

# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

## Club Newsletter for August 2012

### President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

I want to thank **Jeff Bradbury** for his presentation on Saison last month. We had a diverse bunch of homebrewed Saisons on tap and it was yet another great meeting. The BJCP style has a wide definition because they can vary different from farmhouse brewery to farmhouse brewery in Wallonia. I personally like the super dry varieties that are not spiced. The yeast character alone can give a great spiciness if fermented correctly. I use a mix of Belgian Pilsner and Vienna malts to get that yellow-orange hue. While Saison Dupont may be the standard bearer, there are many ways to make a great Saison.

It's August, already. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting time to brew. [Son of Brewzilla](#) is not too far away.

Registration is open and will close by September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Greg Irving, Brian Wright** and I have been working pretty hard to organize this year's competition. We're not only looking for you to brew up entries. We want you all to be a part of this year's event. This should not only be a great time for our competition judges and stewards, but it should also be a great time for everyone in the club. We're throwing a reception party the Friday evening before Son of Brewzilla and all club members will be invited. Part of the sponsorship help we get comes in the form of items we can raffle off.

This raffle is usually for judges, stewards and the other volunteers we have for the competition. We're making this a party with the raffle that will feature beer from our brewery sponsors as we christen the tap room that will be put into the Fat Heads Production Brewery. Please make a note to come out to the Fat

Heads Production Brewery on Sheldon Road in Middleburg Heights on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We're minimizing the hours of the party from 6:00 to 9:00 so that those of us that will be working the competition the next day can get an early night. **Matt Cole** is looking forward to hosting us, so let's not disappoint him. This is going to be a great weekend and you should plan now to be involved. If you would like to enter beers, judge or steward, go to the Contest link on our homepage and register. Let's get brewing!

Not only will be September 15<sup>th</sup> be the deadline for Son of Brewzilla entries, it will also be the Saturday evening dinner at SNOB Octobeerfest. Our fall campout will once again be at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley Reservation at 2400 State Road. This is only 25 miles South of Downtown Cleveland.

I understand some may not like to camp out and others have responsibilities. It's my goal to get a larger group of campers and to also get a huge crowd for dinner. If you just come for dinner, bring a side dish to share and some beer to share. There will be plenty of jockey boxes of homebrew, but we can never have enough variety. I do ask that you bring along a designated driver or be very mindful of your intake if you plan to just spend the evening with us. We'll talk a little during the meeting and start to get a headcount. As all campouts, the club will purchase the main dish and you should bring a side to share for each evening meal. **Tim McDonnell** and **John Majetic** always do a fantastic job procuring, preparing and smoking the meat we buy for our campouts.

Some bring food to share during the day and that is always nice as well. We have a large space, it's a clean cabin, and we have a great time there. Please plan to join us September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at SNOB Octobeerfest.

When I was in San Diego last year for the National Homebrewers Conference, I had the pleasure to hear both Firestone Walker Brewmaster **Matt Brynildson** and Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Brewing Science **Dr. Charles Bamforth** speak about hops. Matt's talk focused primarily on hop oils and late hopping techniques to the BJCP members. Charlie's NHC seminar was more on the goodness that are hops and what they provide to beer. If you are an American Homebrewers Association member, you may have seen Stone Brewmaster **Mitch Steele's** article on hops.

What I am going to attempt to do this month is put together a presentation of what I've been able to learn about hops and hopefully I'll only bore some of you. Did you know that alpha acid isomerization happens at 185° F and above? That means that in the whirlpool after knockout, you're still adding IBUs to the beer. I have gotten in the habit of pushing my flavor addition to 10 minutes and my aroma addition after I turn off the flame and start chilling. At least that's what I do with my hoppy American-style beers. If you have some of the Big Brew Brown IPA or you have your own hoppy creation, please bring it in and I'll lead a discussion on all things hoppy.

Our September meeting will be Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We've been holding our September meetings on the last Monday of August because we have a busy September.

This year, we will not be asked to help pour at the Cleveland Octoberfest. This is nothing to reflect badly on our club. Last year there were a couple of incidents. I don't even think they happened on Friday evening. The organizers have decided to only use people with TIPS

Training to spot those that have had too many. We should still be making a demo brew on Labor Day Sunday at the Berea Fairgrounds. We'll talk about getting a team together to brew something and talk SNOB on the Midway. We still have SNOB Octobeerfest and Son of Brewzilla, so there is plenty to do in September. Having the meeting after Labor Day would be rough for last minute organization of our club events.

Hope to see everyone at our August meeting(s). Get brewing for Son of Brewzilla!

Cheers,

Mike Ontolchik



## Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

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

**9/29:** Son of Brewzilla – Open for entries!  
(enter by 9/15)

## Ohio State Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following SNOBs that won at the Ohio State Fair:

Flight F: Amber Hybrid Beer (13 entries)  
1st Place: Greg Irving, Strongsville, Dusseldorf Alt

Flight H: Scottish and Irish Ale (20 entries)  
3rd Place: Todd Donnelly, Chardon, Strong Scotch Ale

Flight I: American Ale (57 entries)  
4th Place: Todd Donnelly, Chardon, American Brown Ale

Flight K: Porter (20 entries)  
1st Place: Paul Shick, Cleveland Heights, Robust Porter

Flight L: Strong Ale (8 entries)  
3rd Place: Todd Donnelly, Chardon, Old Ale

Flight N: India Pale Ale (37 entries)  
2nd Place: Greg Irving, Strongsville, Imperial IPA

Flight O: German Wheat and Rye (19 entries)  
1st Place: Todd Donnelly, Chardon, Weizenbock

Flight Q: Belgian Strong Ale (24 entries)  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paul Shick, Cleveland Heights, Belgian Blonde Ale  
2nd Place: Mike Ontolchik, Mentor, Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Flight V: Sours (5 entries)  
3rd Place: Mike Ontolchik, Mentor, Flanders Red Ale

Flight W: Meads (6 entries)  
1st Place: Alan Shubert, Berea, Open Category. Mead  
2nd Place: Alan Shubert, Berea, Cyser

## **SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events**

### **August 2012**

**4:** Grumpy's Beer & Sausage Festival Saturday  
from 6:00 to 10:00 at Sachsenheim

**6:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

**15:** SNOBs Night Out – Willoughby Brewing

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

### **September 2012**

**14 - 16:** Octobeerfest

**15:** Son of Brewzilla Entry Deadline

**29:** Son of Brewzilla

### **October 2012**

**1:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

**19 – 27:** Cleveland Beer Week

### **November 2012**

**5:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

### **December 2012**

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

## **Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers 2012 Officers and Chairpersons**

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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*

**April 2012**

*Lance Todd  
Mark St. John*

**SNOBs Night Out – Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Willoughby Brewing**

DJ Kishka will be there.

Also Craft Beer Night (draft beer sale) at Ballentine nearby.

4057 Erie Street Willoughby, OH 44094 \* (440) 975-0202

## 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](http://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

### July Treasurers Report

July Income		July Expenses	
Membership	\$70.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Raffle	\$200.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

## Web Links of Interest

### SNOB

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

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

forum: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cleveland\\_beer\\_snobs](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  
2668 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.)

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Today's date \_\_\_\_\_