

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for February 2013

President's Krausening

by Todd Donnelly

Greetings fellow SNOBs. Our meeting on Monday should be another fun one with plenty of beer and brewing info to go around. We'll be discussing a style that is appropriate for this time of year, especially after the last week where we hovered in the single digits for a week – the "Winter Warmer" catch-all style for beers that warm the cockles on a cold evening.

As I write this I'm sitting in my recliner with a roaring fire going in the hearth, with a snifter full of barleywine keeping me company, I reflect on how much fun these beers are to drink at this time of year. We'll do a rundown of the style, taste a few locally brewed professional examples from **Luke Purcell** at Great Lakes and **Garin Wright** from Buckeye, and hear from **Christine Montague** about the upcoming Winter Warmer Festival later this month. If you have an example of your own making, please bring it to share! The March AHA Club Only Competition is, coincidentally, BARLEYWINES! We'll need to do a judging at the Feb meeting, so if you have one ready to be judged, bring it Monday and we'll chose a SNOB representative to send away.

We want to hear from you! We sent out a large mid-month update with lots of news and some survey questions we talked about at the January meeting. Spam filters must have been working overtime because we've only had 14 responses, so we'll cover the topics again quickly and post the link to the survey in the newsletter for you to use in case you missed it. We're interested in hearing from you about the upcoming bus trip, the BJCP review course and tests, and the

various committees that will allow you to participate in one of our club's awesome activities.

We're going to see two of our members' "big rig" brew systems that are certainly going to be the envy of many a member, so we'll see what **John Majetic** and **Tim McDonnell** brew on when they feel like making a LOT of beer at once.

We'll wrap the meeting up with a special guest from Lagunitas Brewing Company.

Midwestern rep **Andrew Finsness** will be talking about the brewery, their planned expansion to Chicago, and then take us on a guided tasting of 4-5 of their big name beers.

What's coming up? I'd like to see if we can make the March meeting a 'Celtic Fest' theme. Do you brew a killer Irish Red or Dry Stout? How about a Scottish Ale, or other style brewed on the British Isles? If you do, please bring a keg to share with club. Wear something Irish for an extra effect; it will make the beer taste better...

Speaking of beer at meetings, part of this club's awesomeness is the great beer that our members bring and enjoy sharing with other members. If you want feedback and pointers on what you are brewing, that's an awesome way to get a lot of info from your fellow members. Bring a keg, some CO2, and get it on the jockey box and let the good times and helpful feedback flow.



Wizard of Saaz is Feb 16th, hopefully you had a chance to brew or dig out some of your best beers to enter. Now it's time to go and volunteer to judge or steward, so let's go have a good time and represent the club well. Remind me to tell you my interesting, and very related, story on Monday about what happens to beer at 10 degrees... (I'll bring pictures).

Cheers!
Todd

Hop Rhizome Sale

Arrowhead Hops is beginning its Hop Rhizome Presale for 2013. All rhizome varieties will be \$3.00ea. for club members (reg \$3.50). Rhizomes will be shipped by late March/ Early April depending on weather conditions. Please visit www.arrowheadhops.com to place your orders. Under the "Shop for Hops" pulldown you'll find a Homebrew Clubs page, enter the discount code (**clubprice**) to access the page to receive your discount. Shipping will be (1-6) \$3, (7-12) \$5.50 and 13-up \$11.50. If you have any questions please let me know.

Cascade, Centennial, Columbus, Galena, Magnum, Mt. Hood, Northern Brewer, Nugget, Sterling, Willamette

Thanks
Andy
Arrowhead Hops LLC
www.arrowheadhops.com

Special BYO Deal for SNOBS

Brew Your Own Magazine is having a subscription drive, offering members of the SNOBs the print edition combined with the new digital edition of Brew Your Own which can be read on PC or Mac computer, Apple devices such as iPad and iPhone, Android tablets, phones and more!

The SNOBs need to sell a minimum of 10 subscriptions (eight print issues & eight digital issues) for \$20.

Sign up by using the online survey (link below) and pay Ace at the February meeting. Just make sure to include all of your email addresses for the digital edition.

SNOB Member Survey

[Follow this link](#) to complete a survey indicating your interest in the SNOBs 2013 Bus Trip; Committee Membership and BCJP Review Class/Exam.

Beer & No Sweat (SNOB Bus Trip)

This year's Beer & No Sweat (SNOBs Bus Trip) is scheduled for **3/30/2013**. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

- Leave Lakefront at 9:30 am; We will have some doughnuts and muffins on the bus, not sure if we will be able to dink on the bus or not yet.
- Arrive at [The Brewerier at Union Station](#) in Erie at 11:30 am for lunch, Leave at 1:00 PM
- Arrive at [Sprauge Farm and Brew Works](#) 1:45 pm Leave 2:45 PM
- Arrive at [Voodoo Brewing](#) at 3:10 Leave at 4:10 PM
- Arrive at [North Country Brewing](#) at 5:00 PM For Dinner Leave at 6:30 PM
- Arrive at [Vintage Wine and Beer](#) in Boardman OH at 7:30 PM Leave at 8:30 PM
- Return to Lakefront at 9:45 PM



SNOB's 2013 Calendar of Events

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

February 2013

4:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

5: NHC Registration Opens Noon -
AHAConference.org

12: SNOBs Night Out – OgreFest – The Brew Kettle

March 2013

4:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

30: Beer and No Sweat (SNOBs Road Trip)

April 2013

1:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

19 – 27: Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week

May 2013

5:AHA Big Brew (Location TBD)

6:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

June 2013

10:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Note: this is the 2nd Monday of June**

TBD: Brew and Canoe

21 – 29: Ohio Brew Week; Athens, OH

27 – 29: NHC; Philadelphia, PA

July 2013

8:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

August 2013

5:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

TBD: Beer and Sweat

30:Berea Oktoberfest (8/30 – 9/2)

September 2013

13-15:SNOBs OktoBEERfest

23:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

October 2013

5:Son of Brewzilla

7:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

10:Great American Beer Festival (10/10 – 10/12)

18:Cleveland Beer Week (10/18 – 10/26)

November 2013

2:AHA Teach a Friend to Brew

4:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

December 2013

6:SNOBs Christmas Party 6:00PM Sachsenheim Hall (Dinner at 7:00PM)

Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

2/1: Deadline to Enter [Wizard of Saaz](#)

2/16:[Wizard of Saaz](#) Judging

3/1:AHA CoCBarleywines due

3/29 – 4/21: NHC First Round Judging

5/13:AHA CoC Extract Beers due

6/15:Ohio State Fair Judging

Reference Material:

- [Shipping Beer for Competition](#)
- [Make Your Beer Competition Ready](#)

<http://amog.com/lifestyle/155665-10-american-cities-brew-beer/>

Winter Warmer Volunteers Needed

Christine Montague is looking for volunteers for Winter Warmer, Saturday, February 23rd. Send an E-mail to [Mike Ontolchik](#) if interested



Wizard of SAAZ – Call for Judges

Wizard of SAAZ VI will take place on February 15th and 16th and is hosted by the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists and Thirsty Dog Brewing at Lock 3, 200 South Main St. Akron OH 44313.

Last year we had over 400 entries and we're hoping so surpass that number this year, so we'll need all available judges we're able to get. Friday night's session will be an "as needed" session based upon total entries received and judges available.

Lunch will be provided by Deviti's catering again after the morning session, and Saturday afternoon/evening will be the awards ceremony, raffle, and chili cook off sponsored by Thirsty Dog Brewing Company. Thirsty Dog has at least 8 local breweries committed to the cook-off and beer fest, and we will include one admission ticket to the chili cook off for your judging services. We will also give you a competition T-shirt upon your arrival to judge when you sign in. All activities will be at Lock 3 in Akron.

Judge registration/check in on Friday will be 6:15 PM with the calibration beer at 6:45 PM. Saturday morning session will be 9:00 registration/check in and 9:30 AM calibration beer. The Saturday afternoon session will begin at 1:30 PM. The awards ceremony and raffle will begin approximately 5:30 PM after the judging has finished. The Best of Show will be announced at the end of the raffle.

This will be a BJCP sanctioned event and points will be awarded accordingly. One change from last year, all entries must be received by Friday February 7th at Thirsty Dog Brewing, or at the designated drop off locations by February 1, 2013. Please check the Wizard of SAAZ website regularly as we will be adding drop off locations as we confirm them.

Please register on line at <http://saazakron.com/WoS> to enter our competition or to sign up as a volunteer, we will need all the judges we can get. We look forward to seeing all of the familiar faces from the past few years and meeting all of the new judges that are willing to help.

If you have any questions I can be contacted through the WoS website, or directly at kuj061@gmail.com.

Mike Krajewski (Kujo)
WoS VI Competition Coordinator

Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

Please note that the 2013 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition will be held Saturday, June 15th.

I plan to have the competition information available on our website by March 1. Two new exciting features this year are: 1.) the addition of prizes for winning individual flights and 2.) the option of entering on-line! I will email everybody on my "Entrant" distribution list to let you know when the competition information has been posted to our website.

Judges and stewards – I will email registration information to you in the spring. For now, please mark the June 15 competition date on your calendars.

Brett D. Chance



Ohio Brew Week BJCP Judges Needed

Dear BJCP member,

Feel like taking a summer road trip and stocking up on experience points – maybe even getting your hotel room paid for? Make plans to come to Athens, Ohio, and help us judge the **2013 Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition** on Saturday, June 22. If you've judged with us before, you know our contest here in the Hocking Hills is special.

As contest organizer, I need BJCP-certified judges and can offer a limited number of complimentary rooms for a two-night stay (Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22). If you want one of these double rooms, you need to be willing to share it with another BJCP judge (or bring a buddy or fellow club member who's BJCP-certified and I can put you in a room together). I'm awarding rooms on a first-come, first-served basis – I just need a firm commitment that you'll be here.

Interested? Here's what to do:

- (1.) Register to be a judge at the competition link below.
- (2.) Shoot me a reply to this email letting me know you'd like to be put on the list for a complimentary room.
- (3.) In your email, let me know if you have a preferred roommate (a BJCP-certified buddy from your club, perhaps? Or a significant other willing to steward?)
- (4.) In your email, let me know if you plan to walk in some of your own beer entries on the morning of the competition. (You'll still need to register them at the competition link below by the June 7 deadline.)

And please spread the word to anyone in your homebrew club or brewing circle who might be interested in judging or stewarding. We're capping the entries this year at 320, so register soon if you're entering beers.

Even if you don't judge or compete, consider coming to our seventh Ohio Brew Week from June 21-29 and sampling craft beers from all over Ohio.

For competition registration and registration, go to www.obw.brewcompetition.com. For information about all the other Ohio Brew Week activities, go to www.ohiobrewweek.com.

Cheers,

Jody Grenert, organizer
2013 Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition
jody.grenert@gmail.com

Medina County Home & Garden Brewing Presentation

Hello,

I am planning the 29th Annual Medina County Home & Garden Show for March 9 & 10th and we have a beer/German/brewing theme. I was wondering if any of your members would be willing to do a presentation on making your own beer - maybe how to get started. We can talk about the details if anyone is interested. Could you please pass on my request?

Thanks!

Linda Loveless
Owner, Creative Keepsakes Shows
[330-421-2621](tel:330-421-2621)



SNOBwear

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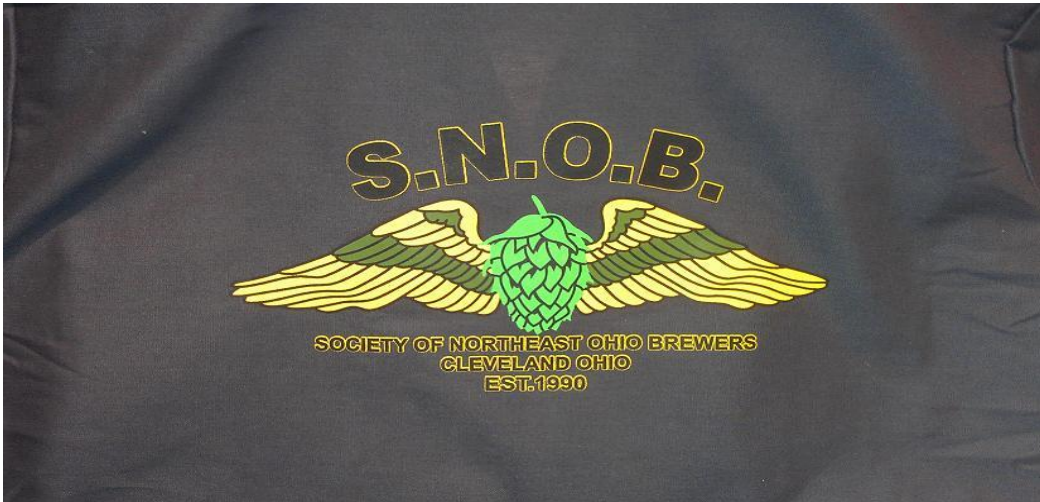
Our treasurer, Ace, has taken the time to test drive some fine pieces of clothing to spruce up your casual wardrobe. There are some favorites, such as ball caps, Ts, and shop shirts, but also some goodies to wear beyond the brew kettle. At every group meeting Ace will have a binder full of women's and men's wear for you to order from, plus a few pieces on hand for immediate purchase. He will rotate selections based on seasonal needs and will take requests for future items. Ask Ace what it'll take for you to look and brew your best!

Ball cap	\$12	Beanie winter cap	\$10	Fidel style cap	\$14
Fleece vest	\$20	Long sleeve sport shirt	\$17	Hoodie	\$25

*All prices are for members only and include small, embroidered SNOB logo. Prices and items subject to availability and can change based on our vendor.

Red Kap brand Shop Shirts are here!

Pictured below is the new, HiDef logo with an 11" wingspan. This is the back of a Charcoal shirt, but there are over 2 dozen colors to pick from (most common are Khaki, Dark Blue and Black). You can personalize it with a SNOB logo for the chest and/or back, and your name can be stitched too. Prices start at \$25. Ask Ace for a quote on your customized shirt.



This big logo can also be added to spruce up most any garment you already own. The "smoother" materials are better, so no fuzzy pajama tops, please! For only \$12 each (includes labor)! Give Ace your (clean) clothing to be "SNOB'd" on a hanger or in a plastic bag and write your name, phone #, and logo placement on a piece of paper so we know it is yours.

All items paid in cash, check payable to "SNOB" or PayPal to Danish.ace(at)sbcglobal.net



Welcome New SNOB Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

December 2012

*Dan & Kathy Orchard
Jimmy Smith & Tania Radovic
Rob Yates*

January 2013

*Kevin Mauser
Rick Wisniewski*

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SNOBs NightOut – Tuesday February 12th

OgreFest 2013

The Brew Kettle - 8377 Pearl Rd * Strongsville, OH 44136



2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 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!!**

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
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Jocko's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ [Arby's](#): 7687 Broadview - \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.)

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

January Treasurers Report

January Income		January Expenses	
Membership	\$865.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBwear	\$192.00	Supplies	\$840.00
Raffle	\$216.00		
Subtotal	\$1,273.00	Subtotal	\$915.00



Web Links of Interest

SNOB

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

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

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)

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 _____

