

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for February 2014

President's Krausening

By Mark Rames

Greetings fellow SNOBs from you newly elected President for 2014.

A little about me I suppose is in order. Born in the Badlands of South Dakota in 1953, my 8 brothers and I were relocated to Michigan in 1967 by our now single Mother. I started working for AT&T in 1971. Ameritech relocated me to Ohio in 1994 and after 42 years with AT&T/Michigan Bell/Ameritech/Ohio Bell/SBC/AT&T, I unexpectedly found myself retired as of January 1. I am looking forward to spending more time with my 3 kids and 5 grandkids. Although I've only belonged to SNOB for 2 years, I have some big shoes to fill and will do my best to do so.

Well Mother Nature wasn't kind to the SNOB when she had our January meeting canceled literally hours before it was to begin but we managed to conduct most of our business through social media and email.

Our February meeting, the first of 2014 was most definitely a time to catch up with events passed and plan for some important events around the corner.

One passed event was the inaugural Cleveland Winter Beer Fest, yes, another Cleveland beer event! The CWB is put on by Festivals Unlimited who also produce the Cincy Winter Beerfest, Columbus Winter Beerfest, Cincy Beerfest On Fountain Square, Columbus Summer Beerfest, Pittsburgh Summer Beerfest, Pittsburgh Winter Beerfest, and the Fireworks Party On The Bridge in Cincinnati. Friday saw attendance of about 3000 and Saturday 4000. The SNOB had around 40+ volunteers sign up to help out. I had 25 breweries in my section and cannot say enough good things about my volunteers, none walked away, passed out or got kicked out and most said they had a great albeit very busy shift. I did however have to empty a dump bucket that some unfortunate soul felt the need to puke in and I hear Tim's shirt caught some of it. CWB will be back in 2015 with the hope of making the CWB bigger, better and more

educational. They are asking SNOB about putting on brew demo's during the festival or for other ideas on educating the public about craft beer. If brewing with your electric system during the fest sounds appealing to you, give it some thought.

In February, we took a jog from beer brewing to another fermentable, hard cider, or cider as Richard Read would say. We had about 10 SNOB made ciders on hand to sample that were made after a group of us got together last fall and pressed cider from 1600 pounds of apples. Our guest speaker was Richard Read of Griffin Cider Works. Cider Master Richard talked to us about his Westlake cider making business where he makes English style ciders and brought along several of his ciders to sample. Richard brought along some "light ciders", read that competitors, and two of his own English style ciders. This gave all of us a great comparison to see what "real" ciders are and how they differ.

We have some important dates coming up for events you may want to take part in or attend.

- The SNOBs **BJCP Study Group** starts on February 5 at 7PM and every Wednesday after that for 10 weeks. This is to prepare for the August BJCP written exam. It will be held at Market Garden Brewery and is open to SNOBs, other local home brew clubs and employees of local breweries and pubs, thanks to Paul Shick for his time commitment and Andy Tveekrem for being so accommodating at MGB. Although this starts Feb 5, you can get details and [still sign up here](#).
- **OCBA Winter Warmer** is March 1, this is always a nice beer event with great music and a real nice outdoor cask ale section. The SNOB have 30 people signed up to volunteer.
- The annual **Beer No Sweat** bus trip is this April 12-13, yep, two days! We will leave early Saturday morning, stay at an Indy hotel Saturday night then work our way back home, hitting at least 9 breweries, taprooms and beer stores along the way.



The cost is \$130 per person for the bus and hotel and after the meeting it appears to be 36 going and is close to selling out, if you wish to sign up, let me know at president@beersnobs.org and I will add you to the list. ***If you have signed up for the bus trip and have to change your mind, please let me know ASAP so we can keep the bus filled.***

- The **AHA National Homebrew Competition** is in Grand Rapids, MI this year and this "could" be your last chance in a while to attend one without the aid of an airplane. The dates are June 12-14 although some make it a week long event. We have 30 SNOB who are planning on making the trip, should be a great time!

Keep some these events in mind when planning your vacation days. You can sign up at meetings or give me a heads up and I can add you to the lists.

If you wish to get a **SNOB discount on Brew Your Own Magazine**, you can [sign up here](#). The cost is \$16.50 if you have correct change, otherwise \$20 and \$3.50 will go to the club, please bring your money to the next meeting or the BJCP class. February 12 will be the cutoff date for this order.

Lastly, we want to know what you want to get out of SNOB, or change if that's the case. Please take some time to [take this survey](#) (I know, survey's suck) so we can see if you are getting what you want or need from SNOB, it's your club, help make it better.

See you again at the March meeting where hops will be the theme of the night with Patrick Daniels from Market Garden talking about his Halluter Hop Experience and Pete Velez of Hopunion talking about the state of the hop industry and getting hops from concept to our beer.

SNOB 2014 Calendar of Events

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

February 2014

3:SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

18: SNOBs night out Broadview Heights Bar-hop: Tripps and Cantine

19-26: Open registration for NHC

March 2014

1: Ohio Craft Beer Association Winter Warmer fest

3:SNOBs meeting, 7:30pm Sachsenheim hall

Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

Feb 7: Deadline to enter [SODZ British Beer competition](#)

March 7-8 – [Wizard of SAAZ](#)

BJCP test prep class

Get ready for the August [Beer Judge Certification Program](#) test! This 10-week series led by Paul Schick and other Cleveland beer judge gurus will meet at Market Garden and Great Lakes. It's open to SNOBs, other home brewers, pro-brewers, and employees of beer-bars.

It will cost \$30, and checks can be made to SNOB [sign up here](#).

Wednesdays, starting February 5

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Address: Market Garden Brewery [1947 W 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113](#)

Beer & No Sweat bus trip

Dates: April 12-13

Where: 9 breweries, heading toward Indianapolis

Cost: \$130, includes hotel, does not include beer

Sign up by emailing Mark Rames at

president@beersnobs.org



Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members
to the SNOBs

February 2013

ZechLaughbaum
Lee Browning
Andrew Bonamer
CavanVannice
Christina Ely

March 2013

Andy Carr
Andy & TarynGress
Casey Divoky
Scott Masony
Brian Stewart
Todd Dennis
Eric Phipps

April 2013

Jeff Cassano
Carlin & Rory Culbertson
Rich Frederick & Carol Wisniewski
Matt Bender
Mathew Vann

July 2013

Joe and Margie Puchalski
Jeff Truelson
Lowell Morris

August 2013

Jim & Krislynn McCombs
Scott Eckroate
Bob and Shelle Campbell

September 2013

David Reed
Adam and Amy Kelly
Mark & Margaret Schneider

October 2013

Ralph Sgro & Drew Lang

November 2013

Mike Merritt
Brian Fane

December 2013

Jason Schultz
Dan & Deb Lescarbeau
Mark Dabney
Matt Sparks
Jeff McNeill
Derek Giachetti
Tom Palmer
John Makohon

January 2014

Anthony Cowley
Bob Courtermanche
Kristin Keyes & Joe Cennamo
Benjamin Kowalczyk and Julia Szabo
Dane Brigadier and Erin Whiting

February 2014

Scott Eckroate
Scott Brosius

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SNOBs Night Out February 18 – Tripps and Cantine in Broadview Heights

2014 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2014 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
- ✓ [Tripps Bar and Grill \(https://www.facebook.com/trippsinbroadview\)](https://www.facebook.com/trippsinbroadview) 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: \$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.) 7687 Broadview Rd, Seven Hills, 216-901-1737 and 683 E Aurora Rd, Macedonia, 330-467-6022
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc \(http://abcfireinc.net/\)](http://abcfireinc.net/) 20% off all co2 tank refills plus other co2 services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Cantine Bar and Bottle shop](#) (\$1 off drafts) **NEW**

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 Treasurer's Report

Treasury Report: Four Aces

As I enter my 4th year as your treasurer, it dawned on me how few times (read: none) members have asked about any of the entries in the monthly ledger. I heard you! Gonzo! What? "Do I have to spell it all out to you?" So here is my first attempt to spell it all out to you.

Short version (so you can get on with brewing/drinking): We're still fine. A splash of money in the bank to get the year rolling. On your to-do list: Pay dues, participate in meetings and events, sample and share, relax.

Longer version with big words: We're still fine. We finish the year with about \$2,000 saved up to get us through a few items:

1. Paying a down payment on the April Beer No Sweat trip
2. Making a charitable donation to the "Fund for Grace and Lucy" with a portion of the Son of Brewzilla profits (Indications are profits of over \$900)
3. Bought some new ball caps for the SNOBwear collection. Get yours for 12 bucks!
4. Paid for another year of web services
5. Bought some Corney kegs to "salt" the monthly raffle for a while. Buy! Buy! Buy!

As mentioned during the meeting, our membership has continued to grow. We got nearly 20 new members between our last meeting in November and now. So we are about 225 members strong at the moment, which explains the crowded Holiday Dinner in December and the tight quarters during our monthly meetings. Keep it up! Whatever you are doing, it is adding interest in the club and the hobby.

Make sure to pay up for whatever you owe. I DO keep a running list and will occasionally call members out – not yet in print, but don't tempt me! I you brought a guest to the Holiday Dinner - pay up! I you get a subscription to BYO from us – pay up! If you come to meetings before you join and have fun for a few months – time to pay up! We cannot make it much easier: Cash (U.S.), Check payable to SNOB, or have me run your credit/debit card through the Square thingy on my phone (safer than Target!). Dues can also be paid on the website using PayPal (fee added in price). **\$30 for single membership, \$45 for dual/couple.** To those of you who have already paid and pay on time – thank you!

All this writing is making me thirsty. Cheers!



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/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.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 _____

