

# 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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# April @ BrickStone Brewery

In April we held our monthly meeting at the BrickStone production brewery in Bourbonnais. As always, the entire BrickStone team treated us like family. One highlight of the meeting was that Bill Goetz read off a recap of the recent Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge. BOSS won the cup by a wide margin! Other highlights were the opportunity to drink a couple different BrickStone beers (including a brand new IPA that was outstanding) and a guided tasting of Baltic Porters led by Steve Kamp. A big BOSS thank you goes out to all who made this meeting great!



Yes, it remains ours...



...and it is fabulous!



## May Meeting: The Trip To Goose Island

Remember when our February trip to Goose Island got cancelled due to the great blizzard of 2018? In April we will be heading into the city to have a “makeup” visit at the Goose Island Barrel Warehouse. This is a bus trip meeting, so RSVPs were already handled online. Those riding the bus need to drive to Hailstorm and park on the street (i.e. not in their parking lot) before boarding the bus. The bus will depart from Hailstorm at 6:00pm sharp, so don’t be late. Walk-ins can go directly to the barrel warehouse (603 N. Sacramento Blvd in Chicago). This is one of the coolest things we do all year so don’t miss it and be sure to behave yourself while you are there! *Please note that the B.O.S.S. Board election will also be held at this meeting.*

**Date:** Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Bus Boarding Time:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

**Location of Bus Pickup:** 8060 186th St, Tinley Park, IL 60487

**Meeting Dues:** The costs to attend are as follows:

- \$20 for members riding the bus
- \$25 for guests riding the bus
- \$10 for members walking in
- \$15 for guests walking in

**Meeting Style:** There will not be a style-of-the-month for May.



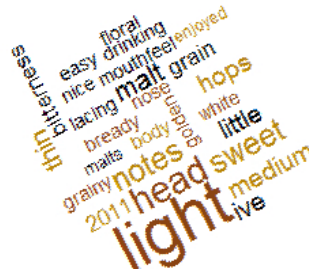


**The BOSS Club would like to thank the following businesses for generously donating to the 2018 Charley Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge: (listed in no particular order)**

Rock Bottom, Orland Park  
Tribes Beer Company, Mokena and Tinley Park  
The Open Bottle, Tinley Park  
Byway Brewing, Hammond, IN  
Kenwood Liquors, Homer Glen  
Soundgrowler Brewing, Tinley Park  
Windmill Brewery, Dyer, IN  
350 Brewing, Tinley Park  
Skeleton Key Brewing, Woodridge  
Arrowhead Ales, New Lenox  
Brickstone Brewery, Bourbonnaise  
Hailstorm Brewery, Tinley Park  
One Trick Pony Brewery, Lansing  
Metal Monkey Brewing, Romeoville  
Blue Island Beer Company, Blue Island  
Chicago Brew Werks & Werkforce Brewing, Plainfield  
Revolution Brewing, Chicago  
Midwest Mead Werks, Chicago  
Evil Horse Brewing, Crete  
Imperial Oak Brewing, Willow Springs  
Lo-Rez Brewery, Chicago  
Brewers Supply Group, Shakopee, MN  
Blichmann Engineering, Lafayette, IN  
The Brew Bag, Plainfield  
5 Star Chemicals, Commerce City, CO  
Omega Yeast - Chicago  
Wyeast – Hood River, OR  
Brewcraft USA – South Holland  
Uni-stat temperature controllers – Walnut Creek, CA

## 2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
May	N/A – Goose Trip
June	10A - Weissbier
July	25A – Belgian Blond Ale
August	21A – American IPA
September	N/A – BOSS Picnic
October	16B – Oatmeal Stout
November	TBD
December	N/A – BOSS Christmas Party



### 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:

- May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Goose Island (make-up for the snow storm cancellation)
- 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.

#### **Indiana State Fair Brewer's Cup** – (Indianapolis, IN)

Entry Deadline: June 15, 2018

Judging: July 14, 2018

Competition Information: <https://tinyurl.com/k29hy8m>

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

Entry Deadline: July 13, 2018

Judging: July 28-29, 2018

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

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**For What It's Wort** – (Bloomington, IL)

Entry Deadline: TBD July, 2018

Judging: TBD July, 2018

Competition Information: <http://forwhatitswort.brewcomp.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

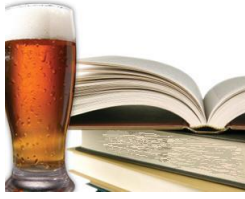
*New this year* - we will only be accepting membership payments via PayPal! Look for more details on our [website](#). Also, to help the Board plan for and purchase an appropriate amount of club premium items, from now on, if anyone joins after the picnic, new member or renewal, they won't be eligible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

Annual dues for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 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 [stevevspambox2001@yahoo.com](mailto:stevevspambox2001@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)



## 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 Beer Classic** – Soldier Field, Chicago, IL – May 5, 2018  
<http://chicagobeerclassic.com/>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – *West Coast Brews* - Chicago, IL – May 20, 2018**  
<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – *Brews of Colorado* - Chicago, IL – June 3, 2018**  
<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

**Tri-City Craft Brew Festival – St. Charles, IL – June 9, 2018**  
<http://www.tricitycraftbrewfestival.com/>

**Naperville Ale Fest – Naperville, IL – July 14, 2018**  
<https://www.napervillealefest.com/home-summer>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – *To Belgian Independence* - Chicago, IL – July 22, 2017**  
<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

**South Loop Beer and Cider Fest – Women’s Park, Chicago – July 28, 2018**  
<http://southloopbeerfest.com/>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – *Wisconsin Beer* - Chicago, IL – August 5, 2018**  
<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

**Mystic Blue Brew Cruise – *Chicago’s Small Brewers* - Chicago, IL – September 9, 2018**  
<https://www.mysticbluecruises.com/chicago/cruises/specialty/craft-beer>

### 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 meme, related to the date of this publication:



Cheers and happy brewing!  
Scott