



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*April 2016 Newsletter*

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## President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



What a month it's been! March was packed with events, competitions, great times, and tragedy. We began the month with a fantastic meeting where Andrew Martahus schooled us on the science of malting and gave us the opportunity to purchase small quantities of Haus Malts. I'm looking forward to tasting some of the great SNOB brews that will be made from this. I will personally be brewing something special in the next few weeks with the spelt malt I bought at the meeting.

The OCBA Winter Warmer Festival, in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, was once again amazing. SNOBs made up a significant proportion of the volunteer base for this event, and I also saw many of you in the crowd supporting the Ohio craft beer community as attendees. This is my favorite Northeast Ohio festival, so if you weren't able to go this year, make sure you make it next year.

Our Beer No Sweat bus trip to Buffalo was a great time, full of inebriation, debauchery, and great brews. My 2 personal favorite stops were Lavery Brewing in Erie and Community Beer Works in Buffalo. Lavery dyed their GABF gold medal saison green for St Patrick's Day...which was hands-down the best Ecto Cooler-colored beer I've ever had. Community Beer Works, despite being very small, put out some amazing hoppy IPAs.

The first round of the National Homebrew Competition judging is well underway, with many SNOBs already advancing to the finals. Congratulations to Greg Irving, Jim Jadwisiak, Cara Baker, Paul Shick, Christopher Gordon, Steve Rapko, Todd Donnelly, Tom Tucker, Mike Ontolchik, and Andrew Mitchell (Yeah me!) on winning a total of 12 medals at the Indianapolis regional that are now eligible to be entered into the NHC in Baltimore this June. Good luck to all SNOBs who may have beers entered into other 1<sup>st</sup> round regional sites.



Wizard of Saaz was bitter-sweet this year. Our very own Paul Shick and Joe Puchalski won the best of show for beer and cider, respectively. Many other SNOBs also won medals, but when the final count came in the Saaz medals and overall point count were too much to overcome. The Cuyahoga Cup will have a temporary home in Akron for the next few months until we are able to avenge this defeat at Son of Brewzilla this fall.

Lastly, I would like to mention the passing of a friend, SNOB member, and founder of the Little Mountain Homebrewers Association, Joel Gayer. Joel was a charismatic, knowledgeable, kind man who will be missed by many of us. I would like to thank all who have given your support to his family in the last week. It meant a lot to Joel's wife Tammy to see so many of us this past Saturday at the funeral. Thanks to everyone who has generously donated to his memorial fund to help cover short term expenses and to help seed an educational fund for his daughter. [Financial contributions can be made here.](#)

Join us at the April meeting for presentations from Nathan Rutz on "Brew in a Bag" and Rodger Brane from the Brewery Collectibles Club of America (BCCA) where beer centric related collectibles will be discussed and maybe shown.

Cheers, Andrew

**SNOBs Night Out**  
**Thursday April 14, 6:00pm**  
**Brewery tour, food truck available**  
**[Sibling Revelry Brewing 29305 Clemens Road Westlake, OH 44145](#)**

**Big Brew** will be held on May 14 at Fat Head's Brewery and Taproom. We will probably be brewing something to go into our brett infected oak barrel. Stay tuned for further information.

**Brew and Canoe.** Brew and Canoe, our summer campout, will be held at Tim's again this year on the Huron River on June 24th and 25th. In order to plan for food'n'stuff, we need to get an idea on who might be coming out to join us. These are rather relaxing weekends of good beer, good food, great fires and fantastic friends. If you will be going, fill out the [google doc](#) and let it be known

**Beasts n' Brews at Crocker Park** is coming up on April 23 from 1-5 and they are [looking for volunteers](#) to help out. Beasts n' Brews 2016 is the second annual chilifest benefiting North Union Farmers Market. There will be local restaurants, chefs, and farms cooking up chili (meat, vegetarian, and vegan) supplied with local grass-fed beef if required. Festival goers vote for their favorites as well as the stall with the best spirit/decoration. Throughout the event we will have bluegrass and related music from local bands on center stage as well small acts in between. There will be other food vendors, local craft beers, raffle prizes and games to top it all off!

**SNOB Web Page Changes.** We are currently looking for help modernizing the [beersnobs.org](#) website. If you are a web engineer with Joomla experience, please consider volunteering



some time to help rebuild the website. Please contact Mike Ontolchik ([montolchik@gmail.com](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) if interested.

**Wizard of SAAZ Competition.** WoS has come and gone and alas, so has the Cuyahoga Cup. I don't have the point count but we need to get our brews on and take it back at our 2016 Son of Brewzilla! Congrats to all who medaled and the the Best of Show winners, SNOB Paul Shick for his Baltic Porter, SNOB Joe Puchalski for his New World Cider and SAAZ Carl McMillin for his Aged Mead.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bling anyone?** The club spent quite a bit to bottle the Imperial Stout that was given out at the Christmas Party and here is a chance to help out with that expense AND get some of the last 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bling. We had some of those beautiful vinyl labels and bottle caps left over so for a **paltry \$2**, you can take home a vinyl sticker for your bathroom mirror and 2, yes 2 bottle caps with magnets for your beer fridges. Only a few of the 75 sets remain, all money will go back into the SNOB piggy bank.



### Beer No Sweat Bus Trip 2016

Suffice it to say that all 31 of us on the trip had a fun time thanks to the planning of John Majetic and our awesome bus driver Ken. Once again, John successfully hearded a bunch of SNOBs out of breweries and tap rooms and NOBODY got left behind, which always surprises me. If you've never joined us on one of these trips, you should!

**Meeting Presentations on the web.** Two recent meeting technical presentations are or soon will soon be on our web page due to member requests. Both the "Haus Malts" and "From Homebrewer to Nanobrewer" presentations will be found under the Tools link.

### Collab Brew with SNOBs and Platform/CBS

Paul is gauging interest in a collab brew with the SNOB and Platform on a summer beer brewed on their 3 barrel or maybe 10 barrel system. This isn't a competition but more like a crowd sourced recipe and bunch of people to brew it on a Saturday. Details will follow as they become available but look for this to happen sometime between maybe April and July.

### Stay tuned for more on this competition

Platform and Heinens want to hold a Homebrew Competition in June to find a beer to make, can and sell. Details still need to be worked out but sounds like fun.



## National Homebrewers Conference

The 2016 NHC is once again in our neck of the woods, kind of, Baltimore to be exact, June 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. Open to all AHA members, application to enter is from 2/1 thru 2/7, first round entries are due 2/29 thru 3/9 and cost \$14 each. Cost to attend NHC is \$220 and \$160 for the full and social packages respectively plus add-on for the Grand Banquet and Awards Ceremony.



If you've never been, you should save up your \$ and attend. Mike O has registered the SNOB for club night and we will be bringing the 12-tap SNOB bar and serving so we hope you will consider **contributing a keg**, even if it is only 2 gallons, of your finest fermented beverage. In the past, we've taken around 24 kegs. Mike has a **Sign-up Sheet** for all who can bring kegs, please make a contribution to the cause, we promise not to lose your keg, hopefully.

When in this part of the country, we've had a pretty nice size group of SNOB attend and able to help with the SNOB activities, everything from transporting bar and kegs, setup, working the bar, teardown and the like. We also "try hard" to hit every brewery possible on the way there and back. We have at least 10 members going thus far but we MUST consider consolidating our hotel rooms. Most have a reservation already but we can combine into double occupancy and save a lot of \$. Please fill out the **google doc** so we know you're going, if you have a room or need a roomie. **Also we need to transport the SNOB bar, the plan is to try and fit in Tim's van but if you are driving in a large enough vehicle or a truck with a covered bed and can take some of the load, email and let me know.**

Following are the NHC Registration Details.

### Registration

- Registration opens at **Noon ET**, March 8, 2016.
- The 2016 registration will take place in real-time on March 8.
- There is no application window. Registrations are offered first-come, first-served.
- The AHA anticipates enough space in Baltimore to accommodate all members who wish to attend.
- Payment is required to complete the registration process.

### Membership

- Conference registration is open only to American Homebrewers Association or Brewers Association (AHA/BA) members 21 years or older.
- **Membership** must be current at the time of registration and the event to attend the conference.

### Guests

- Any AHA/BA member may register other AHA/BA members.
- All attendees *must* be members of the AHA/BA.
- Any member can choose between any registration option. (Ex. the Social Package registration is available to any AHA/BA member and does not have to be combined with the purchase of a Full Conference registration.
- Banquet tickets must be purchased with a Full Conference, Social Package or Homebrew Industry registration. They cannot be purchased alone.



## **SNOB 2016 Calendar of Events** [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

### **April 2016**

- 4: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm  
14: SNOB Night Out, Sibling Revelry Brewing 29305 Clemens Road Westlake

### **May 2016**

- 2: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm  
3-5: Craft Brewers Conference  
14: Big Brew at Fat Head's Production Brewery  
15-21: Columbus Beer Week

### **June 2016**

- 6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm  
9-11: National Homebrew Conference

### **July 2016**

- 11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)  
15-23: Ohio Beer Week

### **Aug 2016**

- 1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm  
29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)

### **Sep 2016**

- 16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

### **Oct 2016**

- 3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm  
6-8: Great American Beer Festival

### **Nov 2016**

- 7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

### **Dec 2016**

- 2: SNOBs Christmas Party

## **Welcome New SNOBs**

*Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs and invite them over for a beer or brew session.*

### **January 2016**

- Bill Schmidt  
Anthony Fazio  
Chris & Sandy Bender  
Jan & Janine Jurgensen

### **February 2016**

- Kate Eckroate  
Mark & Rachel Haborak  
Todd Tolford

### **March 2016**

- Dan & Debbie Lackey  
Ryan Thomas & Ross Stafirski  
Michael Weiner



## 2016 Officers and Chairpersons

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## 2016 Membership Dues

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40. PAY UP YOU CHEAPSKATES! The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Ace at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at [beersnobs.org](http://beersnobs.org).

## SNOB Supporters

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

- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#): \$1 off drafts (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [Platform Beer Co.](#): \$1 off Platform drafts on **Tuesdays**
- ✓ [Butcher and the Brewer](#): \$1 off drafts on **Wednesdays**
- ✓ [Cantine Bar and Bottle Shop](#): \$1 off drafts on **Thursdays**
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc \(<http://abcfireinc.net/>\)](#): 20% off all CO<sub>2</sub> tank refills plus other CO<sub>2</sub> services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs

## SNOB 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

## **Web Links of Interest**

**SNOB** Web Page

**SNOB** Facebook

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

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

### **Brewing Resources**

American Homebrewers Association

National Homebrewers Conference

The Brewing Network

Brewing TV

Basic Brewing

Brew Your Own (Magazine)

Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

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

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

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

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

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

<http://byo.com/>

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

### **Brewing Supplies and Equipment**

Cleveland Brew Shop

Grape and Granary

J.W. Dover

Leener's

The Brew Mentor

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>

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

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

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

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

### **Gases, co2, Oxygen, Propane**

ABC Fire Inc

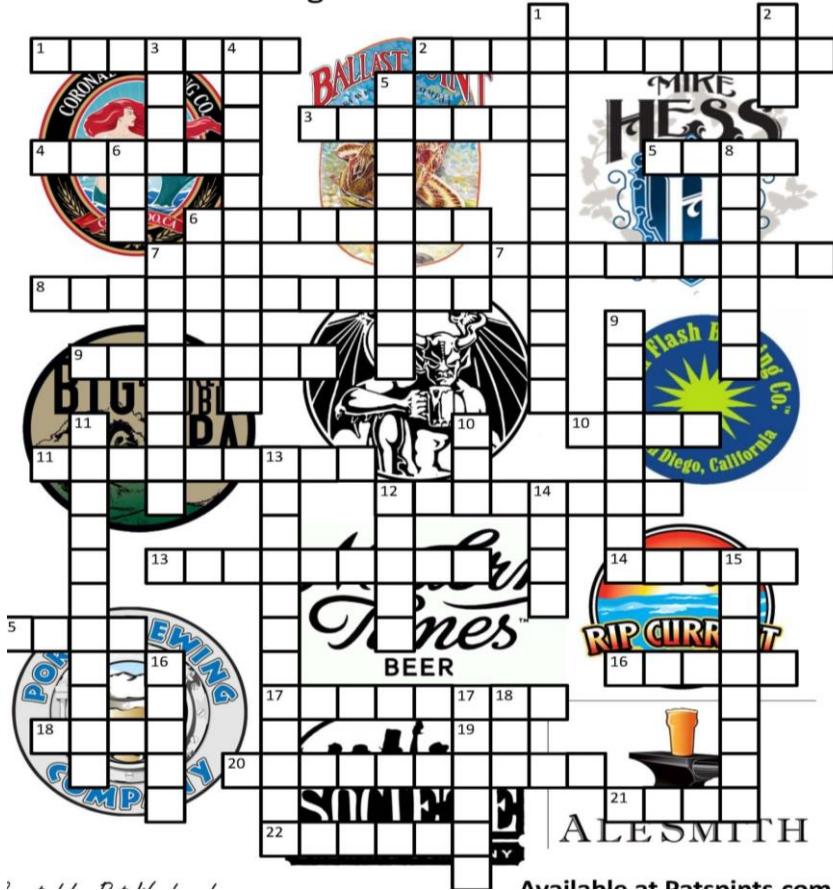
Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop

<http://abcfireinc.net>

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



## San Diego Beers & Breweries from Patspints.com



### Across

1. Hess Brewing's flagship beer, a cream ale.
2. One of San Diego's oldest craft breweries (est. 1989), maker of Big Barrel Double IPA
3. Ballast Point's iconic IPA, named after a fish with poisonous spikes on its fins.
4. A beer style that originated in the south of Belgium and historically was brewed for farmworkers.
5. In 2010 this brewery opened as a nanobrewery in Miramar within walking distance of Alesmith, before expanding to a larger location in North Park.
6. Modern Times' saison.
7. City where Stone Brewing headquarters are located.
8. Well known San Diego county brewery that follows a nautical theme for naming its beers.
9. Downtown San Diego brewery located on the edge of the Gaslamp district near Petco Park. Named after a historic San Diego brewery that closed due to prohibition.
10. This strong, malt forward style of German lager means "goat" in certain German dialects.
11. This highly regarded San Marcos brewery is known for its Belgian style ales.
12. Alesmith's legendary imperial stout, brewed with locally roasted coffee.

13. Brewery and pizza restaurant with multiple locations along the San Diego county coastline.
14. This Belgian Trappist brewery makes only one beer, a Belgian pale ale with Brettanomyces.
15. Stone's session IPA.
16. Stone's double IPA with an explicit expiration date, \_\_\_\_\_ By.
17. The French speaking southern half of Belgium.
18. The second word in the French translation of Green Flash. (Hint: This is also the second word in the name of their discontinued Belgian Pale Ale.)
19. A record or CD that contains more songs than a single but not as many as a full length album.
20. A brewery known for its hop-forward ales such as West Coast IPA, Palate Wrecker and Green Bullet.
21. The sugar rich liquid that is fermented to make beer.
22. Ballast Point's double IPA.

## **Down**

1. Alesmith's barleywine.
2. A beer style that is a step up (in abv and hop content) from an English bitter.
3. A strain of hop named after the Greek god who is brother to Poseidon and Hades.
4. Ballast Point's Rauchbier/smoked lager (available on draft only)
5. Stone's legendary double IPA, first released in 2002.
6. Abbreviation for a scale that denotes the concentration of alpha acids in a beer.
7. A Miramar brewery that was named the World's top brewery by RateBeer.com in 2014.
8. Newer San Diego brewery acclaimed for both hoppy beers like The Pupil IPA and Belgian-style beers like The Harlot.
9. Brewery founded in 1996 and named after the island in San Diego harbor where it is located.
10. A beer fermented at warmer temperatures with a top fermenting yeast strain.
11. This San Diego brewery has a giant post-it note mural of Michael Jackson and his monkey Bubbles on a wall in the brewery taproom.
12. A gargoyle is the mascot of this large San Diego brewery (the largest).
13. Modern Times' Amber Ale, made with Simcoe, Nelson and Mosaic hops.
14. Alpine Beer Company's original single IPA, brewed with Simcoe and Amarillo hops.
15. Stone's strong ale \_\_\_\_\_ Bastard.
16. The initials of this brewery, named after a historic San Diego brewery, are ABC. (Hint: Also the mascot of San Diego State University).
17. This highly sought after double IPA from Alpine Beer Company takes its name from the New Zealand strain of hops that are the star ingredient.
18. The style of beer for which San Diego breweries are best known.



**Membership Form**  
**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)**

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40.

Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) [sbcglobal.net](http://sbcglobal.net), and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

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