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# Knaves Knews

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

## May 2022

\*\*\* Claim the Urban Knaves of Grain (UKG) as your club when you signup for the AHA (American Homebrewers Association). By using the links in this Knewsletter, your AHA dues payment helps UKG through funding kicked back from the AHA. Click our club link to [Join or Renew with the AHA](#).

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### Board of Directors

*Abbess* - [Eileen Uchima](#)

*First Lady / Head Penguin* -

[Mike Uchima](#)

*Master of the Coin* - [Darrell](#)

[Proksa](#)

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

["Woj" Wojdak](#)

*Chaplain of Education* -

### Welcome Address



Hi y'all!

Happy Spring...Summer...  
Spring again. It's raining one  
day, 90 degrees the next, then  
back down to the 50s again.  
My sinuses are so confused!

In about a week, I am off to California where there is less seasonal confusion! I haven't seen my daughter in two years, so it will be a wonderful trip no matter what the weather is. By the time I return, I hope we will be consistently summery here.

I hope everyone celebrated Big Brew day on **May 7** in some way. The club held a brew-in at Ray Nonnie's house where three batches were brewed, many beers were shared and sausages were consumed. None of the participants chose to brew one of the AHA recipes this year, but I am considering making the Imperial Porter recipe after the fact. Mike and I made a totally free

**Andy Day**

*Brother of Events*

*Planning - **Tim Devitt***

*Minister of Tournaments -*

**Dan Acheson**

*Drunk Monk at Large - Jeff*

*Landers*

*Monk at Large - Tom*

*Hayosh*

*Monk at Large - Dave Fetty*

*Monk at Large - Ray*

*Nonnie*

*Retired Abbot - **Chuck Fort***

Contributions

Mike Uchima - Photography

Ed Bronson - Photography

**Communications Channels**



ukg.slack.com

**Click here** to request an invite from a Board member.



**https://groups.io/g/ukg**

Editor's Note:

*Most images in the newsletter can be enlarged to see further*

batch of...beer using abandoned (hidden) grains that I found at the shop, nearly expired yeast, and hops from a DMC goodie bag. We'll see what we call it when we put the keg on the kegerator!

Our May club meeting at BubbleHouse was fairly well attended even though a ttendance frequently drops in the Summer as people attend family parties and go on vacations. I hope to see everyone whenever you can make it to either meetings or social events. Join us for our next meeting at BubbleHouse on **Tuesday, June 21** if you are in town. I will be just recently returned from Cali! The June meeting will include our annual election of officers, and more info about other summer activities.



If you are free on **Saturday, June 11**, head on out to party with the Knaves along the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line at the Kane County Cougars game. We went a few years ago as a club and had a fabulous time. The club will be sitting on the "Beer Cave" side of the park to make it easier to stay hydrated and cool off should it be hot that day. There is a link to order tickets through the Knaves website.

Purchase something near the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line and then post your seat numbers on the Slack channel so that others in the club can choose to get seats near you.

Nominations of board officers took place at the May meeting, with elections in June. If you are interested in helping out with the running of the club in any way, please let one of the existing officers know. It is always good to bring new

detail. Simply click on the image and it will open into a new window.

blood to the board!

### Elected Board Officer positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- Communications



Woj is currently getting **UKG Work Shirt, T-Shirt and LogoUp orders** together for 2022. Let him know you want or need something before the order period closes...early to mid-June.

- Official UKG Dickies Work shirts
- T-shirts - Woodcut Transfer or embroidered UKG logo through LogoUp.
- Hats
- Coolers
- Jackets or Hoodies
- All sorts of stuff available through LogoUp.com



Keep your eyes open for more details of upcoming Summer fun events for UKG. Possible events include a picnic, brew pub visits, a possible brew-in and likely some other surprises.

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.

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!

- None
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## UPCOMING on the Calendar...

### June

- **Saturday, June 11 @ 6:30 p.m.-**

**Kane County  
Cougars Baseball  
Game**

**Outing, 34W002**

Cherry Lane,  
Geneva, IL

We do not have a block of seats. Just pre-purchase your tickets along the 3rd base line near the Beer Cave to be near the rest of the Club.



- **Tuesday, June 21 @ 7:30 p.m.** - UKG  
Monthly Club Meeting.  
Location: **Bubblehouse**  
**Brewing Company**, 2121 Ogden Ave., Unit  
A, Lisle  
*Topics: Board Officers Election*



## July

- **Tuesday, July 19 @ 7:30 p.m.** - UKG  
Monthly Club Meeting.  
Location: **Bubblehouse**  
**Brewing Company**, 2121 Ogden Ave., Unit  
A, Lisle  
*Topics: Knighted Knaves Cup Dark  
European Beers judging*

## Other Social Activities Into 2022

- **August** - CHAOS BrewBQ Homebrew Beer Festival - August 20th @ 2 p.m.
- **September** - BOSS, UKG, and two other local clubs virtual beer tasting of special homebrew 4-packs. Details coming.

For more details on these events, see the **Club Calendar on the website.**

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## Recent Event Photos

Big Brew Day Brew-In (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.



If you wish to be considered for any of these positions, please speak to any of the current board members above.

Voting for these positions will be held at the June meeting.

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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

April 30, 2022 — Lagerpalooza, Midvale, UT

- **Dave Fetty**
  - 2nd Place - “Schnettlerator” - 9A: Doppelbock - Strong Lagers table



May 21, 2022 — **Greg Noonan Memorial Challenge**, Eunice, VT

- **Dave Fetty**
  - 1st Place - “Schnettlerator” - 9A: Doppelbock - Bock Beer table

May 21, 2022 — **Brewers East End Revival’s 25th Annual Brew-off**, Port Jefferson Station, NY

- **Dave Fetty**
  - 3rd Place - “Czech Pils” - 3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager - International and Czech Lager table
  - 3rd Place - “Oatmeal Stout” - 16B: Oatmeal Stout - Dark British and European Beer table

### **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 - **9th**
- Jay Kash - 101st
- Jeff Landers - 120th
- Joe Formanek - 151st
- Alex Chambers - 245th
- Kevin "Woj" Wojdak - 267th
- Andy Day - 272nd
- Gerald Hodge - 292nd



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

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



- **Dan Acheson** - Recognized Brewer

### **Upcoming Competitions of Note**

- **Indiana Brewers Cup**

*Judge Registration:* OPEN Now

(NOTE: they offer \$100 to judges traveling >50 miles if you judge 2 sessions)

*Entry Registration:* 5/17/2022 - 6/22/2022

*Judging Dates:* 7/5/2022 - 7/9/2022

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 Eileen Uchima



### **Hairy Cow Brewing Company**

**<https://hairycowbrewing.com/>**

450 E Blackhawk Dr, Byron, IL

I recently attended a quilt show in Oregon, Illinois and hopped over to Byron for lunch at **Hairy Cow Brewing**. It was surprising to find such a large brewpub in a town of only about 3600 people. The brewery, which opened in 2016, sits on the banks of the Rock River. They have a spacious tap room/dining room and two outdoor patios (one covered and one open) that overlook the river. For food, they specialize in pizza made in a large Italian pizza oven (which my chef daughter was coveting) and house-made cheesecake. The two pizzas we tried were delicious! Of the fourteen beers on the tap list, only two were IPAs!



**Ogle Oats – Oatmeal Stout.** Dark and creamy with a light, well-balanced sweetness

**Dos Dookies – Milk Stout.** Full bodied and roasty with a somewhat burnt, harsh edge.

**Sour Todd – Fruited Sour.** A murky-looking sour with cherries & berries. Quite tart, but tasty.

**Kyloe Coconut Porter – Porter** with a very well-balanced addition of coconut, vanilla bean, and cacao. Sweet but with a good hop balance.

**Sláinte Mhath – RIS.** Rich, sweet, and luscious. A great sipping beer to accompany your cheesecake!

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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](http://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](http://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.

**ATTENTION: It's Time to Order Work Shirts. Let Woj know you want one. Click the Marketing email link just above to send him an email.**

*UPDATE: I haven't heard back from my shirt resource and may have to see if my secondary shirt maker is still in business.*

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  
\$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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### **Contact us.**

If you have any ideas for content for this newsletter, please send them to [Knews@Knaves.org](mailto:Knews@Knaves.org).



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