

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for April 2012

President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

Fellow SNOB members,

Right after we sent out the flyer for the Beer No Sweat bus trip, we found out that we didn't have the bus reserved for that day. There aren't any open weekends until late May, so I pulled the plug on the event for this year. May is a busy month, which I will get to shortly. This really is one of our better events, which should be planned better next year. This may open up a bus trip for later this year. I do enjoy these events because it's a time for several of us to get together in a confined space and share homebrew, craft beer and good times.

April brings one of my favorite local craft beer events. [Buckeye Beer Engine's](#) 420 Hopfest. The hoppy beer fest will feature many high IBU beers between Thursday, April 19th and Sunday, April 22nd. This is an annual event that started back when **Bob** and **Garin Wright** had Buckeye Brewing in Bedford. Highlights this year will be live music on Friday and a pairing brunch featuring [Dogfish Head Craft Brewery](#) beers. For SNOBs Night Out this month, we'll visit Beer Engine on Monday, April 23rd. On Mondays, SNOBs receive \$1 off each draft. Bring your membership card to Beer Engine and help us finish off the Hopfest leftovers.

As I wrote before, there are a number of events in May that I need to list now instead of waiting until next month. The weekend before our May meeting will be National Homebrew Day, which we celebrate with [Big Brew](#). For Big Brew, we will be getting together to brew a large batch of homebrew together. Last year, we made about 100 gallons of English IPA in **John Majetic's** large homebrew equipment, splitting

the batch into different yeasts. This year's recipe is for an American or English brown ale. I can see us being inspired by Fat Heads' **Matt Cole** and his latest collaboration with Stone Brewing Company and Bear Republic Brewery, [TBA](#) or Texas Brown Ale. It has a hop forward, higher gravity brown ale, which sounds like something we SNOBs often end up doing on these Big Brews: making them higher gravity and hoppier.

The following weekend will be [International Beer Fest](#) at The IX Center. As the competition organizer, I encourage you to sign up to [volunteer](#) for the beer festival. It's a large beer fest and the volunteer knowledge of craft beer is thin without those like us involved.

Please sign up for Friday, May 11th and/or Saturday, May 12th. The competition will be Wednesday, May 9th and I will be looking for help there as stewards and I plan to unbox and organize the entries earlier in the week. I will need help on Monday and maybe Sunday to do that work. The steward shifts would be from 1:00 to 6:00 and 6:00 to 11:00 on Wednesday afternoon and evening. We will provide dinner around 6:00. Contact me directly through email if you are interested in helping with the competition stewarding, [judging](#) or unboxing.

Lake County's Little Mountain Homebrewer's Association will be holding their first homebrew competition Saturday, May 19th at Willoughby Brewing Company. King of the Mountain will be for American originated Ale styles and the details are on the LMHBA [website](#). The Best of Show award winner may be brewed by Willoughby Brewing as part of the [GABF Pro-Am](#). Please enter your beers and help out a neighboring homebrew club where we cross-pollinate.

For this month's discussion, **Brad Lipinski** will be discussing a beer style I think several of us may have been thinking of instead of Dry Stout on St. Patrick's Day this year: [Witbier](#). The lighter Belgian Wheat beer is a style Brad has brewed many times. He's very well-read, has a scientific mind and as an adjunct professor, will do well in front of our crowd.

Witbier has a great story close to many homebrewer's hearts. Pierre Celis, a milkman by trade, revived the extinct beer style in Hoegaarden and later emigrated to Texas where he created Celis White. It's a refreshing, easy-drinking wheat beer that can have some complexity. With temperatures in the 80s, I know that if I had chosen to be on Flannery's patio in Downtown Cleveland this year for the festivities, I would have had less black stuff and more of something like this.

After last month's meeting, I had a conversation with Andy Tveekrem about the state of the club. One of the keys to growing our club to something more substantial is to engage our new members. We do get a good number of new faces each month, but we need to encourage the new faces to not only come back, but get to know some of our other members. Once you become acquainted with more people in our club, it's hard to turn away. Not only do we try to fill our meetings with great homebrewing knowledge, we also bond around craft beer and the numerous events we hold as a club each year.

I would like to encourage everyone to introduce themselves to someone they don't know very well at the next meeting and night out and engage them in conversation about the club, homebrewing or craft beer. We can continue existing with 10% of us contributing plenty to keep meetings and events going, but if we get a few more as active as that active 10%, this club can do more. Welcome newer members. Please make it your goal to introduce yourself to me and the officers.

Cheers, fellow SNOBs
Mike Ontolchik



Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

[4/13 AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Pittsburgh, PA](#)

[4/13 AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Indianapolis, IN](#)

[4/20 AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Aurora, IL](#)

5/12: AHA Club only competition – Scottish and Irish Ale; bring 3 bottles to the SNOBs meeting

5/19: Little Mountain / Willoughby Brewing
[King of the Mountain American Ales](#)

SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

April 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
21 – 22 : SAAZ Grand Rapids trip
23: SNOBs Night Out: Buckeye Beer Engine

May 2012

5: Big Brew
7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
11-12: International Beer Fest – IX Center

June 2012

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
TBD: Brew & Canoe

July 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
28: Blues and Brews

August 2012

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
27: September SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

September 2012

14 - 16: Octobeerfest

October 2012

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
13: Son of Brewzilla (tentative)
19 – 27: Cleveland Beer Week

November 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

December 2012

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

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Welcome New SNOB Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

January 2012

*Adam Gullett
Dave Luddington
Josh & Jason Czernek
Ken Prohn
Mark Rames
Paul Burdue*

February 2012

*Chris and Pat Cain
Chris Hammer
Dan Custer
Darren Cross*

March 2012

Tom Bullock

2012 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2012 are now being collected by Mark Knapp, treasurer. The price of a SNOBs membership remains the same, still a bargain at only \$30 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Dual membership, so **pay up you cheapskates!!**

Included in the membership is admittance to the 4 (**yes, count them**) **big SNOB events of the year: Beer No Sweat** (February/March), **Brew & Canoe** (June), **Oktoberfest** (weekend camping event end of September) and the catered **SNOBs Christmas Party** (December).

Membership also comes with discounts (bring your membership card with you) at local craft beer places and homebrew shops:

- ✓ [Stamper's Grill Pub](#): \$1 off drafts
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts on Mondays
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Rozi's Wine House](#): 10% off homebrew supplies

The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Mark at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.

S.N.O.B.'s Meeting Location

[Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102](#) (216) 651-0888

Located on the south side of Denison Avenue one block east of Ridge Road

March Treasurers Report

February Income		February Expenses	
Raffle	\$316.00	Meeting Expenses	\$20.00
Membership	\$315.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Subtotal	\$631.00	Subtotal	\$95.00

SNOBs Night Out – Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM

Buckeye Beer Engine

Featuring many hoppy beers from Buckeye's 420 Hopfest

5315 Madison Avenue * Lakewood, OH 44107 * (216) 226-2337

Web Links of Interest

SNOB

website: <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Facebook: <http://groups.to/snob/>

forum:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cleveland_beer_snobs

American Homebrewers Association

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>

National Homebrewers Conference

<http://www.ahaconference.org/>

Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>

Grape and Granary

<http://www.grapeandgranary.com/>

The Brew Mentor

<http://www.thebrewmentor.com/>

J.W. Dover

<http://www.jwdover.com/catalog/>

Leener's

<http://www.leeners.com/>

Brew Your Own (Magazine)

<http://byo.com/>

Basic Brewing

<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>

The Brewing Network

<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>

Brewing TV

<http://www.brewingtv.com/>

Membership Form

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

c/o Mark Knapp
2688 Hampton Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

(Prorated for NEW members if you join after June. Contact Mark Knapp for the current rate.)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone
(_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Your name and address may be released to beer related business or groups **unless** you initial here _____.

Today's
date _____