

# SNOB's

## The Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Club Newsletter

Next Meeting is Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm  
at Sachsenheim Hall

### President's Krausening

Dateline: Athens, OH

Garin Wright, Brian Wright and I have really had a good time during Ohio Brew Week. I personally ran from tastings to pairings to the five-course beer pairing dinner crisscrossing Court and Union Streets and the city of Athens, Ohio. It was really nice to talk beer with brewers I know and those that were new to me. Brad Clark, brewer for Jackie O's, is a young, energetic brewer with a like-enthusiastic brewpub owner. In the past year, Clark has leapt into barrel aging and sour beers.

Personally, I would have liked to see more session beers on the brewpub's tap list during Ohio Brew Week, or anywhere in town. I did find the cabernet barrel aged raspberry vanilla imperial porter a quaff as interesting as the length of its tap list description. Before I left for the week, Brian Wright and I had lunch with Chris O'Brien, author of *Fermenting Revolution: How to Drink Beer and Save the World*. Chris is a co-founder of Seven Bridges, which is an organic homebrew supply shop. Knowing some SNOBs, I suspect a lot of eyes rolling, but what Chris' book is primarily about is how purchasing or making craft beer is much more sustainable economically than purchasing the mainstream beers through big chain stores.

Garin Wright and I spoke with Abbe Turner of Lucky Penny Farm, an artisan farm and creamery outside of Garrettsville that will begin selling goat cheeses shortly. She was in Athens to speak during beer and cheese pairings. What I enjoy about pairings like that is when someone can speak about the food. I missed Brooklyn Brewery founder Steve Hindy, but Garin a fun evening with him earlier in the week. Overall, Ohio Brew Week in Athens is worth the vacation time to spend a few days down there. I am now looking forward to the Cleveland Brew Week that will be here in October.

So, August is here and there is plenty to do craft beer-wise in Greater Cleveland, again. Beer Engine

will be having Founders Kentucky and Canadian Breakfast Stouts on draft Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 10:00. Kentucky Breakfast Stout is Founders' double chocolate coffee oatmeal imperial stout aged in bourbon barrels. The Canadian is aged in maple syrup barrels. We spoke about this at the July meeting, but hopefully, if you weren't there, you will get this in time.

On Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will be having a beer tasting train featuring Thirsty Dog beers. Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, is the annual Blues & Brews beer festival at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, OH. I have really enjoyed this festival in the past. Local brewers and distributors will be there amongst the lawn outside Stan Hywet Hall. Blues & Brews just happens to fall on the same day as Great Taste of the Midwest in Madison, WI. I have tickets there, so I won't be able to make the Akron event.

The Bloatarian Brewing League will be holding their keg competition Beer & Sweat August 15<sup>th</sup> in Fort Mitchell, KY. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Brewfest will be at The Cleveland Metroparks Chalet in Strongsville. The proceeds for the Southwest Brewfest go to the Missing Man's Kids' Education Fund, so have a few beers, hear some local music and help out a local family.

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, The Brew Kettle will be hosting the Golfers Against Bad Beer golf outing at Brunswick Golf Course. I think we should get a SNOBs foursome together for this. I'm just a duffer, but I like getting a good excuse to play a round.

Last meeting, I came in with the idea that we would have a homebrew competition where everyone would have to brew with the same randomly chosen "secret ingredient". As we do in SNOBs meetings, we've adjusted the idea of the competition where everyone entering will be choosing their own ingredient from a hat at the August SNOBs meeting. I've named this the SNOBs Strange Brew Homebrew Competition.

Every SNOB is eligible to enter one beer, choosing their random ingredient at the August meeting.

Anyone who cannot be at the August meeting will have an ingredient randomly selected for them either at the meeting or shortly afterwards. We're currently taking requests for participation. I'll keep a list of which ingredient is whose. We talked about swapping picks in the July meeting, but I'm not sure how that would work. It will probably be discussed during Brew & Canoe.

We will hold the homebrew competition at our October meeting, giving everyone plenty of time to brew up their strange brews. We'll figure out the amount of beer to bring depending on the number of participants. Like most competitions we hold, all BJCP categories are open. The special ingredient must be easily detectable in the beer. Almost all of these ingredients will be usable in extract or all grain brewing. An ingredient like potatoes or sorghum would have to go to all grain brewers only.

Since the winner will not have an AHA competition to go onto, I thought it would be interesting if the winner receives 5 gallons of our Big Brew Bourbon Barrel Rye IPA. The winner will have to exchange an empty keg for their winning full one. I'm still looking for more suggestions but here is the current ingredient list:

1. Chocolate Nibs
2. Honey
3. Potatoes

4. Cayenne Pepper
5. Coffee
6. Jolly Rancher candies
7. Licorice
8. Sorghum
9. Peanut Butter
10. Oak
11. Maple Syrup
12. Chile Peppers
13. Marshmallow Fluff
14. Agave
15. Molasses

Good luck to everyone who participates and happy brewing.

Mike Ontolchik



### 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

### S.N.O.B.'s Night Out - Saturday afternoon, August 29th

Main Street Grille and Brewing  
8148 Main Street Garrettsville, OH 44231-1216  
Website: <http://www.msg-brew.com/> (330) 527-3663  
May also include tour of local artisan Creamery

SNOB's Website / BLOG

<http://www.beersnobs.org> / [ohiobeersnobs.wordpress.com](http://ohiobeersnobs.wordpress.com)

## **Berea Oktoberfest 2009**

**Microbrew Competition - Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-11:00 pm**  
**SNOBs Brewing Demo - Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> afternoon (TBA)**

Last year, the Berea Oktoberfest hosted a Microbrew Competition (at the Bier Garden at the Berea Fairgrounds). The SNOBs provided volunteers to pour beer for the competing Microbreweries at the Friday night competition. We also had our own booth for literature and SNOB sales. On Sunday, we had brewing demonstrations, literature and educational talk.

The competition was well received by the public (and volunteers as well) and will be continued again this year.

We are looking for SNOB volunteers (and friends) for to pour beer on Friday night, September 4<sup>th</sup>, for the Berea Oktoberfest Microbrew Competition (Bier Garden at Berea Fairgrounds). The event has expanded and thus far, thirteen (13) local Microbreweries are participating in the "people's choice" style event. Beer style is also expanded beyond Oktoberfest.

More volunteers are needed to pour beer on Friday from 5 pm to 11 pm at the Bier Garden tasting event. Volunteers should arrive by 4:30 pm. Again, like last year, if you cannot be there until later, that works too. Volunteers will be pouring 2 oz samples and/or 16/20 oz glasses. As the beer style has expanded beyond Oktoberfest, we anticipate a good selection from our local brewers. We will also have a SNOB booth for literature, expanding membership and SNOB sales.

Volunteers will receive free admission (minimum). We are working with the Berea Oktoberfest committee on getting volunteers shirts and free food/beer.

Also, like last year, we will be doing "brewing" demo on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, over near the Educational Building at the fairgrounds. John Majetic will be leading us again in an exciting demo brew. If you can help out with brewing and/or maning the booth (literature, SNOB sales, pitch the club), please me know so we can confirm the demo/booth.

The Oktoberfest website is [www.bereaoktoberfest.com](http://www.bereaoktoberfest.com) for more info.

Please e-mail me or sign up at the August meeting if you can volunteer to pour beer, assist with the Sunday brew demo/boot and are interested in helping out. Ideally we'd like 25 or so volunteers for Friday, 10 or so for Sunday. I will be contacting you shortly after the August meeting.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

Sue Gordon (SNOBs secretary and newsletter editor)

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If you are interested in competing in the SNOBs Strange Brew Homebrew Competition, please contact prez Mike.

Thank you.

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## SNOBs Brew and Canoe

As always, a fun time was had by all (or most) at SNOBs 2009 Brew and Canoe. Thank you everyone who worked so diligently to make this event a success. Saturday (while raining in Cleveland) was sunny in Vermillion. The smoked meats in the newly rebuilt smoker were wonderful. And as always the beers were excellent. And the SNOBs bourbon barrel Rye IPA is definitely improving. Here are a few pix of the event.





## Raffle Donations from the Last Meeting

Donated By	Donated Item (July meeting)
Vinny's Beverage, 13531 Lorain Ave	JW Lees Harvest Ale matured in Sherry Casks, 2004
Buckeye Beer Engine	2 Bling Bling pint glasses
Michigan Brewing Co	Celis Pint Glass, Michigan Brewing pint glass
South Hills Brewing, Pittsburg	Ellicottville pint glass
Trey Howard	Short's Huma-Lupa-Licious IPA, New Belgium 1554 Enlightened Black Ale
John Majetic	Brew Kettle RedeyePA, Sprecher IPA2
Bob Courtemanche	Kasteel Bier, St. Feuillien
Tim McDonnell	Glasses
Marc Goldfarb	Sample chiller
Denes Szabo	Hofbrau Pitcher
Mike Ontolchik	GL Glockenspiel Weizenbock, Sam Adams Longshot (Cranberry Wit, Double IPA, Traditional Bock)

Thanks to all for the many donations to the raffles !! Please patronize our sponsors.

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## SNOB's 2009 Calendar of Events

### **August 2009**

August 1<sup>st</sup> (Sat): (AHA) Mead Day  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun): Founders Kentucky and Canadian  
at 10:00 am at Buckeye Beer Engine  
15315 Madison Ave, Lakewood  
www.buckeyebeerengine.com 216-226-BEER  
August 3<sup>th</sup> (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim  
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland  
August 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday): Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad –  
'Ales on the Rails' beer train tasting – 7:00 pm  
<http://www.cvsr.com/events.aspx>  
August 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): Stan Hywet Hall Brews and Blues  
2-6 pm \$25 presale/\$30 door <http://www.stanhywet.org/>  
August 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): Bloatarian Beer & Sweat in Ft. Mitchell, KY  
<http://www.beerandsweat.org/>  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday): 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Brewfest 1-7 pm  
Cleveland Metroparks Chalet (Strongsville toboggan  
Chutes) \$30.  
August 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): SNOBs Afternoon out – Main Street Grille  
And Brewing, Garrettsville, Ohio

### **September 2009**

September 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: Berea Oktoberfest at Berea Fairgrounds  
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5:00 to 11:00 pm volunteers wanted to pour beer.  
@ Berea Fairgrounds, Cuyahoga Co  
Contact Sue Gordon [gordons123@copper.net](mailto:gordons123@copper.net) to sign up  
September 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday): Berea Oktoberfest SNOBs Brew Demo  
afternoon volunteers wanted to assist with demo and booth  
@ Berea Fairgrounds, Cuyahoga Co  
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September 14<sup>th</sup> (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM  
Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland  
September TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA  
Late September TBA: (Friday thru Sunday) Oktoberfest!!!!

### **October 2009**

October 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim  
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland  
October TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

### **November 2009**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim  
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland  
Officer Elections.  
Saturday, November : Teach a Friend to Homebrew  
November TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

### **December 2009**

No monthly Meeting  
Early December TBA: SNOBs Christmas Party.

## Web links of interest

Beer and your Health <http://www.realbeer.com/edu/health/>  
Regional Brew Guides (while traveling)  
<http://beerme.com/breweries/>  
Brewer's Association  
<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/links.html>  
NHC <http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html>  
Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)  
<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>  
Brew Your Own (Magazine) <http://byo.com/>  
Brew Board <http://www.brewboard.com>  
Freshops <http://www.freshops.com>  
Grape and Granary <http://www.grapeandgranary.com>  
Brewing Software  
<http://www.beersmith.com/>  
<http://www.usermode.org/code.html>  
<http://cyberbrau.sourceforge.net/>

Membership Form

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers  
(SNOBs)

**c/o Tim McDonnell**

2199 Clarence Avenue  
Lakewood, OH 44107

**Individual Membership (\$30)**

**Dual Membership (\$45)**

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

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