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# Knaves Knews

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

## July 2022 (...and June 2022)

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*First Lady / Head Penguin* -

[Mike Uchima](#)

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*Master of Coms* - [Kevin](#)

["Woj" Wojdak](#)

### Welcome Address



Hail Knaves!

I hope that everyone is having a safe summer full of fun. The sunshine has been wonderful and we have spent a lot of time in MY happy temperature

zone. I was noticing that this summer I have not had a single mosquito bite which is unusual for me...and I'm not complaining!

If this Knewsletter goes out today you still have time to come to the brew-in at Tim Devitt's on Sunday, August 7 (even if you choose not to brew). If you don't see this in time...see you at the next brew-in. I really enjoy the chance to brew as a group...and we always enjoy a chance to share beer with each other.

Our club meetings at Bubblehouse have continued to be very well-attended even in the summer. I'm happy that this is a great venue for

*Chaplain of Education -*

**Ray Nonnie**

*Brother of Events*

*Planning - **Tim Devitt***

*Minister of Tournaments -*

**Dan Acheson**

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Landers

Monk at Large - Tom

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Monk at Large - Dave Fetty

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Mike Uchima - Photography

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## Communications Channels



ukg.slack.com

Click here to request an invite  
from a Board member.

 **Groups.io**

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

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Editor's Note:

*Most images in the newsletter*

us...centrally located, with great beer, and plenty of nearby food options. It's a plus that they are open just for us, so we never have to be crowded, compete with noise, or fight for server attention! Join us for our next meeting at Bubblehouse on Tuesday, August 16 if you are in town. We will put finishing touches on our plans for the 2022 CHAOS BrewBQ (August 20th from 2-6 p.m. at 2417 W. Hubbard St, Chicago).

Long-time club member Joe Formanek's daughter Veronica (whom many of us have known since baby-hood) is graduating from college. Joe is having a graduation party at his place on Saturday, August 13 and has invited the members of UKG. Bring a dish to share, beer, and warm wishes for the graduate. See the club calendar for details. For added entertainment, Joe has started collecting vintage pinball machines.

Hey friends, if you are interested in learning to make mead, or just looking for some tips to up your mead game, I will be teaching "Mead Making Basics and Beyond" at Skeleton Key Brewing on Saturday, August 27. We will sample some varietal honeys and several types of mead while learning how to make a traditional mead (just fermented honey) and the basics of adding fruit and spices to your concoction. I have taught this class multiple times and it has always been a hit. Sign up will be posted on the Skeleton Key website or give them a call for details and to register! Hope to see some of you there.

As always, keep an eye on the calendar and Slack for updates on meetings, social activities, DMC, etc. If you have anywhere you would like to suggest for a social night, or a tech topic which you would find interesting, please post to Slack or email the Board.

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

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 brewery review, a suggestion for a Tech Talk, or a Social Night venue idea. Email Woj at [Knews@Knaves.org](mailto:Knews@Knaves.org) or email Eileen directly at [President@Knaves.org](mailto:President@Knaves.org).

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## Welcome to Our New Members!

- Joe Neely - Villa Park
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## UPCOMING on the Calendar...

### August

- **Saturday, August 6** - American Homebrew Association National Mead Day... Drink 'em if you've got 'em... or brew one!
- **Sunday, August 7 @ 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** - Brew-In at Tim Devitt's House.  
Location: 1675 Whispering Oaks Dr, West Chicago  
Further details in the club calendar at <http://www.knaves.org>
- **Saturday, August 13 @ 2:00 p.m.** - Graduation Party for Veronica Formanek, daughter of UKG member Joe Formanek. All in the club and family are welcome.  
Location: 184 Brookwood Lane West in Bolingbrook  
Further details and what to bring are in the

Calendar.

- **Tuesday, August 16 @ 7:30 p.m.** - UKG  
Monthly Club Meeting.  
Location: **Bubblehouse**  
**Brewing Company**, 2121 Ogden Ave., Unit  
A, Lisle
- **Saturday, August 20 @ 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** - CHAOS BrewBQ, 2417 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL  
An All Homebrew festival with free BBQ and Live Music. UKG will be one of the featured clubs pouring at the event.
- **Saturday, August 27** - "Mead Making Basics and Beyond" Class taught by Eileen Uchima at Skeleton Key Brewing

## **Other Social Activities Into 2022**

- **September** - Next Knighted Knave Cup category announcement and tech session.

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

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## **Recent Event Photos**

Big Brew Day Brew-In (May) (Click image below for the gallery)



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## Board Member Elections

There are three elected positions within the club each with a 1-year term. They are:

- President
- Treasurer
- Communications Officer

Every year, the club as a group elects to keep the current officers in place or nominates new individuals for the positions. Club elections take place every year with nominations at the May meeting and voting at the June meeting.

Our current club officers and nominees for 2022-2023 are:

- **UKG President** - Eileen Uchima
  - Responsible for conducting the meetings.
  - Represents the club in an official capacity.



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- **Treasurer** - Darrell Proksa
    - Manages the fiscal aspects of the club.
    - Reports cash flow at board meetings and annually through the Newsletter.

- Files and documents required to the state or Federal government.



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- **Communications** - Kevin Wojdak ("Woj")
    - Maintains and publishes the *Knaves Knewsletter* in a highly literary manner.
    - Communicates through online and social media communications vehicles that are deemed necessary by the board.
    - Liaison for organizational communications in general.



Voting was held at the June meeting and all three of the above individuals were elected back into their current positions.

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## Knighted Knave Cup Competition

At our July meeting, we judged the latest Knighted Knave Cup Competition. The category was **Dark European Beers** that included the following styles:

- 2C International Dark Lager
- 3D Czech Dark Lager
- 6A Marzen
- 6C Dunkels Bock
- 7B Altbier
- 8A Munich Dunkel
- 8B Schwarzbier
- 9C Baltic Porter
- 10B Dunkels Weissbier
- 10C Weizenbock
- 24C Biere de Garde
- 27 Historical: Roggenbier

We had 8 entries in the competition for the winner to win his/her name engraved on a legend plate and added to the cup, bragging rights until the next competition, and the right to display the cup in their home until the next



competition.

Our esteemed panel of judges for the competition included Steve McKenna paired with Kevin Drees and Dennis Dale paired with Will Shiel.

The field of entries included 2 - Munich Dunkels, 2 - Czech Dark Lagers, and 1 each of Alt bier, Dunkles Bock, Baltic Porter and Dunkelweizen.

***And, the winners are...***

- 3rd Place - Darrell Proksa - Munich Dunkel
- 2nd Place - Eileen Uchima - Baltic Porter
- **1st Place - Ray Nonnie - Czech Dark Lager**



Thank you to all the participants for submitting great beers to the competition.

The category for the next Knighted Knaves Cup competition will be announced at the September meeting with judging to take place in January or February.

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## **Brave Noise Movement**

We have all heard about sexual harassment issues in the local (and not so local) brewing industry, and this group is trying to do something about the problem. This is a collaboration with a goal: A safe and discrimination-free industry. Pro-brewers and

homebrewers alike can register on the website to pledge their support for this movement. After registering, you will receive a copy of the Brave Noise recipe to brew in support. Check out Brave Noise at [bravenoisebeer.com](http://bravenoisebeer.com)



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## Competitions

### Competition Wins

May 21, 2022 — Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, CO

- **Dan Acheson**
  - 2nd Place - "Winfielder Export" - 5C: Helles Export - Pale Bitter European Beer table
  - 2nd Place - "What They Don't Wear Beneath Their Kilts" - 14C: Scottish Export - Scottish/Irish Ale table

May extending into June, 2022 — Mayfaire Homebrew Competition, Woodland Hills, CA

- Dan Acheson
  - 1st Place - "Pivo As I Wanna Be" - 3A: Czech Pale Lager - Czech and International Lagers table
  - 1st Place - "Kellerbier Gone Lagered" - 6A: Marzen - Amber German Beers table
  - 2nd Place - "Lovetail Lite" - 1A: American Light Lager - Light American Beer table

June 11, 2022 — Hot 'n Humid Brewoff, Casselberry, FL

- **Dave Fetty**
  - 1st Place - 20C: Imperial Stout - American Porter and Stout table



- 1st Place - 26D: Belgian Dark Strong -Trappist Ale table

June 11, 2022 — **Port City Plunder**, Surf City, NC

- **Kevin Wojdak**

- 2nd Place - “Pirate’s Grog” - 12B: Australian Sparkling Ale - British and Commonwealth Ale table

June, 2022 — **Clarksville Carboys Limited Edition VI Yellow and Fizzy**,  
Clarksville, TN

- **Kevin Wojdak**

- 2nd Place - “Pirate’s Grog” - 12B: Australian Sparkling Ale - Fizzy table

July 9, 2022 — **Indiana Brewer's Cup**, Indianapolis, IN

- **Dan Acheson**

- 1st Place - “The Dark Goat Lite” - 5C: Munich Dunkel - Dark European Lager table
- 1st Place - “Ain’tcha” - 26A: Trappist Single - Belgian Ale table
- 2nd Place - “What They Don’t Wear Beneath Their Kilts” - 14C: Scottish Export - Scottish & Irish Ale table

- **Kevin Wojdak**

- 2nd Place - “Lazy Days Fishing” - 27A: Historical Beer - Kentucky Common - Other American Ale table
- 3rd Place - “Old Blue Eyes” - 35B: Cider with Other Fruit - Specialty Cider & Perry table

July 23, 2022 — **Bluegrass Cup**, Lexington, KY

- **Dave Fetty**

- 2nd Place BOS - 1C: Cream Ale
- 1st Place - 1C: Cream Ale - Standard American Beer and Pre-Prohibition Lagers table

- 1st Place - 26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale - Trappist Ale table
- **Dan Acheson**
  - 1st Place - Badass of the Bluegrass (Most points scored for wins in the competition)
  - 1st Place - "Flanders 80" - 23B: Flanders Red Ale - European Sour, Gose, and Lichtenhainer table
  - 2nd Place - "Beer Party 2022" - 4B: Festbier - Pale Malty European Lagers table
  - 2nd Place - "Mark Dialed" - 13A: Dark Mild - Brown British Beers table
  - 3rd Place - "Eentje" - 26A: Trappist Single - Trappist Ale table
  - 3rd Place - "Fraoch Export" - 30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer - Spiced Beer table

July 29, 2022 — **The Redcoat Challenge**, Denton, TX

- **Dave Fetty**
  - 3rd Place - 16B: Oatmeal Stout

### **Master Homebrewer Program**

#### ***Circuit of America 2022 Standings***

(As of May 22, 2022 - **BOLD** indicates rank in top 10. Top 10 in Circuit of America win awards.)

- Dan Acheson - **4th**
- Kevin "Woj" Wojdak - 84th
- Jay Kash - 128th
- Jeff Landers - 153rd
- Joe Formanek - 186th
- Alex Chambers - 307th
- Andy Day - 339th



- Gerald Hodge - 445th

### ***Master Homebrewer Program Lifetime Rankings***

- **Kevin "Woj" Wojdak** - Master Brewer plus 1 x Silver Star, 1 x Bronze Star
- **Dan Acheson** - Distinguished Brewer

### **Upcoming Competitions of Note**

- **Wortapalooza**  
Judge Registration: OPEN Now  
Entry Registration: 7/17/2022 - 8/28/2022  
Judging Dates: 9/16/2022 - 9/17/2022
- **Sowers Cup (MWHBOY)**  
Judge Registration: 8/8/2022  
Entry Registration: 8/8/2022 - 9/16/2022  
Judging Dates: 10/11/2022 - 10/15/2022
- **Brixtoberfest (MWHBOY)**  
Judge Registration: 8/6/2022  
Entry Registration: 8/6/2022 - 9/23/2022  
Judging Dates: 10/1/2022
- **BOSS Charlie Orr Memorial Chicago Cup Challenge (MWHBOY)**  
Judge Registration:  
Entry Registration:  
Judging Dates: 11/5/2022

See the **AHA Homebrew Competition Calendar** to find upcoming competitions to possibly enter.

- **Master Homebrewer Program — Circuit of America Competition** - Drunk Monk Challenge represents Illinois on the Circuit. Top 10 winners recognized on the circuit.
  - **Circuit Competitions List**

- [American Homebrew Association Competition Calendar](#)
  - [Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing \(MCAB\) competition circuit](#)
  - [Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Circuit Competitions](#)
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## 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.](#)**

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Questions about dues? Please contact Darrell at  
**[treasurer@knaves.org](mailto:treasurer@knaves.org)**.

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## Brewery Review

by Kevin "Woj" Wojdak



## Goodwood Brewing and Spirits

<https://goodwoodbrewing.com/indianapolis/>

140 Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN

In July, I took the drive down to Indianapolis to help judge at the Indiana Brewer's Cup competition as part of the Indianapolis State Fair. I have entered this competition several times over the years and never had any luck and no wins but I had heard the judging for the competition was fun and they offered judges who traveled over 100 miles to get there a stipend of \$100 to judge at least two sessions. (With gas prices in July, that money came in handy.) I also hoped by changing things up that I'd change my luck in the competition... I had 5 entries.

I took a half day off from work the Friday before and drove down to Indianapolis. It was supposed to be about a 4 hour drive. Unfortunately, I left around 2 p.m. and forgot about the time change and arrived around 7:30 p.m. their time with stops and such. I stayed at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza at Union Station downtown and, after checking in and grabbing a beer at the bar (Wee Mac Scottish Ale from Sun King), I looked for the closest Brewery to have dinner.



Luckily, just about a block and a half from the hotel was **Goodwood Brewing and Spirits**. I'd never heard of Goodwood but decided to give it a shot. (After looking it up for this review, I now see this brewery is part of a chain from Louisville, KY.)

Goodwood touts themselves as offering a traditional southern menu with favorites such as our Buffalo Cauliflower, Chicken and Waffles and Fried Green Tomatoes. They say you'll find beer-infused house made sauces, burgers too big for your mouth and a bar that features twenty-eight beer taps (and over thirty bourbons) in a lively, family-friendly atmosphere.

Among my dinner choices, I did try the Fried Green Tomatoes (pictured above) and they were quite good. I also had Pub Fish and Chips and KimChi Spicy Collard Greens. The fried green tomatoes are served with goat cheese and a charred scallion aioli. Yummmmmm...



I ordered a flight of 4 beer samples and the bartender took care of me keeping samples coming my way. By the end of dinner, I had 9 samples but was only charged for my original flight.

Here are the beers I tried and what I wrote about each one in Untappd Ratings are based on the Untappd 1-5 rating scale.:

- **Kentucky Common** - A tasty beer, creamy, light, no roast notes coming through other than color. (Rated 3.75)
- **Louisville Lager** - Super clean, lightly bready malty, light overall. (Rated 4.00)
- **Rivergoat Maibock** - A tasty beer that leans more malty than hoppy. (Rated 3.75)
- **Syla** (Belgian Strong Golden Ale... A Ukrainian brewery recipe) - Interesting, phenolic, clean (Rated 3.75)
- **Red, White, and Birthday Beer** (Raspberry and Blueberry Wit) - Raspberry and Blueberry wit... there's a bit of a clash here with the fruit and the phenolics...comes off almost mouthwashy. (Rated 3.25)
- **Walnut Brown Ale** - A very pleasant, easy drinking southern English Brown but not too sweet...balanced. (Rated 4.25)
- **Nutty by Nature Bourbon Barrel Brown Ale** - Balanced bourbon barrel brown... you taste the bourbon but you also taste the beer... very tasty (Rated 4.25)
- **Bourbon Barrel Stout** - Good stout but the bourbon barely peeks through...disappointing. The Nutty by Nature is much better for bourbon flavor. (Rated 3.50)



- **Bourbon Barrel Dark Ale** - Soda like, sweet, light, not getting much bourbon unless my palate is shot. (Rated 3.25)

Overall, I thought Goodwood Brewing was pretty solid from the food and beer standpoint. There were some very good beers and some mediocre beers but none that absolutely made me want to leave.

I'd definitely visit again if I were in the area.



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## 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\*\*](#)

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## **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\*\*](mailto: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.



Because the shirt is custom made to order, the cost per shirt ranges from \$45 - \$50 depending on size needed and custom embroidery, etc.

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\*\*](mailto: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 Woodcut Graphic T-Shirts***

- UKG Woodcut Graphic T-Shirt  
(Charcoal Gray T-shirt with white and black vinyl design on Front)  
Size: Medium  
2 available immediately... just ask.  
\$12 each



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Questions about Club Schwag or interest to buy anything?  
Please talk to Woj or email him at [marketing@knaves.org](mailto: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.*

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