



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*April 2018 Newsletter*

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## **New Section!**

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## **Welcome, New Members!**

We are so happy to have you. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to approach, talk to one of the [officers](#).

March - Mike Duff

## President's Krausening

Paul Klammer



Somewhere this past month I saw it said that the reason for clinking a glass of beer or wine is to add sound, the one sense that is missing when drinking. The thought being that adding sound to our drinking experience stimulates greater enjoyment of a beer. The doubting Paul Thomas in me pondered this a bit and was not satisfied.

Obviously there are pouring, bubbling, and sloshing sounds involved in beer drinking. Some effervescent styles of beer make a quiet rice crispy crackle as their head falls. At home I tried tapping my beer glass with different glasses and a spoon. Some rang nicely when empty but w/beer, not so much. I concluded that for beer in a glass, clinking is good only for loosening a few clinging bubbles in a glass that is not 'beer clean'. So that's that; striking glasses will not change your beer flavor or enjoyment. But there *is* something very appealing about it that is more valuable than a better tasting beer. Touching glasses is a very positive social ritual. When we tap glasses, with or without words, we express our goodwill and our hope for sharing good times with our fellow drinker. Whether they are old friends or newly met and never to be seen again, the sentiment is the same. You can certainly drink too much beer, but there can never be too much goodwill. So clink away!

March was a heck of a month for beer activity. My favorite annual public beer event, Winter Warmer came and went with more breweries than ever before. I entered at judged and took home some medals for the first beer competition this year (SODZ British Beer Fest). We had our social event at Buckeye Beer Engine where SNOBs got to enjoy a special burger and beer deal and some of us went home with a couple gas regulators that were rotated out recently. Several of our members participated in Chaos Charcuterie' Andouille making class at Saucisson and the Ohio Mead Group's 2nd meeting held a smorgasbord of dozens of honeys and meads while Todd Donnelly educated us on basic mead making. On the east side I attended the Bottlehouse homebrewer night that focused on Saisons. I was blown away by a very low and wonderfully flavorful farmhouse ale. I will definitely be making some saisons in the near future. The month ended with the shipping of beer to NHC and Wizard of Saaz competitions. See the rest of the newsletter for our upcoming events or better yet, come to the meeting on Monday and hear about them in person.

## **April Meeting Topic**

April 2 7:30 PM

Sachsenheim Hall - 7001 Denison Avenue,  
Cleveland, OH 44102

The April meeting is a Q&A session that we hope will turn into a knowledge share. We will start with a couple questions about what folks have perfected and what they are still working on improving. (future triangle test?).

## **SNOBs Night Out**

April 17

Working Class Brewery - 17448 Lorain Ave,  
Cleveland, OH 44111

The April SNOBs night out will be held at [Working Class Brewery](#). There, we will enjoy a Rye Stout brewed by our SNOBs collaboration team with brewer and Co-Owner Rick Skains (Who was also Hombrewer of the Year at NHC in 2007). See the collaboration section for more information.

## **2018 Big Brew Wort Competition**

Wort Production - May 5

Terrestrial Brewing - 7524 Father Frascati,  
Cleveland, OH 44102

Big Brew will be a competition using wort from [Terrestrial Brewing](#). On Saturday, May 5th, Ralph Sgro will be making an unhopped 2 Row Pale Malt wort for 20 SNOB members to use as our base. Contestants should plan to pick up the wort with their buckets or carboys after 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 5th. Anyone is welcome to hang out at the brewery that day starting at 9:00 AM. The wort recipe itself will be 2 Row Pale malt, some Munich and a little Carapils, perfect for an American IPA. You will be welcome to add to the wort any other malt, hops, yeast or other adjuncts once you get the wort home. A good place to start for your recipe is to expect that you used pale malt extract to get 5 gallons of 1.060 SG wort.

Contestants will have to drop off 2 12 oz bottles to Terrestrial Brewing between July 1st and July 7th during tap room hours. A judged competition will be held at Terrestrial with BJCP judges from SNOB and local professional brewers. For the judged competition, Terrestrial will give away a gift card to the Third Place brewer, a Private Tasting Tour for the Second Place brewer and will brew with the First Place brewer for an August or September SNOBs Night Out.

We will also hold a People's Choice competition during the July 10th SNOB meeting. Winners for both competitions will be announced at the July meeting.



## Upcoming Dates

[Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

### SNOB Meetings and Events

April 2 7:30 PM – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

April 17 - SNOBs night out at [Working Class](#)

May 5 - Big Brew Wort Production

June 22-23 – Brew and Canoe

September 14-16 SNOBtoberfest

The 2018 meeting dates will continue to be the first Monday of the month, with the following exceptions: January 8 August 27 (September meeting), No December meeting due to Christmas party.

### Upcoming Competitions

Apr 10 - Apr 14– [Wizard of SAAZ](#) - Judges needed!

Apr 6 - Apr 22 – [NHC First Round](#)

Apr 7 - [T.R.A.S.H. XXVIII](#)

May 19 - [King of the Mountain](#) - Registration opens April 7

Jun 2 - Ohio State Fair

## Pro-Am Brewing Opportunities

We have already enjoyed beer with Collision Bend, and our April and May meetings will feature a Rye Stout with Working Class and a Maple Maibock with Market Garden respectively.

In addition to these teams, Great Lakes, Willoughby, Hansa, and Brick and Barrel have all expressed interest in working with us... so be sure to join! It's a great opportunity to get our club name out there and to see how homebrewing scales up. If you are interested, [sign up here](#).

Don't forget to keep an eye on Brew Your Own Magazine. We will have a feature about the collaboration in an upcoming edition.



## March Recap

March was a busy month! We talked about hop aging. If you missed the meeting, [check out the video](#) (Thanks, Scott!). In addition, we had a great SNOBs night out at Buckeye Beer Engine, a whirlwind tour of central Ohio breweries on Beer no Sweat. We also had not just one but TWO collaboration beers. Finally, we had several members participate in brews for International Women's Brew Day.

Whew! What a busy month!

## Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

				
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## Links and Other Items of Interest

SNOB Member Discounts (coming soon)

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### **2018 Membership Dues**

Single member dues are \$30. Couples are \$50 and as is stated in the by-laws, *dual memberships are only for people living at the same address*. 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](https://beersnobs.org)

