



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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August 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



August is here and I hope you're enjoying the festivals, fairs, and backyard BBQs. With all of the celebration and partying, this is one of the best times of year to share your homebrew with friends and family. If you're like me, your homebrew stock is starting to dwindle and you're ramping up your brewing schedule to restock your fridge with richer, maltier beers to enjoy during the impending crisp fall evenings. The annual SNOB homebrew competition, Son of Brewzilla, is less than 3 months away and now is the perfect time to start

brewing your lagers and higher gravity competition entries.

This past month was the 12th annual Ohio Brew Week in Athens, Ohio. In addition to town-wide craft beer tap takeovers, the weeklong event also included the OBW Homebrew Competition. 5 BJCP-certified SNOBS judges volunteered and of course brought along a few entries as well. Every SNOB brought home at least one medal, totaling 18 medals and honorable mentions. Mike Ontolchik took home the 3rd overall best of show with a Flanders Red Ale "Stupid Sexy Flanders". Jessica Ihms took home the 2nd overall best of show with a Sahti "Finnish Line". Jessica's unusual, historic style Sahti was enjoyed so much by the judges that the brewmaster of Little Fish Brewing Company has asked her to brew her recipe at their commercial brewery in Athens. Congratulations Mike and Jessica for your well-deserved accolades! Way to go SNOBs!

In other SNOB member news, congratulations are in order for Cara Baker for passing her final exam and graduating from the prestigious American Brewer's Guild: Intensive Brewing Science and Engineering Program. This program is highly technical and very difficult. It culminates in a weeklong lab/brewery training in Vermont with some of the most highly skilled professionals in the industry. The final exam takes a ridiculous 3.5 hours and passing is an amazing achievement that we should all be very proud of Cara for.

Our upcoming August 7th monthly meeting will include a brief discussion & sampling of triticale beers as well as a technical presentation by Andy Tveekrem, Brewmaster of Market Garden Brewery. Triticale is a huskless wheat/rye hybrid that is typically used flaked/unmalted by homebrewers. Haus Malts of Cleveland recently malted a batch and

asked me and Mike Ontolchik to test brew a few small homebrew batches. We'll be sharing a Hefeweizen, American Wheat, and Saison at the meeting that were brewed with ~40%-60% malted triticale. Our technical speaker is a founding member of SNOB and a great resource for club members looking for brewing advice from homebrewing up to larger commercial brewing scales. Andy's presentation will be focused on the evolving role of science and technology in brewing. Andy always gives an entertaining and information-packed presentation. You don't want to miss this meeting!

Our next monthly Night Out will be held on Monday August 14th (the week after our August meeting) at 6:30-ish pm at Saucy Brew Works at the corner of Detroit Ave and West 29th in the Hingetown neighborhood of Cleveland. Saucy is one of several new breweries to open in Cleveland this year. I haven't heard a single negative review from fellow SNOBs that have visited and I'm very much looking forward to sampling their beers and New Haven-style pizza. We've reserved the upstairs lounge area to congregate we'll be given happy hour beer prices (\$1-off) from 4pm-close. In case you haven't been there yet, it's worth noting that there are separate lines for beer/drinks and food. Brewmaster Eric Anderson has a background in microbiology and is a graduate of the Siebel Institute of Technology's Master Brewing Program. Eric has frequented SNOB meetings and events for years and will be on hand to show us around and answer questions.

For those interested in taking their BJCP certification status to the next level, Paul Shick will be hosting a written exam on November 5th. Certified judges who have previously scored a minimum of 80 on the tasting exam are eligible to take this written exam. More details on the certification process can be found at bjcp.org/examcenter.php. In the 8 weeks leading up to the exam Paul will be offering a weekly study course to help prepare those who interested in improving their scores. Dates and locations of the study sessions will be announced soon, once they have been finalized.

Most SNOB monthly meetings are scheduled on the 1st Monday of the month. Since the first Monday in September is a holiday we are instead having our September meeting on August 28th. The technical presentation will be given by Greg Irving. Greg is a former SNOB officer, Son of Brewzilla Organizer, and winner of several homebrew competitions including last year's inaugural "Bragging Rights" competition put on by Platform Brewing Company. Greg will be talking to us about an alternative hopping technique called "Mash hopping".

SNOBtoberfest (our largest annual campout) is taking place once again at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin at Hinckley Reservation on September 22nd-24th. The cabin is located at 2400 State Road in Hinckley. The weekend promises to be filled with an excessively large bonfire, dozens of kegs of homebrews, and enough smoked meat to feed an army. The cabin includes scout-style bunk beds, but you are also welcome to bring tents, campers, teepees, or whatever you'd like to unroll your sleeping bag in. Members are encouraged to bring homebrews to share with everyone, as well as a side dish to compliment the club-provided meats. The facility is quite large and includes an oven, refrigerator, indoor dining hall, large outdoor pavilion, and fire pit. Even if you are unable to attend for the entire weekend, I highly recommend stopping by for at least one evening to socialize and share good stories and brews. This event is open free of charge to all PAID snob members and their guests. "Pay up you cheapskates!" – Ace, club treasurer.

The last item I'd like to address is the upcoming Son of Brewzilla Homebrew competition to be held at Fat Heads Production Brewery on October 28th. SoB is the only annual BJCP competition that SNOB hosts. In tandem with the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists "Wizard of SAAZ" competition held in late Winter/early Spring, SoB is an



opportunity not only for individual medals and valuable feedback but also for our club as a whole to reclaim the coveted Cuyahoga Cup. The Cuyahoga cup is a trophy that is awarded to the club (SAAZ or SNOB) that is the most successful (it's a point system based on medals awarded) at either SoB or WoS. In my 1.5 year tenure as supreme overlord of SNOB (I actually just run the meetings) we have yet to bring home the cup. Historically we have done quite well against SAAZ, but for the past 3 competitions we've come up short. Your entry could be the one that puts us over the edge! Please put in the time, research, and effort to bring your very best beer to the competition. If you are a new brewer, please don't be shy about entering, even if all you are expecting in return is quality feedback from an experienced judge. We will be announcing the registration/entry submission date shortly, so please pay attention in the meetings, newsletters, and on our Facebook group page. We will have an entry cap. Once the cap is reached, you will no longer be able to submit entries to the competition. You should already be brainstorming your recipes and possibly even brewing/conditioning your lagers, ales, ciders, and meads in preparation for the competition. Don't wait until it's too late!

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

August 14 6:30PM

[Saucy Brew Works, 2885 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH](#)

Night Out Notes: Saucy's Happy Hour pricing is \$1 off beers, they're going to reserve the upstairs lounge area for our group to congregate. There is a separate line for food and a line for beer/drinks.

Heinen's and Platform Beer Co. are teaming up for the Second Annual Bragging Rights, a home-brew competition. Last year, SNOB Greg Irving was the winner. For info on the competition and how to enter [click here](#). Drop off deadline is August 30th.

The Cleveland Oktoberfest (from Paul Shick) is once again holding its Microbrew Competition on the Friday of Labor Day weekend, September 1st, starting at about 6:30PM at the Berea Fairgrounds. I hope that you'll be able to help us out again.

We're expecting about 80+ entries this year from roughly 20 breweries around the region, so my hope is to run about 10 panels of judges. As in years past, we'll be using "mixed" judging panels of experienced judges (BJCP and/or professionals) with local media celebrities. This makes for a more relaxed atmosphere than we get at most competitions. I'll be registering the competition with the BJCP shortly, so those of you who care about such things will get points.

I can promise you some good beer, good food and good music – all together, it should be a very fun and relaxed evening.

I have no idea if Paul still needs more volunteers but feel free to approach him if you'd like to help out.





Mark your CALENDARS!!
SNOBtoberfest Campout in Hinckley is on the horizon!
September 22nd-23rd is only a heat wave or two away. If you've never been, you should come on out to the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley for the day or all weekend.

Kickstarting CLE Brewing to greatness-From Sammy Laham

Hi Mark, Hope you read this...CLE BREWING is launching and I wanted you to see our video.

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1128184199/kickstart-cle-brewing-to-greatness?ref=user_menu

Your very own PETE CAMPEN is responsible for one of our tasty beers (1 of 2 lol)
Thanks for watching and please please, please send this to whomever you think may be interested. CHEERS

SNOB Web Page Changes. Look for changes in the look, feel and your interface of our web page as Mike and John take a look at modernization. Your feedback welcome.

BYO Magazine is trying to gauge interest in peoples and clubs interest in Brew Camps, rather than me speculating, if you wish to, feel free to contact them with interest.

Hey Mark,

Sorry to bug you, but was trying to follow up with a few clubs to elicit some opinions. So we've got a Boot Camp coming in November to Indianapolis. After seeing several clubs attend our last Boot Camp in Santa Rosa, CA, we thought it would be good to try to incentivize more clubs to attend. So not sure if you've seen the \$25 off promotion we're offering to clubs...but I haven't heard a peep in response. So just trying to track down some thoughts from clubs that I have worked with in other areas. Does this promotion seem like something of interest? Would love to hear any other opinions you or members may have about it.

Cheers!

Dave Green, Advertising/Sales Manager/Recipe Editor

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An Upcoming Homebrew Competition Schedule can be viewed at the end of the newsletter that should help you plan your brewing schedules. Thanks to Paul Klammer for keeping it updated. [Take me to the competitions!!](#)

Recipes from the Contest Winners 2.0

I'd like to revive a section called "Recipes from the Contest Winners". **Recipes from the Contest Winners** was a part of our newsletters in the beginning and I think it might be nice to bring it back so we can share our knowledge and success with our members and help all to be better brewers. **If you wish to contribute**, please send an email to secretary@beersnobs.org with your vitals such as brewer(s) name, the competition, date and medal, batch size, ingredients, yeast, OG, FG, anticipated ABV, mash and boil schedule, water treatment, anything you wish include to help another brewer. [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

Aug 2017

7: SNOB Meeting

14: SNOB Night Out, Saucy Brew Works

28: SNOB September Meeting, date change

Sep 2017

22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley

30: HAZtoberfest Competition

Oct 2017

2: SNOB Meeting

5-7: GABF

15-20: Son of Brewzilla Drop Off Window

13-22: Cleveland Beer Week

22: Son of Brewzilla Unboxing

28: Son of Brewzilla Competition

Nov 2017

5: BJCP Certification Written Exam

6: SNOB Meeting



Welcome New SNOBs

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

December 2016

Eli Urban
Brad Voldrich

March 2017

Robert Schroeder

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky
Tod Hulse

April 2017

July 2017

Jim Young & Mary Rose

February 2017

Stephen Jira, Louie West,
Levi Hume, Mike Gallagher
Stephen Fagerhaug

May 2017

Calvin Frye

NEW!-Brewing and Brew Related Stuff for Sale

Have some un-needed or surplus equipment for sale? List it here by sending a description and photos to secretary@beersnobs.org. Your listing will run for one month only unless you request it stays in the next newsletter. Interested folks will contact you via email.

FOR SALE: 2-Burner Star natural gas countertop stove, 25,000 BTU. I used this for 5 years until I got a much larger one, has been sandblasted, repainted. Asking \$100. [Email Mark Rames](#)



FOR SALE: 2-door beer cooler, sliding glass doors. It has 4 shelves; holds eight 5-gallon kegs; adjustable thermostat; 2 door; 75"x 30"x50". \$500.00 (10% discount to SNOBS & SAAZ members). [Email Bob Courtermanche](#)



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SNOB Supporters

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

- ✓ [Griffin Cider House](#): "Industry Night" Monday nights. Discounts on ciders, beers and bar drinks for SNOBs and those in the beverage industry.
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [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**
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): (**new discount**) 15% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO₂ tank refills plus other CO₂ services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [AAA Gas Supply](#): On demand fills, \$1 off propane, \$2 off co₂, M-F 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1

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. There is always great food and beer available before the meeting.



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
A.A.A. Gas Supply

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>
aaagassupply@yahoo.com, 216-228-4800

2017 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.



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

- **Single member dues are \$30 annually**
- **Couples (dual) are \$50 annually**
 - **A dual membership is only for people living at the same address as stated in the by-laws**

Dues can be paid in:

- Cash
- Check made payable to "SNOB"
- PayPal to [Treasurer Ace](#)
- Credit cards (only in person, fee applies)
- Snail mail to our Treasurer

Mark Knapp, Treasurer
2668 Hampton Ave
Rocky River, OH 44116

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

Recipe's From The Contest Winners



Ingredients

Beer Name: Barnstorm Saison
Beer Style/Category: Saison
Brewer(s): Dave Cousino
Brewer(s): _____
Competition: 2016 Sam Adams Longshot Winner

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
9 lb	Belgian Pilsner		
1 lb	Belgian Wheat Malt		
.5 lb	Munich Malt		

Specifications:

Batch Volume: <u>5.5 Gallon</u>	Anticip. ABV: _____
Anticipated OG: _____	IBU: <u>31</u>
Anticipated FG: _____	SRM: <u>4</u>
Actual OG: <u>1.061</u>	Actual FG: <u>1.002</u>
Efficiency: _____	Actual ABV: <u>7.8%</u>
Pre-Boil Vol: _____	Boil Duration: <u>90 min</u>
Pre-Boil Gravity: _____	Post-Boil Vol: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	60	Fuggles**	4.1%	

Mash:

Mash Type: Infusion*
Total Grain Weight: 10.5 pounds
Grain/Water Ratio: ? gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.: ? gal/?F
Mash Temp./Duration: *45 minutes @ 145°
Additional Step *30 minutes @ 155°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Additional Step *10 minutes @ 168°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Actual Efficiency: _____

Yeast:

Type	Amount
WYeast 3711, 1.5L starter, stirplate, decanted	1 pkg

Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	10 days	75°		
Secondary:				
Crashed:	5 days	35°		

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount

Bottle/Keg

Date: _____
Carbonation Level: _____
Priming Method: Forced co2

Notes:

Original name was *A Saison Has No Name*

* Since winning, I have consolidated the mash schedule to one step at 143°.

** Have also gone back to all SAAZ hops (original recipe I subbed because that's what I had at the time)

Miscellaneous Ingredients: (Adjuncts, Priming Sugar, Fruits & Vegetables., Spices, Finings, Uniques)

Weight	Description	Time

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrew Club)	3/1/17 - 7/7/17	7/15/2017	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	5/30/17 - 6/18/17	July 7 & 8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards banquet included.
Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing contest XXI	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d.	no	Private and employee mail in contest w/winners comped to travel to award ceremony.
Beer and Sweat XXIX (Bloatarians)	t.b.d. September/August	8/19/2017	Cincinatti, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner. Overnight accomodations available at venue.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	08/01/2017 - 09/29/2017	09/30/2017 at 9:00 AM, EDT	The Brewerie, Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	10/28/2017	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competiton, included for date awareness
Beer for Boobs (S.O.D.Z.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Zanesville, Ohio	yes	Beer for Boobs is a national charity event that raises money for breast cancer. Awards after judging.
Minnesota Mashout	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	Summit Brewing, St. Paul, Minnestoa	Yes	At over 1000 homebrew entries, the second largest homebrew competition in the U.S. (after NHC). Event includes educational presentations and speakers.
Oktobersbest Homebrew Competition	t.b.d. Winter	t.b.d. winter	Cincinatti	Yes	
WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.)	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh)	yes	Uncertain that this will happen this year
Midwest HomeBrewer of the Year	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	13 midwestern states including Ohio	t.b.d.	The Minnesota Mashout is sponsored by the Minnesota Home Brewers Association and the St. Paul Home Brewers Club. This is a 13 state cumulative awards competition.

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
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Nearest BJCP Exams	
See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams	
Beer	6/24, Cincinatti
Beer	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	9/2/2017, Beijing, China, contact Le Meng
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA (east of Pittsburgh)
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	11/5, Detroit
Beer	11/11 Cincinatti
Beer	11/25 Toronto
Beer	1/13/18, Cincinatti
Beer	4/18/18 Toronto
Beer	5/5/18, Columbus, Ohio
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinatti