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Knaves Knews

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

July 2019

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Welcome Address



(Cue horn section) We're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave! Hopefully, you have all kept safe, cool, and well-hydrated as we have seen the temperature soar these past weeks. The small group who braved the heat for the Kane County Cougars (aka Atomic Pork Chops) game for our July Social night did our share of staying hydrated by visiting the Craft Beer Cave (and moving to seats in the shade). If you haven't been to a Cougars game, the Beer Cave is a great addition to the park since the last time we were there. It is a large walk-in cooler with a respectable variety of craft beers, including the likes of locals Penrose,

Proksa

Master of Whisperers -

Kevin "Woj" Wojdak

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from a Board member.

Miskatonic, and Two Fools Ciders along with standards like Bells, Lagunitas, and Great Lakes.

The post game entertainment was wonderful featuring fireworks and the Jesse White Tumblers. I don't know how anyone can jump that high on a COOL day, let alone one in the upper 90's!

Our Chaplain of Education, Andy Day, is always looking for potential Tech Session topics and/or presenters. You can contact him via Slack or email if you have any suggestions. Otherwise, keep an eye on the website calendar and for emails with details of the next Tech Session. This is your club and we are open to any and all ideas.

In case you haven't seen it yet, the sign-up sheet to pour at the CHAOS Summer BrewBQ (our August Social Night on Saturday, August 17th) is posted on Slack. We can still accommodate more beers. If you are planning to brew for this awesome event, please sign up by July 30 so I can send our menu to our good friends at CHAOS. Our club has attended this all-homebrew fest the past two years and I'm sure that anyone who attended will attest to what a fun and inspiring event it is. We are still looking for members who would be interested in providing a keg for us to serve at the event. Even if you can't attend, you can still provide a beer. If you don't have the ability to provide a beer, you are still



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Most images in the newsletter can be enlarged to see further detail. Simply click on the image and it will open into a new window.

welcome to attend. Anyone contributing a beer will receive ten (or more) pounds of base malt as a "thank you".

August meeting will be Tuesday, August 20th at Rock Bottom, Warrenville. Alter has a conflict for our date in August and our past hosts at Rock Bottom have stepped in to help us out. Please gather in the loft at 7:30, but consider coming early for dinner and a beer as a "Thank you" to our hosts!

The Annual UKG summer picnic is just around the corner on Saturday, August 24th. It will again be held at the home of Gerry Hodge in Elburn. Bring beer, a cooler, a chair and a dish to share. The picnic is always wonderful and the Hodge home and grounds are lovely.

Enjoy the sun and weather while you can; the next thing you know, it will be cold, gloomy, and snowing!

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!

- **Rose Sullivan** from Chicago (moving to western 'burbs soon)
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UPCOMING on the Calendar...

July

- **Tuesday, July 30** - Tech Session - 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Pollyanna Roselare, Roselle, IL - We'll be introducing the next Knighted Knave Cup style. Next up is the Strong Ale table from the DMC (Drunk Monk Challenge) so, it's American and English Barleywine and Wheatwine. We'll discuss the styles, recipe guidelines and tips and tricks. Bring your questions and experiences!

We'll be judging in the winter and the competition is open to everyone! Just be sure to save a couple bottles of your brew for the competition.

The current holder of the cup is ineligible to win as we want the cup to keep traveling. Winners cannot win consecutive Knighted Knave Cup competitions. So, everyone has a chance to claim the cup!

August

- **Saturday, August 17 - CHAOS BrewBQ**
 , 2417 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL. 2:00 - 7:00 p.m., CHAOS Brew Club Homebrew Only Brew Fest. \$5 Donation event. Food, music, and brews.



- **Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m.** - Monthly meeting at Rock Bottom, Warrenville. (Note the location change due to a conflict at **Alter** this month.)
- **Saturday, August 24 - Annual UKG Summer Picnic** at the Hodge residence, Elburn. Jerry and Lisa host a great party! See the club calendar for the address and

further details.

- **Tuesday, August 27** - Tech Session - TBD

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 Fall Pub Crawl to go along with our Spring pub Crawl.

The date for the Fall Pub Crawl is set for Saturday, September 28th.

Stay tuned to the Knewsletter and Club Calendar for details and map of where this crawl will take us!

Hops for Humanity Charity Event

On July 15th, Jeff Landers and Kevin "Woj" Wojdak represented UKG and attended the **Hops for Humanity Charity Event** at Diplomat West Banquet Hall, Elmhurst. The event was sponsored by Chicagoland Winemakers Homebrew Shop, Elmhurst.



We served 5 gallons of Vienna Lager from the April 13th UKG / Club Wort Brew-In at Jeff Landers' house. This beer also served as our Homebrew club competition entry for the night as a sub-event of the evening involved a People's Choice award for the best three brews served. There were 6 local clubs, Chicagoland Winemakers, and an individual member of the Hops for Humanity association represented.

The Hops for Humanity mission statement is "Hops for Humanity is a group of dedicated local men and women who gather together four times a year to raise money for greater Chicagoland charities while drinking unique craft beer from local breweries. Hops for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) charity recognized by the IRS, and is a simple and fun way to raise money."

Attendees to the event each paid \$100 to attend the event and the proceeds from the event went to a local charity chosen that night.

We, the brewers, were each stationed at a table and provided samples to the guests in a format similar to any beer festival. Tickets were presented for each pour and we discussed the beers with the guests.

Each of the three charities presented to the group to talk about what they do and are all about and why they need the money and how it will be used. Then, the homebrewers each came up to the stage and talked about their Homebrew club and brew for the evening.



There were several interesting brews from the various clubs from our Vienna Lager to a Mexican lager to a Lemon Milkshake IPA (made with lemon forward hops and Lemon grass). Some of the other beers included a straight up IPA, a Red Rye Pale ale, a barrel-aged chocolate stout and an American Porter.

There were three charities represented:

- A medical service that needed money to help pickup people for appointments.
- Elmhurst Symphony - Needed extra money to pay the musicians and support the group.
- Kartwheels 4 Kids - A group of girls who collect money every year to give away to a charity of their choosing.

After the presentation, the guests voted for their favorite charity and the Kartwheels 4 Kids group won. All of the proceeds collected for the event that night went to this charity.

The guests also voted for their favorite beers of the night:

- 1st Place - Mexican Lager (Oak Park Brew Club)
- 2nd Place - Red Rye Pale Ale (CHAOS)
- 3rd Place - IPA from a Hops for Humanity member

All brewers were given medals.

Competitions

Competition Wins

June 29 - National Homebrew Competition Finals, Providence, R.I.

- **Joe Formanek:**
 - **1st Place** for his Russian Imperial Stout in the Imperial Stouts category out of 224 entries across the country.



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!

Upcoming Competitions

- July 27th, 2019 German Fest Stein Challenge , Beer Barons Milwaukee, WI. **MWHBOTY competition**
- Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) competition circuit
- Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Circuit Competitions



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**.

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



Waterline Brewing, Wilmington NC

by Darrell Proksa

On the banks of the Cape Fear river, in the shadow of the main bridge into Wilmington NC, is **Waterline Brewing**. The brewery shares a timber-frame and concrete block warehouse type building from the 1940s with an art gallery; not sure which was there first. The area around the building is mostly vacant so there's plenty of parking and room for food trucks.

Given there aren't any trees on the property, sitting in the "beer garden" mid day in the summer is a challenge except for the two canopies shading a few picnic tables. Fortunately, the tap room space which was carved out from the cavernous warehouse is air conditioned. Since the brewery's neighbor is an art



gallery, there's plenty of artwork for sale decorating the tap room.

There's ample seating at the concrete-topped bar with a few tables and a couch lined nook.

All the beers I tried were solid. They brew 6 year-round beers of which the

Kolsch and Red are the most popular. Of course there are IPAs as well plus an occasional Belgian and high gravity beer in the lineup.

<https://www.waterlinebrewing.com/>

Event Photos

Click a photo to see the gallery.



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