is to get onto Western Avenue and take that north to Fulton and turn left (west). Follow Fulton to Sacramento and turn right (north). The barrel warehouse is at 603 N. Sacramento Blvd (on the right hand side when traveling north).

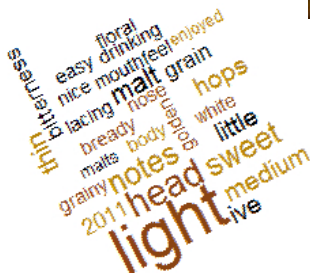
**Meeting Dues:** The cost to attend this meeting will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Those riding the bus will pay an additional \$10 for that service.

**Meeting Style:** N/A this month.



## 2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
February	N/A - Goose Island Trip
March	20C – Imperial Stout (not barrel aged)
April	9C – Baltic Porter
May	22A – Double IPA
June	10A - Weissbier
July	25A – Belgian Blond Ale
August	21A – American IPA
September	N/A – BOSS Picnic



## Tentative BOSS Meeting Schedule for 2018

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:

- February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Goose Island Trip (RSVP soon, space is limited)
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – at Hailstorm
- April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Brickstone
- May 4<sup>th</sup>** – TBD - possibly Northwest Recreation Club in Joliet
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** – TBD - possibly Soundgrowler
- July 6<sup>th</sup>** – TBD - possibly Alter
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – TBD – possibly One Trick Pony
- September** – Picnic – Date TBD
- October 5<sup>th</sup>** – TBD – possibly Evil Horse
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – TBD – possibly ByWay Brewing
- December** – Christmas Party, likely at Rock Bottom



## **Upcoming Midwest/Regional Competitions – Time to get brewing BOSS!**

Entries in **GREEN** are participating in the 2018 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

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### **Great Northern Brew Ha Ha** – (Duluth, MN)

Entry Deadline: January 28, 2018

Judging: February 10, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.greatnorthernbrewhaha.brewcomp.com/>

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### **Kansas City Bier Meister's Annual Competition** – (Kansas City , MO)

Entry Deadline: February 2, 2018

Judging: February 17, 2018

Competition Information: <http://kcbiermeisters.org/comp/>

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### **Midwinter Homebrew Competition** – (Milwaukee, WI)

Entry Deadline: February 3, 2018

Judging: February 17, 2018

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

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### **Wizard of Saaz** – (Akron, OH)

Entry Deadline: March 29, 2018

Judging: April 14, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.sazakron.com/WoS/>

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### **UKG Drunk Monk Challenge** – (Aurora, IL)

Entry Deadline: March 2, 2018

Judging: March 10, 2018

Competition Information: <http://knaves.org/DMC/index.html>

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### **BOSS Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge** – (Crest Hill, IL)

Entry Deadline: March 16, 2018

Judging: March 24, 2018

Competition Information: <http://www.bossbeer.org/competition.html>



### **Germanfest Stein Challenge** – (Milwaukee, WI)

Entry Deadline: TBD July 2018

Judging: TBD July 2018

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

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Also, if you are interested in multi-competition challenges, here are two to consider:



**Midwest Home Brewer of the Year**  
<http://www.sphbc.org/mwhboy>



**Master's Championship Of Amateur Brewing**  
<http://www.masterhomebrewer.org>



## BOSS Membership Information

### Annual Dues

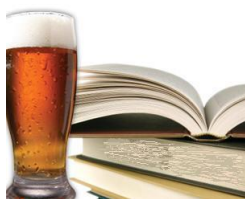
*New this year* - we will only be accepting membership payments via PayPal! Look for more details on our [website](#). Also, to help the Board plan for and purchase an appropriate amount of club premium items, from now on, if anyone joins after the picnic, new member or renewal, they won't be eligible to receive this year's club premium.

Annual dues for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 are **\$32**. Our fiscal year runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Payment any time between those dates constitutes membership until the following April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:steveespambox2001@yahoo.com). A complete (maybe) list of the BOSS Library holdings can be found at [www.bossbeer.org](http://www.bossbeer.org)

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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](mailto:spointon2002@yahoo.com)

## BOSS Competition News

Hey BOSSers, our 2018 Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge is right around the corner. This is our 27<sup>th</sup> annual Chicago Cup Challenge! Here are some relevant pieces of information for you regarding the competition:

Beginning January 20, 2018 judges and stewards may register as volunteers.

Beginning February 10, 2018 participants may register themselves into the system.

Beginning February 10, 2018 participants/judges/stewards may enter their beers, meads, and ciders into the system.

We will begin accepting physical entries at our collection points beginning Saturday February 10, 2018. We do have some special restrictions at certain drop off locations, so please visit the competition webpage to learn all of the details. <http://www.bossbeer.org/ChicagoCup>

Entries will be accepted at the regular March BOSS meeting as well as at any of the designated shipping/drop-off locations. The last day to drop off entries at Hailstorm is March 10, 2018.

Questions? Bill Goetz is our competition coordinator this year ([wrgoetz78@gmail.com](mailto:wrgoetz78@gmail.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.

**Naperville Winter Ale Fest** – Naperville, IL - February 24, 2018

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

**Michigan Winter Beer Festival** – 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:

***"We old folks have to find our cushions and pillows in our tankards.  
Strong beer is the milk of the old." - Martin Luther***

Cheers and happy brewing!  
Scott