

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for February 2012



President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

I've been having a fun year so far as your President. Unfortunately, we had a snowy first meeting and not too many people were able to make it to our first meeting of the year. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this month. Rob Gerrity who is Trade Quality Manager for Sierra Nevada Brewing Company will be our guest this month. Rob is an expert in draft quality. He'll be here to tell us how to serve our draft homebrew better. Todd Donnelly will also have some slides to show off his kegerator. It's an amazingly customized chest freezer that everyone will enjoy seeing how he made it.

Last month, Wizard of SAAZ was held in Akron. SAAZ beat our club handily in the Cuyahoga Cup scoring. Congratulations to Mike Malinowski and the rest of the SAAZ medal winners. The reason I bring it up is that it's already time to start looking ahead to Son of Brewzilla so that we can win The Cup back on our home turf. Dave Clark has too much to do to be the competition organizer, so I am looking for someone to step up to lead our Competition Committee this year. This is an opportunity to get some BJCP points and help out SNOB. I'm already organizing the IX Center's International Beer Fest competition, so I'd rather focus on the other club events we do in The Fall.

Enough congratulating homebrewers from another club. As I started writing this, Greg Irving emailed me. His American Amber Ale won Best of Show at The Chicago Winter Brew Competition. Greg's beer will be brewed at Broad Shoulders Brewing

Company as their winter seasonal. So, join with me in congratulating Greg in winning an out-of-town 450-entry homebrew competition. If you're on your way to Chicago soon, you may want to look out for Broad Shoulders Brewing Company and the Winter Seasonal Amber Ale. Greg's Amber Ale didn't place at Wizard of SAAZ a week earlier. The judges in Akron felt his beer would have been better scored as a Pale Ale. That happens. I think the best you can do is have a thicker skin when you're competing and trust your own preferences. If you like how your beer came out, get a second opinion on another competition or at a club meeting if you don't agree with the judging results. This isn't a jab at judges or the Wizard of SAAZ organizers. BJCP beer styles have room for interpretation. Judges may have an off day. Your beer may not be at its peak. Shrug off your disappointing scores and try again.

This month, our SNOB Night Out will be Wednesday, February 15th at The Brew Kettle. It will be in the middle of Ogre Fest. This was a great Night Out last year, so why not go again this year. Come hang out with your fellow SNOBs as we sample high gravity beers and enjoy great food in Strongsville. East Side hop heads are starting to look forward to February as Ballentine and 1899 hold their third annual IPAloozza all month. You also won't want to miss Winter Warmer Fest on Saturday, February 25th. The Ohio Craft Brewers Association's Winter Beer Fest at Windows on the River has been traditionally one of the better beer fests in the area.

I have another homebrewing tip to pass along to all of you. I brewed a Pale Ale in December and I pushed it quickly so that it would be fresh and hoppy for Wizard of SAAZ. I didn't use a secondary and added my dry hops about 5 days into primary fermentation. At 10 days, I kegged the beer. I tasted a sample as I transferred to the keg. I thought I recognized some diacetyl in a sample I drew and worried. Unfortunately, that diacetyl was prominent once the beer was fully carbonated. Jack Kephart, amongst a few other friends tried some at a party during the holidays. He told me to pitch some fresh yeast into the keg and keep it warm. So, I purchased a Wyeast smack pack of yeast on New Years Eve and pitched it into my keg before going to a party. The next week, I put the beer back in my cooler and re-carbonated. The diacetyl was gone. I had some more haze, but my beer tasted clean. The beer didn't medal, but I enjoyed the results. The next time one of your beers comes out buttery, give it some time with some fresh yeast

and maybe your results will be like mine. Remember to bring in your stouts to our meeting in March. We'll be holding a club-only competition following the BJCP Stout Category guidelines. The winner's beer will be sent to the National round for the Stout Club-Only Competition in March. Bring three 12 ounce bottles of beer to the meeting and we'll have a team of our judges find the best to send to Colorado.

Cheers
Mike Ontolchik



Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

Upcoming regional homebrew competitions:

2/11- [Cincy Winter Beerfest - American Ale Competition](#) Cincinnati, OH

2/25 - [SODZ British Beerfest](#)
Columbus, OH

3/03 - [Bockfest Cincinnati](#)
Cincinnati, OH

3/5: AHA Club only competition – Stout; bring 3 bottles to the SNOBs meeting

3/10 [Drunk Monk Challenge](#) Aurora, IL

3/10 [TRASH 22](#) Pittsburgh, PA

3/23 [Amber Waves of Grain](#) Buffalo, NY

4/13 [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Pittsburgh, PA](#)

4/13 [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Indianapolis, IN](#)

4/20 [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Aurora, IL](#)

5/12: AHA Club only competition – Scottish and Irish Ale; bring 3 bottles to the SNOBs meeting

SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

February 2012

1-29: Ballentine and 1899's IPALooza; 29 IPAs in 29 Days

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Club only dark lager entries due*

13 – 19: Brew Kettle Ogre Fest

15: SNOBs night out – Brew Kettle

18: Barleywine Festival – Winking Lizard

25: [OCBA's Winter Warmer Festival](#) - Windows on the River:

TBD: Feb/Mar Beer & No Sweat

March 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Club only stout entries due*

TBD: Feb/Mar Beer & No Sweat

April 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

21 – 22 : SAAZ Grand Rapids tri

May 2012

7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

June 2012

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

TBD: Brew & Canoe

July 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

August 2012

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

27: September SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM

Sachsenheim Hall

September 2012

14 - 16: Oktoberfest

October 2012

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

13: Son of Brewzilla (tentative)

November 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

December 2012

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

Wizard of SAAZ Results

The Cuyahoga Cup been taken by the SAAZ who put on a very strong showing at their event. SAAZ had 149 entries to SNOB's 78. Here is the medal breakdown:

	SAAZ	SNOB
Gold	11	5
Silver	8	4
Bronze	7	6
Totals:	26	14

SNOBs medalists at WoS:

Paul Schick

- 1st Place – Eisbock
- 2nd Place – Belgian Blonde Ale
- 2nd Place – English Barleywine
- 3rd Place – German Pilsner

Dave Clark

- 1st Place – Extra Special/Strong Bitter
- 2nd Place – Kolsch
- 2nd Place – Scottish Export 80/-

Jennifer Herman

- 1st Place – Flanders Red Ale
- 1st Place – Fruit Beer

Brian Lennon

- 1st Place – Stout
- 3rd Place – Belgian Golden Strong

Mike Irving

- 3rd Place – Imperial IPA

• Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers 2012 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.

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

October Treasurers Report

January Income		January Expenses	
Raffle	\$231.00	Christmas Party	\$206.00
Membership	\$680.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Son of Brewzilla	\$751.00		
Subtotal	\$1,662.00	Subtotal	\$281.00

SNOBs Night Out – Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 PM
[The Brew Kettle – Ogre Fest](#)
8377 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 (440) 239-8788

Web Links of Interest

SNOB

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

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

forum:

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
2688 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.)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone
(_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Your name and address may be released to beer related business or groups **unless** you initial here _____.

Today's
date _____