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Knaves Knews

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

August 2021

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Welcome Address



Hi all!

I hope that everyone is well and having a fabulous summer. It has been a busy one for us. Between adjusting back to normal life and all of the younger generation of clan Uchima getting new jobs, it has been a summer of change. Our oldest, Heather (whom many of you know), got a job teaching middle school algebra in California. Our youngest, Kayli, is running a (self-proclaimed) nerdy store and gallery, **Super Jumbo**, in downtown Aurora. You may run into our son, Ryan, who is now a server at **Hopvine Brewing** in Aurora.



Our return to in-person Social Nights and meetings has been slow going, but it has been great to see those of you who have made it out. Please come as soon as you feel comfortable

Brother of Events

*Planning - **Tim Devitt***

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Mike Uchima - Photography

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ukg.slack.com

Click here to request an invite
from a Board member.

 **Groups.io**

<https://groups.io/g/ukg>

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*

doing so. We are doing as many activities in the outdoors as we can while the weather permits. Hopefully, the COVID Delta variant will not force us back into hiding!



In July, **Miskatonic** in Darien hosted our club meeting. They ended up giving us the room off the side of the bar, which has a door that closes so we had relatively little noise

during announcements. We had been scheduled for the barrel room in back but, their canning schedule ended up forcing us to move up front. The bad side was that we were on the path to the bathroom. The good side was we were in the air conditioning on a very warm evening. We started at 7 p.m. and people slowly trickled in, leading to a decision to return our regular meetings to a 7:30 start time. Several members travel long distances after work to make it to meetings.

Energy City in Batavia was the site for our truly outstanding July social night. There have been many changes since the last time we met out there. They have



moved to a much larger facility but, are still having their beers contract brewed through Church Street Brewing's equipment, so we had lots of space. Owner and former UKG member David Files treated us to an amazing variety of pastry stouts, fruited Berliner-Weiss style beers, fruited hard seltzers and a few Trappist style beers that he brews specially for **Marmion Academy**, Aurora. We also drank a toast to our late, great former member, Mark Naski, who recently passed away. David was beyond generous to all who attended. I love to see a

window.

brewery that has such a wide range of excellent beers! Thank you Energy City! Show them some love when you get the chance.



Our August meeting will be **Tuesday, August 17 at Church Street Brewing at 7:30 PM.**

We have two social events coming up in August. On Saturday, August 21 at 7:00 PM, we are meeting at Elmhurst Brewing for a Social Night. Feel free to arrive early and grab some dinner. Their food is very good!

Then, on Saturday, August 28 we will have a UKG booth at the annual CHAOS



BrewBQ. If you have not attended before, make sure you come out. This is an outdoor homebrew-only festival. It looks like it will be smaller this year in response to the pandemic but, with all homebrew, it will still be a great time. Consider bringing a **mask** for trips inside the clubhouse. Check the [calendar](#) on the website for details.

Our September meeting will be Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 PM at **Hopvine Brewing** in Aurora. We will either be outside (weather permitting) or inside in the Barrel room. Hopvine's food is excellent so, come early if you can. At least, grab a beer from the bar before you come into the meeting to support our host.

If you have any suggestions for a future meeting location or social night, please post to Slack or email the Board. Many breweries and bars are

still open limited hours so, it is challenging to find good meeting locations.

Sláinte!

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 Woj at Knews@Knaves.org or email Eileen directly at President@Knaves.org.

Welcome to Our New Members!

- None in July
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UPCOMING on the Calendar...

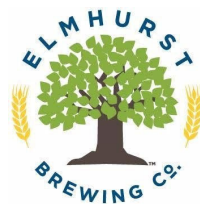
August

- **Tuesday, August 17th, 7:30 p.m.** - UKG Club Meeting (in-person). Judging of the Knighted Knaves Cup - Just Fruit Beers. (No Fruited Sours).

Location: **Church Street Brewing**, Itasca, IL



- **Saturday, August 21st, 7:00 p.m.** - Social Night at Elmhurst Brewing, downtown Elmhurst, 171 N Addison. Join us to check



out Elmhurst Brewing's beers, food, and spend some time with your fellow club members and/or their spouses.

- **Saturday, August 28th, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** - CHAOS



BrewBQ 2021,
CHAOS Clubhouse, Chicago. [See the club calendar](#) for further details and address.

September

- **Tuesday, September 21st, 7:30 p.m.** - UKG Club Meeting (in-



person) - Judging of our UKG's 1st Iron Brewer Competition - Beers made with Sundew or Bananza Yeast.

Location: Hopvine Brewing Company,
Aurora

- **Sunday, September 26th, 9:30 a.m.** - UKG Brew-In at Tim Devitt's house, 1675 Whispering Oaks Ct, West Chicago. Bring your brewing



equipment and brew or just bring yourself and/or some homebrew for sharing and socializing. Check out Tim's kick-ass garage!

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

Knighted Knave Cup

Our current Knighted Knave Cup competition is coming up this month.

The challenge this time around was to brew your best **Fruit Beer but no**

Fruited sour beers . So, any sour beer is excluded from the competition.

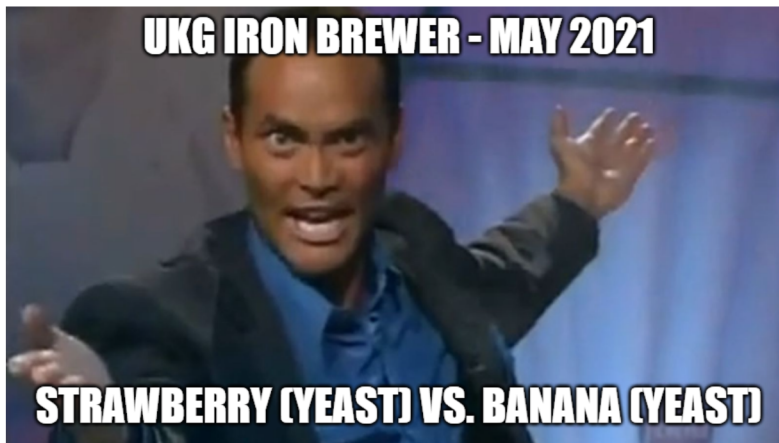
We introduced the style in April.

Judging is taking place at our upcoming meeting on August 17th at Church Street Brewing, Itasca.

You don't have to be a brewer in the competition to help judge the winner. Just show up and participate.



** If you brewed, please bring enough bottles or a bomber or two to provide enough samples for judging. Tasting cups will be provided by the club.



Iron Brewer 2021: Strawberry (Yeast) vs. Banana (Yeast)

At the May meeting, we introduced a new kind of club competition where we will select the first **UKG Iron Brewer** in 2021. The only rule is that you must brew a beer, any style that uses either of the new, modified yeasts from Omega Yeast. Choose from either the *Sundew* or *Banza* yeast strains, we will choose the best beer at the judge's table, Best of Show style.

The Iron Brewer Competition will be judged at our September club meeting at Hopvine Brewing, Aurora.

What have you created?

Competitions

Competition Wins

July 31, 2021 — Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, IN

- **Dan Acheson**
 - 1st place for his "Lente Weiss" - 7A: Weissbier - German Wheat & Rye Beer Table
 - 1st place for his "Murphy Had it Right" - 14A: Irish Stout - British & Irish Stout Table
- **Jeff Landers**
 - 2nd place for his "Baltic Porter" - 15A: Baltic Porter - Imperial Porter & Stout Table
 - 3rd place for his "Ice Cider" - 35D: Ice Cider - Specialty Cider & Perry Table
- **Jim Silverstein**
 - 1st place for his "Work From Pool Ale" - 16A: American IPA - American IPA Table

See the [AHA Homebrew Competition Calendar](#) to find upcoming competitions to possibly enter.

- Brixies [Brixtoberfest 2021](#) - Registration is now open.
- [The Ferm Homebrew Competition](#), Waterloo, IL - Registration is now open.
- [Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing \(MCAB\) competition circuit](#)
- [Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Circuit Competitions](#)

Contributions by Jeff Landers

Financials



Annual Dues

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

Click the PayPal link below or mail a check payable to "**UKG**" to:

Darrell Proksa
128 Sherwood Ct
Downers Grove 60516

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 Homebrewers 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.

[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 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.

Contact us.

If you have any ideas for content for this newsletter, please send them to Knews@Knaves.org.



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