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Knaves Knews

UKG... Because home is where great beer is brewed!

August 2019

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Welcome Address



Hello boys and girls. Welcome to a new school year. Although the new school year doesn't have as big of an impact on my life as it did for a long time, I still enjoy that

feeling of a fresh start that this time of the year with all of its back-to-school fervor seems to carry. When I was a child, one of my favorite things about a new school year was a new box of crayons and a fresh, clean notebook. They always felt full of possibilities to me.

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Mike Uchima - Photography

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Right now, I feel like Emily Slayton at Skeleton Key handed me a new box of crayons at our Tech Session this month! Emily showed us numerous locally forage-able beer ingredients. I'm now going to have my eyes open in a different way when I take the dog for her daily walk, combing the area for Staghorn Sumac and Shagbark Hickory. It was a very professional and informative presentation, of interest from a beer, mead, and cooking perspective...and the watermelon lime gose was delicious, too!

Speaking of Tech Sessions, check the calendar for confirmation on the next Tech Session. We will be visiting Two Fools Cider in Naperville for a cider-themed session. I know I will be greatly



interested in this timely topic. Coming into Fall, there is sure to be some apple juice fermenting in my basement. Andy Day is still looking for potential future Tech Session topics and/or presenters. Contact him via Slack or email if you have any suggestions. This is your club and we are open to any and all ideas.

August has been a very busy beer month. UKG was very well represented at the CHAOS Summer BrewBQ on August 17th. We poured one cider and nine beers, including Jeff's Vienna,

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and it will open into a new
window.*

a delicious coffee blonde from Woj, and multiple other tasty treats. As I walked around the fest, I heard multiple people discussing beers from our booth. It's always good to overhear a conversation where someone is complimenting our club! Jeff Whepley from CHAOS hopes that next years' fest will move out to the street to give us more space for more clubs.

Our annual summer picnic at Gerry Hodge's house was great with lots of beer, food, and conversation around the fire. Those of us who attended all had a wonderful time. We were a smaller group than usual, likely due in part to other beer-related events. Thanks again to our host and hostess, Gerry and Lisa!

Our September meeting is back at Alter brewing on September 17th. We will be having another beer cooking night. The theme this time is sliders. Make up a batch of a favorite slider recipe. It doesn't need to be a burger, but it must contain beer. You can use the beer in the bun, the sauce, the meat, or all of the above. Bring a batch to the meeting with anything that you need to serve them. The club will have plates, forks, and napkins.

Another upcoming event is the 1st Annual Fall Train Crawl on September 28th. Keep an eye on

the calendar and in this Knewsletter for more details.

Slainte ,
Eileen

P.S. Please remember that this is *YOUR* club. Your suggestions are always welcome! Please consider contributing a short article or photos for the newsletter, a suggestion for a Tech Talk, or a Social Night venue idea. Email Knews@Knaves.org.

Welcome to Our New Members!

- None for August although, we did have new visitors.
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UPCOMING on the Calendar...

September

- **Tuesday, September 17** - Monthly Meeting at 7:45 p.m. at Alter Brewing, Downers Grove

- **Tuesday, September 24** - Tech Session -
Topic: *Making Ciders at 2 Fools Cider*, 1665 Quincy Ave #155 in Naperville
- **Saturday, September 28** - 1st Annual UKG Fall Pub Crawl - Details on calendar and below.

October

- **Saturday, October 19** - Brew-In at Ray Nonnie's House. Details in calendar.

For more details on these events, see below or the [Club Calendar on the website](#).

Fall Pub Crawl



Tim Devitt, our Brother of Events Planning, is organizing a 1st Annual UKG Fall Pub Crawl to go along with our Spring Pub Crawl.

The date for the Fall Pub Crawl is set for Saturday, September 28th at 11:00 a.m..

The scheduled Breweries for the crawl are off the **RED** line:

- [Goose Island](#) - Lunch and Starting point
- [Local Option Brewing](#)
- [Greenstar Brewing](#)
- [Peckish Pig](#) - Dinner stop.
- [Off Color Brewing](#) - BONUS stop

Meet at Goose Island at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the start of the day.

[Download a copy of the map!](#)

Or, check the Club Calendar for details of where this crawl will take us!



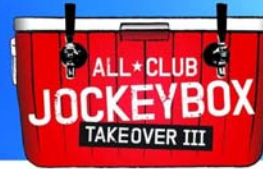
CHAOS BrewBQ 2019 Event



The CHAOS Summer BrewBQ is an annual homebrew only beer festival presented by the CHAOS brew club out of Chicago. This is a free event with over 120 beers, music, free food, and an all around great time.

This year was the third annual BrewBQ and we represented UKG well with a cider and 9 different brews. As Eileen stated above, it was great to walk around the festival and overhear other people mentioning the great beverages to be sampled at the UKG tent.

SUMMER BrewBQ



UKG - URBAN KNAVES OF GRAIN WARRENVILLE

AMY'S ENERGY

5.2%

A mind f-ck in a glass... it looks like simple Blonde ale but smells and tastes like coffee! It's an American Blonde ale infused with Starbucks Pike Roast coffee. - 25 IBUs - KEVIN "WOJ" WOJDAK

I'M SEEING RED

5%

A classic American Amber ale using Comet hops to provide tangerine and grapefruit notes. This beer is fermented with Mangrove Jack's M15 Empire Ale yeast to see what nuances it brings to the table - NOAH WOJDAK

YOGI BEER

6%

A mango lassi inspired Milkshake IPA with mango, lactose, and cardamom. Namaste! - EILEEN UCHIMA

CELLAR BLEND

7.5-ish%

Blend of cellared farmhouse and sour beers, maybe with some wine.. - ANDREW DAY

CHERRY BOMB

7%

Cherry wood smoked brown ale with tart and sweet cherries - MIKE UCHIMA

WRYE THE HELL NAME A GERMAN BEER PANCHO?

5.5%

Marbled Rye Vienna with Caraway Seeds. Sauerkraut and corn beef not included.

- JEFF LANDERS

BLACKBERRY CIDER

6%

Dry cider packed with a buttload of fresh blackberry

- HEATHER UCHIMA

CRIMSON-FACED MONK

5%

In an epic brewing collaboration between UKG and Club Wort, 100 gallons of Jeff Landers' award winning Vienna Lager were brewed in a single day and divided amongst the participants. Here's your chance to sample some.

- UKG CLUB WORT COLLABORATION BREW

GRAF

6.5%

50% Dortmund Lager and 50% cider from the 2018 Chicagoo Home Brewwrs Group cider buy. Dry and crisp with a bit of mineral background.

- JEFF LANDERS

SAT AUG 17, 2-7PM CHAOS BREW CLUB ♦ 2417 W HUBBARD

We also served Cherry Chipotle Porter from Mike Uchima in addition to the beverages noted above.

I highly recommend coming to this event next year if you missed it this year.

Click the event photos gallery at the bottom of the Knewsletter to see pics from this year's event.

Competitions

Competition Wins

Nothing new to report.

Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Standings:

- **Jeff Landers:**
 - Still solidly in 1st place for the Third year in a row. Going for the Three-peat!

Melvin Boil Rumble Update

At Nationals in Rhode Island, **Melvin Brewing** along with the Brewing Network picked the winning beer for the **Melvin Boil Rumble** competition that will be brewed and distributed nationally by Melvin Brewing. The winning beer was a New England Breakfast Stout with maple syrup. Although the UKG Vienna did not win the “Grand Prize”, the beer came in 4th place overall and Melvin is still going to ramp up the beer, can it, and distributed it in the Chicago area.



The Tuesday after Labor day, my wife Lynn and I will be flying out Alpine WY for a mini vacation. Alpine WY is in the Southern tip of the Grand Teton National Park which is where the main Melvin production brewing is located. We will brew 7 barrels of the Vienna on September 6th and the beer should hit the Chicago area around the middle of October with a release party shortly after. I have been emailing Melvin back and forth during the last few weeks finalizing plans and the recipe. The UKG Vienna can label went out for label approval last week. After I get back from Melvin, I'll update everyone with more

details.

Upcoming Competitions

Competition season is fast approaching. Now is the time to start brewing for them. Click on the name of the competition for a link to the registration site.

- October 5, 2019 – **Brixtoberfest** from the Brixie Brewers, Brookfield, IL. This is one of the “funnest” comps around to judge/steward, so sign up. Registration opens Sept 7th. Register your beers early, because last year they reached their max before the deadline.
- October 5, 2019 - **Schnapp Hans Cup** from the Beer Barons of Milwaukee, Delafield, WI. **MCAB Qualifier**
- October 12, 2019 – **Sower’s Cup** from the Lincoln Lagers, Lincoln, NE. - **MWHBOTY competition**
- October 26, 2019 – **Spooky Brew** from the Chicago Beer Society, Chicago IL.
- October 26, 2019 - **Hoppy Halloween** from the Prairie Homebrewing Companions, Fargo, ND. **MWHBOTY competition**
- November 9, 2019 - **FOAM Cup** from the Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers, Tulsa OK. **MCAB Qualifier**
- December 2019 - **Happy Holiday** from the St. Louis Brews, St Louis, MO. Info soon. **MWHBOTY competition and MCAB Qualifier**
- **Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) competition circuit**

- Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Circuit Competitions

Contributions by Jeff "Who the Hell is Pancho?" Landers

Drunk Monk Challenge (DMC) - March 2020

The DMC committee is looking for more members to help out with the 2020 DMC Planning Committee. Next year, Jeff Landers will take over as Organizer and we are looking for volunteers to help out with choosing and ordering judge gifts, updating and making copies of judge paperwork, and several other items. We will be having our first DMC Planning Committee meeting around October. If interested, send an email to Jeff at DMC@Knaves.org.



Financials

Annual Dues

2019 dues are currently being collected. Please click one of the links below to pay them online or give a check to Darrell Proksa, our Club Treasurer. Details below.

Annual membership renewal dues are **\$20**.



New members joining after July 1st pay **\$10** for the remainder of the year. Renewal will be \$20 for the next year. (Only New members are eligible for the \$10 discounted fee.)

Cash or check payable to "UKG" will be accepted at club meetings by Darrell Proksa.

Click this link to pay your dues:

[Click here to Pay Now.](#)

Questions about dues? Please contact Darrell at **treasurer@knaves.org**.

Join the AHA and Help UKG

(American Homebrewers Association)



Join the AHA Now

Every year, the UKG purchases club insurance through the AHA (American

Hombrewers Association) to protect our club and its members from incidents that may happen during club events and activities.

One of the ways we lower the cost of the insurance is by having a certain percentage of UKG club members also be AHA members. Your support of the AHA lowers the cost of insurance for the UKG.

If you are already an AHA member but aren't sure whether you've claimed UKG as your club, then click the following link to learn how you can **Add Homebrew Club Affiliation** to your AHA membership.

During the month of August, each person using our club's **referral link** will receive a free copy of **Session Beers** (\$19.95 value).

[Click here for our Club's AHA Membership Referral Link](#)



Club Schwag

LogoUp.com Merchandise

We have an account at **LogoUp.com** for making UKG club logo embroidered shirts, hats, bags, and a whole lot of other cool products. The merchandise is top quality and you can even get a club logo on name brand products such as

Nike, Izod, or Under Armor. There are no minimums for orders and we can place an order anytime. Go to LogoUp.com and pick out items you want. Then, email Woj at marketing@knaves.org with your item numbers and colors and he'll coordinate placing the order with you.



UKG Work Shirts

Our official UKG work shirts are Charcoal Gray Dickies brand work shirts with the club logo over the left pocket and a full back transfer of the woodcut graphic on the back. Optionally, you may get your name and/or homebrewery name embroidered over the right pocket.



Club work shirts orders are placed by special order with our vendor and custom made to order. We place a new order 1-2 times per year and need to order so many shirts to make the order happen. Contact Woj at marketing@knaves.org to get on the list for the next order.

Club woodcut graphic T-Shirts are also ordered at that time.

Available for Immediate Purchase

UKG Work Shirt - Size L - Name: Tom - \$47 (Take it home now.)

UKG Write-On Bottle Labels

We have 4 sets of UKG bottle labels available for immediate sale. The labels are vinyl, reusable, write-on labels and are available in Charcoal Gray or Brown. Labels come with a front-facing label and neck label. Labels may be

written on with grease pencil for easy reuse.

Each set of 12 labels is \$7.50.



UKG Woodcut Graphic T-Shirts

We have two (2) UKG Medium size charcoal gray t-shirts available immediately for anyone. \$12 each.



Questions about Club Schwag or interest to buy anything?
Please talk to Woj or email him at marketing@knaves.org.

*All items are sold at cost to club members except items which go through the
LogoUp.com website which has their markup.*

Brewery Reviews



Edward Teach Brewing, Wilmington NC

by Darrell Proksa

Who's Edward Teach ? We'll he's not the brewer at this namesake brewery. He

was an Englishman better known as Blackbeard the pirate in the early 1700s. He plied his trade off the coast of the Carolinas from 1716-1718.



The 20bbl brewery is located in an old firehouse that was built in 1907. Staying with the pirate theme, there is a steel superstructure above the bar shaped like the bow of a schooner which can be better viewed from the brewery loft which also offers a view into the brewhouse. The bow format is also reflected in the shape of the terrazzo bar top.

The brewery offers a small number of year-round beers. I tried the Dortmunder, Schwarzbier, and Baltic Porter. All were clean and solid representations of the styles.

<https://edwardteachbrewery.com/>

The Boatyard Brewery (Kalamazoo) mentioned in a previous Knewsletter is unfortunately, slated to close at the end of September.

Event Photos

Click a photo to see the gallery.

SUMMER BrewBQ

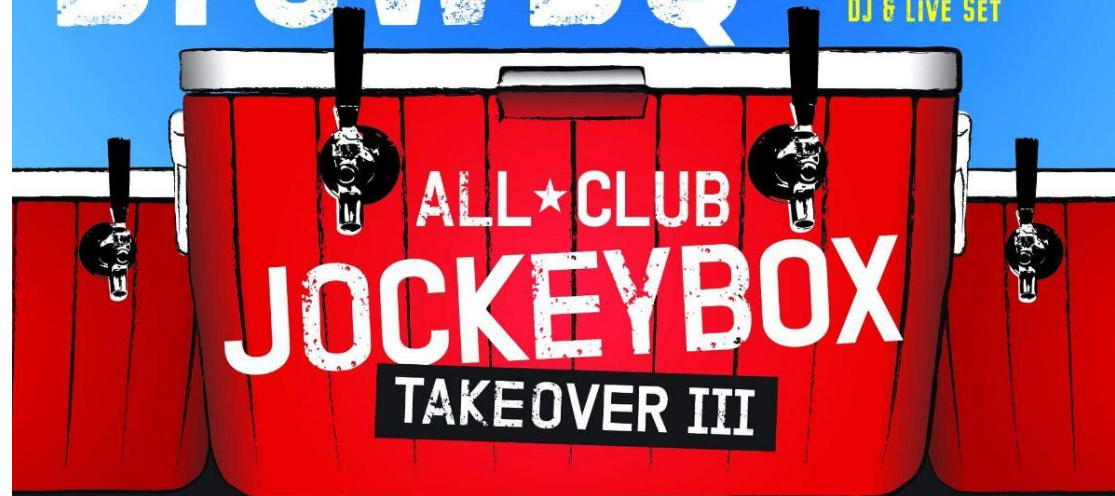
116 HOME BREWS

13 REGIONAL CLUBS

GUEST TAPS

BBQ BONANZA

BEER THE BAND
DJ & LIVE SET



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