

# BOSS Newsletter

June 2018

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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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# May @ the Goose Island Barrel Warehouse

In May the club made it's annual pilgrimage to visit the Goose Island Barrel Warehouse. This was the trip we were supposed to take in February but had to cancel due to a blizzard. Unfortunately your newsletter editor was not able to make it to this meeting, so you are all stuck with some stock photos of that amazing facility!



**The club thanks all those at Goose Island who make this visit happen, and who make it special for us year after year!**





# June Meeting @ Soundgrowler

This month we will visit a spot we have never visited as a club! The gang at Soundgrowler will play host to us, but I am sure they are familiar folks to most BOSS members. In fact, since at least one of the founders of the company was a BOSS member prior to them opening their doors, we can proudly call this another brewery in the BOSS family. *Please note that the B.O.S.S. Board election results will be shared at this meeting.*

**Date:** Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** 8201 183rd Street – Suite P, Tinley Park

**RSVP:** In order to plan for food, please let us know you're coming by sending an RSVP email to Terry Frey at [havefundad@comcast.net](mailto:havefundad@comcast.net). Please RSVP early, and you might want to bring a folding chair to insure you have somewhere to sit.

**Driving:** This is an easy one. If you can get to Hailstorm, you are almost there! From the West, take I-80 to LaGrange Road (Rt 45) and exit north. Take a right on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and follow that to the brewery, which will be on your right. From the East, take I-80 to Harlem Avenue (Rt 43) and exit north. Turn left on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and follow that to the brewery, which will be on your left.

**Meeting Dues:** The cost to attend this meeting is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests.

**Meeting Style:** The style of the month will be BJCP category 10A - Weissbier.

## **10A – Weissbier**

**Overall Impression:** A pale, refreshing German wheat beer with high carbonation, dry finish, a fluffy mouthfeel, and a distinctive banana-and-clove yeast character.

**Aroma:** Moderate to strong phenols (usually clove) and fruity esters (typically banana). The balance and intensity of the phenol and ester components can vary but the best examples are reasonably balanced and fairly prominent. The hop character ranges from low to none. A light to moderate wheat aroma (which might be perceived as bready or grainy) may be present but other malt characteristics should not. Optional, but acceptable, aromatics can include a light to moderate vanilla character, and/or a faint bubblegum aroma. None of these optional characteristics should be high or dominant, but often can add to the complexity and balance.

**Appearance:** Pale straw to gold in color. A very thick, moussy, long lasting white head is characteristic. The high protein content of wheat impairs clarity in an unfiltered beer, although the level of haze is somewhat variable.

**Flavor:** Low to moderately strong banana and clove flavor. The balance and intensity of the phenol and ester components can vary but the best examples are reasonably balanced and fairly prominent. Optionally, a very light to moderate vanilla character and/or faint bubblegum notes can accentuate

the banana flavor, sweetness and roundness; neither should be dominant if present. The soft, somewhat bready or grainy flavor of wheat is complementary, as is a slightly grainy-sweet malt character. Hop flavor is very low to none, and hop bitterness is very low to moderately low. Well-rounded, flavorful palate with a relatively dry finish. The perception of sweetness is more due to the absence of hop bitterness than actual residual sweetness; a sweet or heavy finish would significantly impair drinkability.

**Mouthfeel:** Medium-light to medium body; never heavy. Suspended yeast may increase the perception of body. The texture of wheat imparts the sensation of a fluffy, creamy fullness that may progress to a light, spritzy finish aided by high to very high carbonation. Always effervescent.

**Comments:** These are refreshing, fast maturing beers that are lightly hopped and show a unique banana-and-clove yeast character. These beers often don't age well and are best enjoyed while young and fresh. The version mit hefe is served with suspended yeast; the krystal version is filtered for excellent clarity.

**Characteristic Ingredients:** By German brewing tradition, at least 50% of the grist must be malted wheat, although some versions use up to 70%; the remainder is typically Pilsner malt. A decoction mash is traditional, although modern brewers typically don't follow this practice. Weizen ale yeast produces the typical spicy and fruity character, although high fermentation temperatures can affect the balance and produce off-flavors.

**Vital Statistics:**

OG: 1.044 – 1.052

IBUs: 8 – 15

FG: 1.010 – 1.014

SRM: 2 – 6

ABV: 4.3 – 5.6%

**Commercial Examples:** Ayinger Bräu Weisse, Hacker-Pschorr Weisse, Paulaner Hefe-Weizen Naturtrüb, Schneider Weisse Unser Original, Weihenstephaner Hefeweissbier

**2018 Styles Of The Month For BOSS Guided Tastings**

BOSS Meeting Month	Style
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
January	TBD



## 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:

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – @ Soundgrowler  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – @ 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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#### 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: July 14, 2018

Judging: July 21, 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

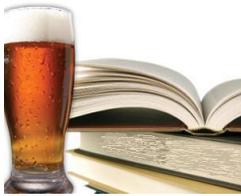
We only accept membership payments via PayPal! Look for more details on our [website](#). Also, to help the Board plan for and purchase an appropriate amount of club premium items, from now on, if anyone joins after the picnic, new member or renewal, they won't be eligible to receive this year's club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

Annual dues for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 are **\$32**. Our fiscal year runs from May 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 [stevesspambox2001@yahoo.com](mailto:stevesspambox2001@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.

**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 – *Chicag'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:

***"I woke up this morning and I got myself a beer..."***  
- Jim Morrison

Cheers and happy brewing!  
Scott