

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 January Meeting at Blue Island Beer Co.

In January we held our monthly meeting and annual chili cook off at the Blue Island Beer Company. It turns out that Boss home brewers are very talented cooks as well. My goodness did we ever eat well. If you like chili and missed this meeting, you need to go next year!



In addition to eating lots of great chili, we had a guided tasting of Cream Ales and a fun raffle. Sincere thanks go to the entire BOSS Board for planning the event. Special thanks to Bryan and Al and the team at Blue Island for hosting us and treating us like family.





February Meeting @ Goose Island

In February we will have our annual bus trip to Goose Island...more specifically the long awaited, much anticipated, annual pilgrimage to the vaunted Goose Island Barrel Warehouse. I don't think it gets any better than visiting this shrine to barrel aged beers while being treated like royalty while we are there. We are continuing the new trend we started last year which is to allow paid-up members to bring **one** guest, which should help us fill up the bus. Also, please note that the meeting date is the 2nd Friday in February, not the 1st 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 8th

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 online RSVP form. Each person planning on attending should fill out this form:
<https://goo.gl/forms/BEEu67dJHVRWPdBB2>.

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).

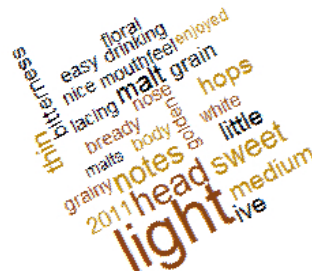
Meeting Dues: If you are transporting yourself to Goose, the cost to attend this meeting will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Members riding the bus from Tinley Park will pay \$20, and non-members riding the bus will pay \$25.

Meeting Style: N/A this month.



2019 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings & Club Competitions

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
February	N/A – Goose Island Trip
March	29A – Fruit Beer (tasting)
April	27 – Historical Beer (competition)
May	28B – Mixed Fermentation Sour (tasting)
June	5B: Kolsch (competition)
July	TBD
August	TBD
September	N/A – BOSS Picnic



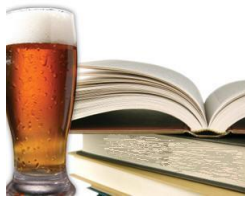
BOSS Meeting Schedule for 2019

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 compiled list of upcoming meetings:

- February 8th** – confirmed - the Goose Island Trip!
- March 1st** – confirmed - @ Hailstorm
- April 5th** – TBD – hopefully @ BrickStone
- May 3rd** - TBD – hopefully @ Werkforce Brewing
- June 7th** – TBD – hopefully @ Soundgrowler



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 stevepambox2001@yahoo.com . A complete (maybe) list of the BOSS Library holdings can be found at www.bossbeer.org

Upcoming Midwest/Regional Competitions – Time to get brewing BOSS!
Entries in **GREEN** are likely part of the 2019 Midwest Home Brewer of the Year competition.

Minnesota Mashout – (Roseville, MN)

Entry Deadline: January 11, 2019

Judging: January 26, 2019

Competition Information: <https://mashout.org/>

Great Northern Brew Ha Ha – (Duluth, MN)

Entry Deadline: January 25, 2019

Judging: February 9, 2019

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

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

Entry Deadline: February 2, 2019

Judging: February 16, 2019

Competition Information: <https://kcbiermeisters.com/index.php/kcbm-competition/>

Midwinter Homebrew Competition – (Milwaukee, WI)

Entry Deadline: February 2, 2019

Judging: February 17, 2019

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

Wizard of Saaz – (Akron, OH)

Entry Deadline: March TBD, 2019

Judging: April TBD, 2019

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

UKG Drunk Monk Challenge – (Aurora, IL)

Entry Deadline: Mar 1, 2019

Judging: March 9, 2019

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

BOSS Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge – (Tinley Park, IL)

Entry Deadline: March 8, 2019

Judging: March 23, 2019

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



Germanfest Stein Challenge – (Milwaukee, WI)

Entry Deadline: TBD July 2019

Judging: TBD July 2019

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

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 Competition & Awards Dinner News

Hey BOSSers, our 2019 Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge is right around the corner. This is our 28th annual Chicago Cup Challenge! Get busy and brew a few more beers to help us insure another BOSS victory! Here are some relevant pieces of information for you regarding the competition:

Coming very soon, judges and stewards may register online as volunteers.

Soon after that, participants may register themselves into the system and enter their beers, meads, and ciders into the system.

We will begin accepting physical entries at our collection points in February. Look for specific times to be announced soon on the competition website, on the Google groups listserv, in our private Facebook Group, and in the March newsletter. We will have some special restrictions at certain drop off locations, so please monitor the competition webpage to learn all of the details as they emerge.

<http://www.bossbeer.org/ChicagoCup>

Don't forget that entries will be accepted at the March 1st regular 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 9, 2019.

Questions? Bill Goetz is our competition coordinator this year (wrgoetz78@gmail.com).

Lastly, the competition will be held at Hailstorm this year, including the evening awards dinner. Mike Sneddon, aka "the pig guy" will be catering lunch for the volunteers as well as the dinner that evening. This is going to be epic!



BOSS Membership Information

Annual Dues

We only accept 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 2018/2019 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. 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.

Questions? Contact the Officers

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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.

Chicago Ale Fest – Chicago - February 2, 2019

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

Naperville Winter Ale Fest – Naperville, IL - February 23, 2019

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

Michigan Winter Beer Fest – Comstock Park, MI – February 23-24, 2019

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

Day of the Living Ales – Chicago – March 2019 (exact date TBD)

<https://chibeer.org>

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:

"A man is a fool if he drinks before he reaches the age of 50, and a fool if he doesn't afterward."

— Frank Lloyd Wright

Cheers and happy brewing!

Scott