



October 2023 Brewsletter

Ale the Brews that's Fit to Pint!



Ah the early days of Autumn. Has anyone else noticed just how annoying the bees are this time of year? You can spell the desperation on them as they hunt for the last bit of sugar they can find. "Go away, bee! That's MY beer!"

Well, those bees might be a bit on the pesky side, but that doesn't mean we don't love them... and the fruit of their labor! October means **Mead Day**, and your BCBS is celebrating this weekend. Join us this **Sunday, October 8th** for two
- YES, TWO! - **Mead Themed Events!**

First, meet us at **5pm** for a **Club Mead "Brew" Day!** It's like the Club Beer Brews we've done in the past on MBW's Patio, but this one will be held at MBW Spooky Nook. So, load up the fermentor and honey and join up with other members to make some mead.

Immediately following the Club Brew, we'll be holding our **October Monthly Membership Meeting**, where our own **David Pfirman** and **Chuck Bearslee**, will share more tips for making and finishing your mead. Learn the basics; learn advanced techniques; learn from our very own National Homebrew Competition Medal Winner!

(*Ed Note* - If you think a 2 hour window isn't enough time for a Brew Day, you've clearly never made mead and need to show up!)

So make your plans now and join us as we **Bow Low** to our **Bee Overlords** and **Celebrate Mead!**

The October Membership Meeting is also when your **2024/25 Candidates** for **Communications Director** and **Treasurer** will be campaigning. Just like the Golden Days of America's Youth, the candidates will be hoping to woo your vote with silky speeches, progressive campaign platforms, and hopefully some delicious home-brew!

We will again be meeting at **MBW Champion Mill**, located inside the **Warehouse Hotel** on the east side of North B Street.

Check out the Facebook Event!

Bulk Grain & Cider Buys

Attention BCBS members! Here's the latest on the bulk ingredient buys available to members.

First look for details on a **bulk grain purchase** to be posted later this week. We've been coordinating with our friendly local Municipal Brew Works to offer 6 difference base malts in 5 lb. "lots." This is a great opportunity to save on ingredients for your fall and winter brews. Full details and a sign up form will be posted to the Club Website later this week.

Second those who placed a **cider order** with **Wesler Orchards**, cider will be available for pick up this Sunday at either the Mead Brew Day or the October Membership Meeting. If you placed an order but cannot make it on Sunday to pick it up, please contact **Chuck Beardslee** ASAP to make other arrangements. If you missed out, last minute orders can be placed with Chuck through this Friday! Cider is available in 1 gallon jugs for \$5.95/gallon.

Memberships

To join, renew, or inquire about your BCBS membership status, please contact Treasurer, **Matt Cutter**, or email brewers@butlercountybrewing.org. Memberships are \$30 per person and are good for 12 months from when you join/renew.

Also consider joining the [American Homebrewers Association](#). Joining AHA gets you a subscription to their homebrewing magazine, Zymurgy, access to past Homebrew Con presentations, as well as recipe archives for award winning beers. It can also help us earn a discount on our club insurance if you specify **Butler County Brewing Society** as your homebrew club!



Ready to Teach You Are

Learn to Homebrew Day Mentors Wanted

For this year's [Learn to Homebrew Day Event](#), your **BCBS** wants **YOU** to help spread the hobby of homebrewing! Sure, some people think its just doing dishes for 6 hours then waiting around for beer to be ready in a month. But we know better, don't we!

Because we know better, **we want YOU** to help share your knowledge this fall with people new to the hobby. We're looking for members willing to sign up and lead a new home brewer through their first brew day. Details were shared last month, and sign ups will be finalized at the **October Membership Meeting**, so we know how many Padawans to seek out!



19 October

BCBS On Tour: Little Miami Brewing

Join us as BCBS goes **On Tour** to [Little Miami Brewing](#), starting around 5pm.

25 October

Zoom Commercial Calibration

Oh, how we love that snap in the air! The chill just makes those malty beers taste so good! Join us for October's **BCBS Commercial Calibration** as we pull on the jumpers and enjoy some **Malty Browns**. Once again, we're partnering with [Arrow Wine](#) in Mason to offer our monthly **Calibration Bundle**. Look for 6-packs on shelves soon!



BCBS Commercial Calibration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84508806455>

Meeting ID: [845 0880 6455](#)



Hello Darkness...

BCBS is running another **Members-Only** beer competition this fall. "**Hello, Darkness**" is a dark beer only competition that will be judged at the November Membership Meeting. No cost to active BCBS members; one entry per person.

The winning entry will be brewed this winter at [Humble Monk Brewing](#) in Cincinnati.

For all the details, including eligible beer styles, check out the blog post.

[Read more](#)



Other Competitions of Interest

SODZ Beer for Boobs XI

- Registration Deadline: 11 October
- Delivery Deadline: 12 October
- Competition Date: 14 October
- Details: [Beer for Boobs](#)

Son of Brewzilla

- Registration Deadline: 5 November
- Delivery Deadline: 4 November
- Competition Date: 10 November
- Details: [Son of Brewzilla](#)

CRHC Santa's Winter Warmer

- Registration Deadline: 25 November
- Delivery Deadline: 25 November
- Competition Date: 9 December
- Details: [Santa's Winter Warmer](#)
- This Competition is ONLY open to BJCP Style 30C (Winter Seasonal)

Upcoming Events

- 10/7 - **Mead Day**
- 10/8 @ 5pm - **Club Mead "Brew" Day**
- MBW Champions Mill
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- 10/12 @ 7pm - **Board Meeting** -
Common Beer Company
- 10/19 @ 5pm - **BCBS On Tour** - Little
Miami Brewing
- 10/25 @ 8pm - **Commercial
Calibration** - via Zoom
- 11/4 - **Learn to Homebrew Day**

- 11/12 @ 7pm - **Annual Membership Meeting & "Hello Darkness" Club Competition** - MBW Champions Mill



Club Protocols for Monthly Meetings

In order to comply with MBW's serving license and show respect to our presenters - we ask all who attend club events to observe the following guidelines:

1. Club Members and Guests are expected to follow all applicable laws and the Club's [Code of Conduct](#) when participating in Club Activities.
2. Club Members and Guests are expected to comply with all reasonable requests made by host staff and owners.
3. Please only bring Homebrew for sharing at meetings.
4. Please respect presenters and guests by waiting until after the Business and KART portion of Meetings to share homebrew.
5. Homebrew MUST BE LIMITED to the designated area provided by Municipal Brew Works, and Commercial beer cannot be served within this area. This is a legal issue, so please respect our hosts.

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