



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 26 Years and Going Strong

February 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



We are now a full month into 2017 and the SNOB calendar of events is in full swing. We have a great couple of meetings planned for February and March to go along with our monthly Nights Out, Beer No Sweat Bus Trip, and a deluge of homebrew competitions to enter.

Last week Garin Wright from Buckeye Brewing Company invited us back to the Tapstack for our 3rd annual SNOB Chili Cook-Off. A total of 9 pots of chili were entered and judged by fellow club members. I can honestly say that there wasn't a bad chili in the house. Thanks to everyone for bringing their A-game to what has proven to be one of our most popular Nights Out. This year there was a tie for second place between Scott Masony (a previous champion) and Jim Kasper. With so much great chili, 2nd place was quite an achievement. The 1st place chili was brewed and cooked by our 2017 SNOB Chili Champion Jaime Polter. Thank you so much Scott, Jim, and Jaime for sharing your wonderful creations with us. We look forward to tasting your 2018 entries!

The first upcoming event I'd like to promote is our February 6th monthly meeting. Rachel Reitz has been spending many hours and great effort in putting together a special meeting for us. Instead of our usual erudite presentation on a technical aspect of brewing, we've decided to mix things up a little bit this month. Rachel will be hosting a brewing version of Jeopardy. We will be broken up into teams which will be asked to come up with questions to the answers that Rachel has organized on the board. The prizes will be raffle tickets for the winners that can be used at our monthly meeting raffle table. This month's raffle table will be beefed-up for this event. Make sure you study up on your beer knowledge, or at least sit next to someone smart!

Jim has planned another great night out for us for the month of February. We will converge on the brand-new Masthead Brewing Company on Tuesday the 21st at 6:30 pm. Located in the historic Bryant Building at 1261 Superior Avenue, Masthead has only been open for a few weeks but already has an impressive variety of Stouts, an IPA, Wit, and a Blond Ale. I have

not yet been to Masthead, but I've heard nothing but wonderful things and am looking forward to raising a few of their pints with my fellow SNOBs.

For those of you who appreciate a more typical meeting, fear not! We will be returning to a technical presentation format for the March 6th meeting. One of my personal brewing weaknesses is traditional recipe formulation. When Mike Ontolchik approached me a few months ago about giving a presentation on this topic I jumped at the idea. By now we probably all have a pale ale or stout recipe worked out, but where do we start when we want to brew something new? Mike will be showing us the keys to develop our own true-to-style recipes. With traditional styles sometimes less can be more as long as you pay careful attention to the nuances of ingredient selection. Anyone who has struggled with recipe formulation or has not yet brewed using their own recipes will not want to miss this presentation.

John Majetic has once again outdone himself planning this year's SNOB Beer No Sweat Bus Trip. On April 1st-2nd we will be departing from Barons Bus Lines (12800 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland) and slowly meandering our way across the beerscape of northern Ohio and southern Michigan. In the course of 2 days we will be visiting 11 breweries as well as an iconic Michigan craft beer bar, HopCat. This is not your grandfather's bus either. Ours will be outfitted with large comfy seats, a bathroom, WiFi, and most importantly: beer and SNOB members. We've got over 30 people signed up so far, but are still looking to fill more seats. The cost is \$95 per person (payable to our treasurer, Ace) for the bus fare. John has negotiated block pricing at the Holiday Inn Express in Okemos, MI (near the Michigan State campus) for \$149/night, which you should be able to split with another SNOB. This is a much better price than I could find on my own for this area. You and your roomie are responsible for booking your own room, which you should do ASAP if you plan on going. Be sure to tell them you are looking for the SNOB group rate when you call to reserve your room ((517) 349-8700). You can cancel the room up to 24 hours prior to check-in free of charge, so don't hesitate to book now. If you are a lone wolf and are looking for a roommate, contact our secretary Mark and he will let you know of other members looking to split a room. For <\$200 you're really getting a good deal with this trip. You'll get to socialize with great people, discuss beer & brewing, and visit some new breweries...safely and comfortably.

It is one of my goals this year as president to update our bylaws to make sure we are keeping up to date with standard AHA-affiliated club practices and with the changing times in the homebrewing community. Our current bylaws are only a few short pages long and were drafted many years ago when times were simpler and our club membership was smaller. One subject I will be reviewing and would like to emphasize is the appropriate behavior that is expected by members at club functions. It is a privilege to be a SNOB. Unacceptable behavior can result in members being asked to leave the club. There was an incident at a recent club event that involved a person touching a SNOB member in an unwanted sexual manner. This will be taken seriously and will not be tolerated. No amount of inebriation excuses this type of behavior. If you are caught behaving this way, you will be banned from the club.

Now that I've sobered you all up, here is a list of upcoming homebrew competitions in our area. Throwing beers into competitions is one of my favorite parts of homebrewing. If you've been shy up until now about having your beer judged at an official competition, don't be! It's a



great opportunity to receive valuable feedback from experienced judges whether you feel you have a winning beer or even if you'd just like someone to break it down and tell you why it smells like a baby diaper. (That's probably a bacterial infection by the way!)

-National Homebrew Competition: Registration 1/30-2/5. Shipping window 2/27-3/8. Nearest 1st round judging location is Indianapolis, IN to be held on 3/17-3/18.

-British Beerfest Competition: 2/18. Organized by Scioto, Olentangy, and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) of Columbus, OH. Hosted by Seventh Son Brewing Company.

-Wizard of SAAZ: 3/24-3/25. Organized by the Society of Akron Area Zymugists (SAAZ). Lock 3, Akron, OH.

-Fremont Homebrew Throwdown: 3/18. The Strand, downtown Fremont, OH. For more info and to enter, see Jaime Polter.

- TRASH XXVII: 4/8. Organized by the Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH) of Pittsburgh, PA. Hosted by Helicon Brewing.

-King of the Mountain: 4/22. Organized by the Little Mountain Homebrewers. Hosted by the Willoughby Brewing Company.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

February 21, 6:30PM

[Masthead Brewing Co. 1261 Superior Avenue, Cleveland](#)

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.

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. For now, to gauge usefulness, the recipe sheets will be at the end of each newsletter. **NO NEW RECIPIES WERE SENT IN** [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

Beer no Sweat Bus Trip 2017, planned for April 1st-2nd, 31 so far will be heading to southern Michigan. If you've never been, you should check this out. Baron's Bus Line will be taking us



BREWERY HOPPING for two days. We will take a break in Okemos for the night on Saturday. Below is our itinerary, note that start time is 9:20AM, that's when the bus LEAVES so make sure you arrive in ample time for your security screening and body cavity checks. We will have a jockey box on board so if there are two folks that want to send along kegs to keep up hydrated between stops, please speak up here. I do have SNOB Barleywine and Saison I could bring.

Big thanks to John Majetic who has once again put in a lot of work arranging all the stops, bus and hotel.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME? Similar to last year, the cost per person for the bus is \$95 and the cost of the hotel is \$149 for double occupancy. That makes the individual cost about \$170 each. You should pay Ace \$95 for the bus at your earliest convenience.

WHO AM I SLEEPING WITH? Well that's up to you and we won't judge. Hopefully we will all end up finding a suitable roomie so that there are two per room. As of now, there are 3-4 whom we need to get paired up.

WHO PAYS FOR THE ROOMS? You as a pair of roomies will reserve and pay for your own rooms. Call the Holiday inn Express Okemos at 517-349-8700 and reserve ASAP as rooms are VERY hard to come by, be sure to ask for the SNOB discount. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE in making reservations. IF extra rooms get reserved, they can be canceled 24 hours in advance or as soon as we are all paired up. Due to the numbers, I have increased our block of rooms from 15 to 20.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING ALONG? Bottles of fermentables to share, munchies, a cooler if you will be bringing home a stash, your fav glass for bus beer, munchies, one change of sox and underwear, munchies, spending cash, cell phone charger and munchies.

I will bring a jockey box and seat protectors and tank of co2.

THE ITINERARY

Place	Arrival Time	Depart Time	Travel Time
Barons 9:20 AM 130			
Original Gravity Brewery, Milan	11:30 AM	12:45 PM	14
Salt Springs Brewing, Saline	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2
Stony Lake Brewing Co, Saline	2:05 PM	3:05 PM	18
Glass house Brewing, Ann Arbor	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	48
Grand Rvier Brewing, Jackson	5:20 PM	7:00 PM	39
Lansing Brewing, Lansing	7:45 PM	9:00 PM	
Holiday inn Express Okemos	9:15 AM		
Holiday inn Express Okemos	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	14
Hop Cat Lansing, East Lansing	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	57



Block Brewing Company, Howell	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	27
Third Monk Brewing, South Lyon	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	20
Drafting Table, Wixom	3:25 PM	4:30 PM	15
Ascension Brewing, Novi	4:50 PM	6:20 PM	66
Black Cloister Brewing, Toledo	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	93
Barons	10:00 PM		

Brew Your Own magazine subscriptions are up for club renewals again and cost is \$17.50 for the next year. We have 13 towards a minimum order of 10 subscriptions to get the discount and we need to collect your money and send one check from the club. There will be a signup sheet at the next meetings, after which I will place the order. Bring your money please, I keep getting stuck with paying other folks subscription cost so if you don't pay, I will have to remove your name from the order.

The Grafton-Midview Public Library is looking for some SNOB expertise. Pam does the adult programs at the Grafton-Midview Public Library. I am interested in having someone come out and talk about how to get started brewing, possibly making it a series, as in, what's next?

I am trying to up the number of men coming into the library, and feel this is one subject that men wouldn't have to be dragged to by their wives! (Don't tell them I said that).

Would you know anyone willing to do something like this from your group? If so, what would be the cost for something like this? I wouldn't be able to schedule until spring, as our Jan-March calendar is already going to the printer, but possibly April or May? (We told here we don't normally receive compensation but she said that there still could be, especially if it were a series)

If you feel that this may be of interest to you, contact Pam Myers, Adult Programs, Grafton-Midview Public Library, 983 Main St. Grafton, OH 44044, [440-926-3317](tel:440-926-3317) ext.36.

Brew Boot Camp, there will be another in Santa Rosa February 24th-25th.and will include 16 in-depth, full-day sessions over 2 days. Learn hands-on from experts including Ashton Lewis, Steve Parks, Dr. Chris Whire, Gordon Strong, Sean Lawson, Brad Smith, Michael Tonsmeire, Aaron Hyde and more. Costs range from \$250-\$450 depending on your choices. They have sent me detailed brochures for signing up or you can visit www.byobootcamp.com.

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!!](#)

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

Jan 2017

6-Feb 11: SODZ British Beer Fest Competition Registration open

30-Feb 5: NHC Registration Open

Feb 2017

5: NHC Registration closes

6: SNOB Meeting



18: SODZ British Beer Fest Competition

24-25: Brew Boot Camp, Santa Rosa

Mar 2017

4: Winter Warmer Festival

6: SNOB Meeting

17-Apr23: NHC First Round Judging

18: 6th Annual Fremont Homebrew Throwdown

24-25: The Wizard of SAAZ" (WoS)

24-25: Niagra Association of Homebrewers Competition

Apr 2017

1-2: SNOB Beer No Sweat Bus Trip to southern Michigan

3: SNOB Meeting

6: Big Brew

22: King of the Mountain Competition

May 2017

1: SNOB Meeting

Jun 2017

5: SNOB Meeting

15-17: Homebrewcon, Minneapolis

23:25: Brew and Canoe Campout

Aug 2017

1: SNOB Meeting

28: SNOB September Meeting, date change

Sep 2017

22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley

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

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky

Tod Hulse

February 2017



2017 Officers and Chairpersons

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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](#): 10% 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

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

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

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 to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) [sbcglobal.net](mailto:Danish.ace@sbcglobal.net), and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

Name(s)_____

Street_____

City_____

State_____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____)_____

Email_____

Email_____

Today's date_____

Recipe's From The Contest Winners



Ingredients

Beer Name: You Dropped the Hops on Me, Baby
Beer Style/Category: Belgian IPA
Brewer(s): Jim Jadwisiak & Cara Baker
Brewer(s): _____
Competition: 2015 Son of Brewzilla Best of Show

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
21 lb	Pilsner, 87%		
8 oz	Vienna, 2%		
1 lb	Cara Vienne		
1 lb	Carapils		
10.7 oz	Crystal 15	15L	

Specifications:

Batch Volume: <u>10 Gallon</u>	ABV: _____
Anticipated OG: _____	IBU: <u>65-70</u>
Anticipated FG: _____	SRM: <u>6</u>
Actual OG: <u>1.069</u>	Actual FG: <u>1.008</u>
Efficiency: _____	
Pre-Boil Vol: <u>13 Gallon</u>	Boil Duration: <u>90 min</u>
Pre-Boil Gravity: _____	Post-Boil Vol: <u>10 gal</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	FWH	Simcoe	12.1%	6.16
.5 oz	90	Zeus	17.5%	15.74
.5 oz	30	Columbus	12%	8.53
.5 oz	20	Simcoe	12.1%	6.16
.5 oz	15	Mosaic	11.5%	4.8
.5 oz	15	Amarillo	9.6%	4.0
.5 oz	5	Citra	13.7%	2.3
1 oz	0	Citra	13.7%	5.4
1 oz	0	Mosaic	11.5%	4.54
1 oz	0	Amarillo	9.6%	3.79
1 oz	0	Simcoe	12.1%	4.77
1 oz/gal	DH	Mix Amarillo/Citra		

Mash:

Mash Type: _____
Total Grain Weight: _____
Grain/Water Ratio: _____
Strike Volume/Temp.: _____
Mash Temp./Duration: 90 minutes @ 148°
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Actual Efficiency: _____

Fermentation:

Stage	Date	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:				
Transfer:				
Transfer:				

Bottle/Keg

Date: _____
Carbonation Level: _____
Priming Method: _____

Notes:

Lallemand/Danstar Belle Saison Dry Yeast/Rehydrate-Pitch at 70F let rise.
 Left for 14 days then dry hopped:
 Dry Hop 1 oz/Gallon even split Amarillo/Citra 4 days warm (70F)/4 days cold crash dropped to 33F, transfer to keg.

Yeast:

Type	Amount
Lallemand/Danstar Belle Saison Dry	

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount
Filtered Cleveland Water	
Gypsum to mash	1 tsp
Calcium Chloride to sparge water	1/2 tsp

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

Weight	Description	Time

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry Deadline	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
British Beerfest Competition (S.O.D.Z.)	2/10/2017	2/18/2017	Columbus, OH	yes	Limited to British styles. See competition rules. Awards after judging.
AHA National Homebrew Competition	3/8/2017	3/17/2017	Indianapolis, IN	yes	IMPORTANT: See AHA site for entry details and rules. AHA membership required by Jan. 29 for application between January 30 and February 5.
Wizard of Saaz X & Cuyahoga Cup (S.A.A.Z.)	3/4/2017	3/25/2017	Akron, OH	yes	Rubber City Beerfest after contest. Judges and stewards have received comped admission in past.
TRASH XXVII (T.R.A.S.H.)	tbd., ~ March/April	tbd., ~ March/April	Pittsburgh, PA	yes	After events award ceremony (dinner in past).
WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.)	t.b.d., ~ May	t.b.d., ~ May	Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh)	yes	Awards after judging.
Amber Waves of Grain, (N.A.H.)	t.b.d., ~ April/May	t.b.d., ~ April/May	Buffalo, NY	yes	After events award ceremony (dinner in past).
King of the Mountain VI & Founder's cup	t.b.d., ~ May/June	t.b.d., ~ May/June	Willoughby, Ohio	yes	Founders Cup proceeds are donated to a college student chosen by club officers each year. Awards after judging.
Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition	t.b.d., ~ May/June	t.b.d., ~ May/June	Columbus, OH	yes	Details will be available in March. Overnight accomations usually compensated. Awards announced post event.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	t.b.d., June/July	t.b.d., June/July	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past.
Erie County Fair (NY)	t.b.d., ~ April	t.b.d., ~ April	Hamburg, N.Y. (15 mins West of Buffalo)	yes	County fair. Awards announced post event.
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrewer Club)	t.b.d., ~ July	t.b.d., ~ July	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
IRON Brewer III (Homebros)	t.b.d., summer	t.b.d., summer	Cleveland, Ohio	no	Unnannounced ingredient brew off. Closed judging with separate award ceremony after event and judging.
Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing competition	t.b.d., summer	t.b.d., summer	t.b.d.	no	Private and employee mail in contest w/winner's comped to travel to award ceremony.
Beer and Sweat XXIX (B.B.L. - Bloatarians)	t.b.d., ~ August	t.b.d., ~ August	Cincinnati, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner.
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
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.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	t.b.d., ~ October	t.b.d., ~ October	Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.