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Knaves Knews

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

June 2019

(Coming to you late because we wanted to include the 2019 NHC Results)

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Welcome Address



Howdy Knaves and welcome back from Homebrew Con for those of you who attended! I hope that you all had a wonderful trip.

Congratulations go out to Dr. Joe Formanek for his Gold Medal in the Imperial Stout category.



Our June tech session was moved to July 2, so we will (in theory) have two tech sessions this month. The first was a judging for the coveted Knighted Knaves Cup. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the results. Our Chaplain of Education, Andy Day, is still 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 regular July tech session.

Our summer club Brew-in at Tim Devitt's house in

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Editor's Note:

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.

West Chicago on Saturday, June 22 was a great time as always. We had less brewers present this time due to summer travels but the weather was very cooperative and the food was great and very plentiful! Mike and I brewed our first Brut IPA. Hopefully, all who brewed will have some delicious beer forthcoming as a result. Our next club brew in will be in the fall at Ray Nonnie's house. Watch for details to be posted on the calendar



Our July Social Night is an outing to the Kane County Cougars Game on Friday, July 19. See details on the club website calendar and then go to the

Kane County Cougars website to **purchase your tickets**. Hopefully, we will all be sitting fairly close together. If not, we will probably meet up at a concession stand.

I'm eagerly awaiting our August Social Night, the CHAOS Summer BrewBQ.



Our club has attended the past two years and I feel it is a high point of my summer. We are looking for members who would be interested in providing a beer for us to have on tap for this all-homebrew event. Last year, we really outdid ourselves. We served eleven beers on our eight-tap system! There will be a sign up sheet on the Slack channel, or send an email to the board so that we know what we will be serving. CHAOS prints a program that lists all of the beers being

served. Anyone contributing a beer will receive ten pounds of base malt as a “thank you”, so break out the brew system and brew a batch for the fest. More information on specifics for the event will be forthcoming after our info meeting in a couple weeks.

The July meeting will be Tuesday, July 16 at Alter Brewing. We are going to have a brew gear swap meet. If you have any brew gear, etc. that you are not using, please bring it to the July meeting. You can negotiate a trade, swap, or proclaim something “free to a good home”. Please do not abandon any unwanted gear at Alter...I don't want to have to take it home!

Our new club By-laws are almost ready to roll out. Watch for an extra email coming soon so that you can look it over and voice your opinion. We will vote on the new By-laws at a future meeting.

Enjoy the Summer Sun!

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!

- We had some visitors but no new members.
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UPCOMING on the Calendar...

July

- **Tuesday, July 16** - Monthly Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Alter Brewing.
- **Friday, July 19** - Social Night at Kane County Cougars Game. 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 30** - Tech Session - TBD.

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.



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

Best of Big Brew Day Club Competition



At the June meeting, we held a mini club-only competition of who brewed the best beer on Big Brew Day with the prize being bragging rights.

The competition was open to anyone who brewed using the wort from **Two Brothers Brewing** on Big Brew Day and created their own unique beer from it.

There were 10 entries in the competition and the following individuals earned bragging rights for a year.

- 1st Place - Don Leonard / Debbie Westley – Sweet Stout
- 2nd Place - Kevin "Woj" Wojdak – American Blonde Ale
- 3rd Place - Andy Day – American Pale Ale

(Actually, looking at the photo above from Big Brew Day, front and center from left to right, you have Woj, Andy in the green hat, and Don proclaiming to the world that he's going to brew the best beer. Also in the picture are Jerry, Tim A., Tim D., Ray, Brian, Noah, Eric, and one other.)

Knighted Knave Cup Competition



On July 2nd, we had our June Tech Session. The topic for the evening was a judging session to determine who would be the next Knighted Knave Cup recipient.

The Knighted Knave Cup is our UKG traveling trophy for select internal club competitions. Each winner gets his name engraved onto a plaque that is added to the cup.

The style being judged was category **12A - British Golden Ale** . Per the BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines, the beer is a "well-hopped, quenching beer with an emphasis on showcasing hops. Served colder than traditional bitters, this style was originally positioned as a refreshing summer beer, but is now often brewed year-round. Although early on the beers were brewed with English hops, increasingly American citrus-flavored hops are used. Golden Ales are also called Golden Bitters, Summer Ales, or British Blonde Ales."

We had four brewers brew for this competition. Of the four, the brewer who claimed the cup for British Golden Ale is...

1st Place — Kevin "Woj" Wojdak

2nd Place — Mark Niemczewski

3rd Place — Eileen Uchima

As our rules go, the winner of the cup can only hold the cup for one term and is ineligible to win in the next consecutive Knighted Knave Cup competition. So, when the announcement for the next style comes out, get brewing! Everyone in the club has a chance to claim the cup.

June Brew-In



On June 22nd, Tim Devitt hosted a Brew-In at his house in West Chicago.

The weather was beautiful out and everyone had a great time.

We had a potential new member come out and she had a blast and plans to join UKG.

There were about a dozen people in attendance, Thirty gallons in total were brewed... Tim brewed 15 gallons, Ross brewed 5 gallons, Jerry brewed 5 gallons and our president, Eileen, and first lady, Mike, brewed 5 gallons.

Ray and Tim did the cooking afterwards with burgers, brats, beans, chips, and, of course, more beer.

A blast was had by all!

Be on the lookout for the next Brew-In coming up in September / October.



Charity Event

July 15th, 7-9 p.m. - **Hops for Humanity Charity Event**, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, Elmhurst.

UKG is participating in this event and club only competition. 5 gallons of the 100 gallons of Vienna Lager brewed at the Brew-In at Jeff Landers' house on April 13th will serve as our entry into the competition. The brews will be judged by all in attendance and the winner will be named by popular vote. First place will receive a Medal or Trophy and



bragging rights.

Attendees to the event pay an entrance fee at the door and the proceeds from the event will go to a local charity.

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 13th **21st Annual Indiana Brewer's Cup Competition** Indian State Fair, Indianapolis, IN. **MWHBOTY competition and MCAB Qualifier**
- 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.

You can also remit dues via PayPal on the UKG website at <http://www.knaves.org/member.html> or click the link below.

[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



Check Six Brewing, Southport, N.C.

by Darrell Proksa

While in the Wilmington NC area last year, we took the ferry over to Southport which is on the Southeast tip of North Carolina not far from the South Carolina border. After picking up some barbecue from **Southport Smoke House**, we headed up the road to **Check Six Brewing** which proved tough to find (a few backtracks were required). It's located in a half-vacant strip mall, well off the road with small signage; the larger 'Fitness' sign for the business next door doesn't help.



The taproom looks into the brewhouse from the windows lining the back of the bar. The space is relatively stark with some aviation themed items on the walls reflecting the naming of the brewery which is a reference to a fighter pilot term to "guard your 'behind' ". The brewery is owned by ex-military vets.

As we saw during our visit, it's dog-friendly and popular with dart enthusiasts. A nice touch is that they offer free freshly popped popcorn with your choice of various seasonings.

While we enjoyed our pulled pork 'Q' and sides, we worked thru a sampler of Kolsch, Pils, Hefeweizen, Pale Ale, Red, and Blonde. I didn't take detail tasting notes but, to mine and the wife's recollection, no one style stood out. They were all approachable and well made.

If you're ever in Southeast North Carolina, the Smoke House 'Q' and Check Six brews are a great combination.

Contact us.

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