



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*February 2016 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



After a mild December, Old Man Winter has finally arrived. It is the perfect time of year to stay inside, warm up your kitchen, and fog up your windows homebrewing a stovetop extract or partial-mash batch of beer. Even if you brew outside, standing around a kettle with a healthy rolling boil is a great way to stay warm while enjoying the hobby. Wort that seems to take hours to chill in the summer can now be brought down to pitch temperature in minutes. It is my favorite time of the year to brew.

Our Monthly Night Out is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Chili Cook-off at Buckeye Brewing's Tap Stack (6:30pm, 9985 Walford Ave, Cleveland).

For our February Night Out, Andy Tveekrem has invited us SNOBs and local profession brewers to attend a soft opening of Market Garden's new "Palace of Fermentation". This will be on 2/9 @6:30...details to follow.

Also in early February, I hope to see many of you at New Belgium's Lost in the Woods Party on 2/6. Sour beers to be poured at this event include La Folie (wood-aged sour brown ale), Transatlantique Kriek (wood-aged sour cherry ale), and Love Blackberry Felix (sour ale aged in blackberry flavored whiskey barrels).

The National Homebrew Competition application window opens on 2/1 and runs until 2/7. During our Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Mike Ontolchik will provide additional information on the competition, as well as the National Homebrewers Conference coming up on 6/9 - 6/11 in Baltimore.

For those of you lucky enough to have registered entries in the Wizard of Saaz homebrew competition before the cap was reached, the entry window will open on 2/20 and run through 3/4. Competition organizer Larry Reuter and Elmer "Goose" Steingass will be at our Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to answer any outstanding questions. Larry will also be talking to us about forming



an exploratory committee for determining if we should attempt to bring the National Homebrewers Conference to Cleveland in a few years.

Our February technical presentation will be given by Jeff Bradbury of Lucky Owl Brewing of Chagrin Falls, OH. Jeff will be discussing the challenges of starting a commercial brewery from scratch. If you have dreams of translating your homebrewing skills into your own commercial brewery, you will not want to miss Jeff's talk.

In addition to the aforementioned Wizard of Saaz and National Homebrew competitions, here are a few other relatively local competitions to add to your calendars:

- 2/13: Cincinnati Malt Infusers "All American Home Brew Competition"
- 2/20: Scioto Olentangy Darby Zymurgists (Columbus, OH) "The British Beerfest Competition"
- 3/7: Bloatarian Brewing League (Cincinnati, OH) "Bockfest 2016"
- 4/1: Niagara Association of Homebrewers (Buffalo, NY) "Amber Waves of Grain"
- 4/9: Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (Pittsburgh, PA) "TRASH XXVI"

Cheers, Andrew

**SNOBs Night Out**  
**Tuesday February 9, 6:30pm**  
**Market Garden's new "Palace of Fermentation" Soft Opening**

**SNOB Web Page Changes.** We are currently looking for help modernizing the [beersnobs.org](http://beersnobs.org) website. If you are a web engineer with Joomla experience, please consider volunteering some time to help rebuild the website. Please contact Mike Ontolchik ([montolchik@gmail.com](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) if interested.

**Month of February SNOB Discount.** Here's a discount for SNOBs for the month of February: 10% off food by showing membership card at the Rail in North Olmsted.

Good way to save a few bucks and check out a newer place. Bring your SNOB card and this is for February only.



**Brew Your Own Magazine Subscriptions.** I guess time has slipped by again and your BYO (Brew Your Own) Magazine subscription has run its course. I contacted BYO and the same deal is available for those who wish to get the magazine, \$16.50 for the next year IF we get minimum of 10 to subscribe or renew, which should not be a problem. This year however, I need to do it differently and you must be paid up by the end of the February meeting when I will place the order because it was much too difficult to track people down after the fact.

Sooo, you can get me your \$16.50 at the next SNOB Night Out, at the February meeting or pay via PayPal to [mrames@ameritech.net](mailto:mrames@ameritech.net). If paying via paypal, please state it is for BYO.



If interested, in addition to your \$, I need your name, full mailing address and if this is for a new or renewal subscription. You can text me, PM me in FB or email this info to [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org). The way this works is we gather up the \$ and give to Ace and he writes one check for all to go along with the order. *As of now, we only have 5 and need 10 to place the order.*

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bling anyone?** The club spent quite a bit to bottle the Imperial Stout that was given out at the Christmas Party and here is a chance to help out with that expense AND get some of the last 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bling. We had some of those beautiful vinyl labels and bottle caps left over so for a **paltry \$2**, you can take home a vinyl sticker for you bathroom mirror and 2, yes 2 bottle caps with magnets for your beer fridges. Only half of the 75 sets remain, all money will go back into the SNOB piggy bank.



## **Beer No Sweat Bus Trip**

Mr. Majetic has been busy planning next year's Beer No Sweat Bus trip. As usual, John can find or smell the best breweries no matter where they hide them. This is ALWAYS a fun weekend trip, almost like taking a vacation, only with more beer. The more of us that can go, the less it cost each of us and the club. So mark your calendars, save your \$ and get ready for a great weekend. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the November meeting and we already have about 20 people signed-up. Check with John to sign up at upcoming meetings. You can also send him an email at [kingsnob@beersnobs.org](mailto:kingsnob@beersnobs.org) or message him on Facebook.



### **Beer and No Sweat 2016**

#### **Erie and Buffalo**

**When: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of 2016.**

**Cost \$95 for the bus ride plus hotel at \$129 per double or single room.**

## **Winter Warmer**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Warmer is just around the corner and if you want to volunteer to help out, you better move FAST as positions fill fast. This will be held at Windows on the River again and is ALWAYS a great event. If you wish to volunteer, email [Mary](mailto:Mary) with the following info. More info at the [Winter Warmer](#) web page.

Name:

Email:

Cell:

Tshirt :

What you want to do: [Pour Beer OR Admissions](#)



## **National Homebrewers Conference**

The 2016 NHC is once again in our neck of the woods, kind of, Baltimore to be exact, June 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Open to all AHA members, application to enter is from 2/1 thru 2/7, first round entries are due 2/29 thru 3/9 and cost \$14 each. Cost to attend NHC is \$220 and \$160 for the full and social packages respectively plus add-on for the Grand Banquet and Awards Ceremony.



If you've never been, you should save up your \$ and attend. The SNOB will be bringing the 12-tap SNOB bar and serving at club night so we hope you will consider contributing a keg, even if it is only 2 gallons, of your finest fermented beverage. In the past, we've taken around 24 kegs.

When in this part of the country, we've had a pretty nice size group of SNOB attend and able to help with the SNOB activities, everything from transporting bar and kegs, setup, working the bar, teardown and the like. We also "try hard" to hit every brewery possible on the way there and back.

## **SNOB 2016 Calendar of Events** [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

### **February 2016**

1: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm

1-7: NHC Competition Application Window

6: [Lost in the Woods](#) beer/food event by New Belgium Brewing, 8-11PM at Rustbelt Reclamation, 1427 E. 36<sup>th</sup> #1504A, use promo code "snobs" for \$5 discount

13: Cincinnati Malt Infusers "All American Home Brew Competition"

20: Scioto Olentangy Darby Zymurgists (Columbus, OH) "The British Beerfest Competition"

29 thru Mar 9: NHC First Round Shipping Window

### **March 2016**

4: Registration for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) closes

5: Winter Warmer

7: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm

9: NHC First Round Shipping Window Closed

11-12: NHC First 1<sup>st</sup> Round

12-13: Beer No Sweat bus trip to Erie PA and Buffalo NY

18-19: Wizard of SAAZ competition

### **April 2016**

4: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm

### **May 2016**

2: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm

3-5: Craft Brewers Conference

15-21: Columbus Beer Week



### **June 2016**

6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

9-11: National Homebrew Conference

### **July 2016**

11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

15-23: Ohio Beer Week

### **Aug 2016**

1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

### **Sep 2016**

16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

### **Oct 2016**

3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

6-8: Great American Beer Festival

### **Nov 2016**

7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

### **Dec 2016**

2: SNOBs Christmas Party

## **Welcome New SNOBs**

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

### **January 2016**

Bill Schmidt

Anthony Fazio

## **2016 Officers and Chairpersons**

**President:** Andrew Mitchell  
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## **2016 Membership Dues**

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40. 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](http://beersnobs.org).

## **SNOB Supporters**

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

- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts **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**
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (http://abcfireinc.net/ 20% off all CO<sub>2</sub> tank refills plus other CO<sub>2</sub> services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#) – 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#) - \$55 total per tour for SNOBs

## **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

## **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

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>  
<http://www.ahaconference.org/>  
<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>  
<http://www.brewingtv.com/>  
<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>



Brew Your Own (Magazine)  
Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<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/>

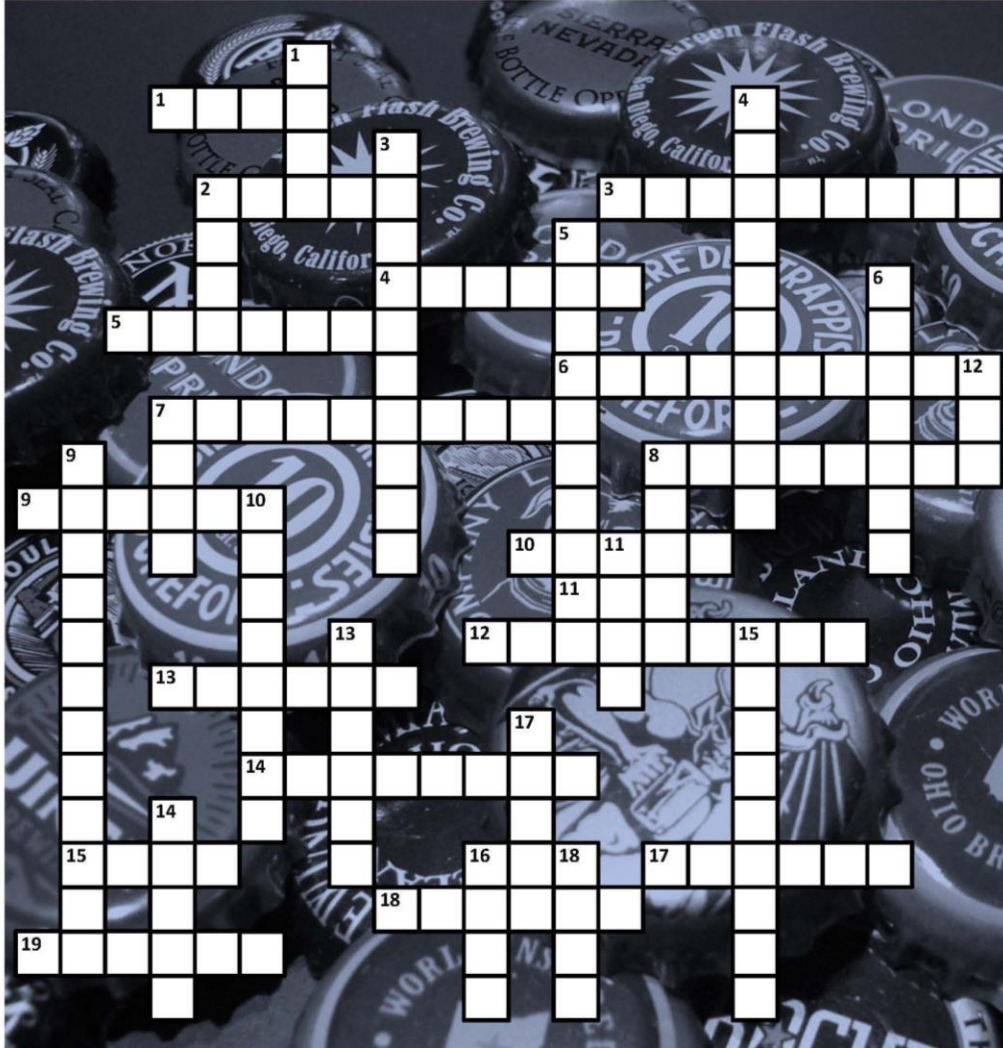
### **Gases, co2, Oxygen, Propane**

ABC Fire Inc  
Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop

<http://abcfireinc.net>  
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>



## Ohio Craft Breweries from Patspints.com



### Across

1. Fatheads Hop \_\_\_\_\_ took home the gold medal in the Double IPA category at the 2014 GABF.
2. Columbus Brewing Company's most renowned beer.
3. An imperial stout from Weasel Boy Brewing in Zanesville.
4. New Columbus brewery whose name is the German word for magic.
5. Great Lakes \_\_\_\_\_ River Pale Ale.
6. A style of lager named after the German city where it originated. Great Lakes brews an award winning version of this style.
7. One of Ohio's best IPAs, winner of the Pat's Pints IPA Blind Taste Test challenge.
8. Why do today what you can put off until \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. Thirsty Dog's barrel-aged scotch ale.



10. A dark malt-forward beer that originated in the British Isles. Ohio brewed versions of this style have names such as Sohio, Blackout, Dark Apparition, Canis Lycaon, and Boris the Crusher.
11. Before a night of drinking it's a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_ something.
12. A Columbus brewery that also offers to opportunity to brew your own beer.
13. A spontaneously fermented, sour beer from the Senne valley of Belgium.
14. A Dortmunder lager brewed Thirsty Dog Brewing.
15. A famous African empire and the largest ethnic group in South Africa.
16. Russian River's legendary Blind \_\_\_\_\_ IPA.
17. Four Strings Brewing's Backstage \_\_\_\_\_ is an easy drinking Belgian-style ale.
18. The French word for season and the name used to denote Belgian farmhouse ales.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Ale by Wolfs Ridge Brewing in Columbus.

## Down

1. The strongest style of Trappist-brewed beers.
2. A beverage made from malted grains, hops, water, and fermented with yeast.
3. Great Lakes Edmund \_\_\_\_\_ Porter.
4. Jackie O's IPA brewed with copious amounts of pungent hops.
5. An aggressively dry hopped West Coast style IPA made by Fathead's Brewery.
6. Cincinnati brewery that brews canned beers such as PsychOPathy and Gnarly Brown.
7. Great Lakes Alchemy Hour which debuted in 2013 has been renamed Chill\_\_\_\_\_ for its 2014 release.
8. The flagship IPA of Cincinnati's Rhinegeist Brewery.
9. A German style of beer with esters reminiscent of a Hefeweizen but a darker malt profile.
10. A rural central Ohio brewery known for its Belgian style beers.
11. A high protein, adjunct grain sometimes used in brewing to improve head retention and mouthfeel, particularly in stouts.
12. The most common type of base malt is made from two \_\_\_\_\_ barley.
13. Humulus \_\_\_\_\_ Super Pale Ale is brewed by Columbus' Seventh Son Brewery.
14. Fork in the Road and Path Less Travelled are tasty hop-forward beers brewed by Cincinnati's Blank \_\_\_\_\_ Brewing.
15. Cleveland area brewery that utilizes open fermentation for all of its beers.
16. Pennsylvania's Victory and Delaware's Dogfish Head both make a lager that ends with this word.
17. Oatmeal imperial stout brewed by Akron's Hoppin' Frog.
18. Horny \_\_\_\_\_ is a Porter brewed by Columbus' Elevator Brewery.



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

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40.

Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) [sbcglobal.net](http://sbcglobal.net), and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

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