



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 28 Years and Going Strong

February 2018 Newsletter

Partigyle (short version of news)

New Section!

Not every club member may be interested in every detail of every facet of what's going on in the club. This section will let you catch up on overall news quickly and then jump to the details further down by clicking on the links. You are also welcome to read from bottom to top, hold up in a mirror and read right to left inverted; whatever suits you.

- [President's Krausening](#) – On competitions and lager
- [Monthly Meeting Feb 5 7:30 PM](#) - Sachsenheim. Triangle testing and blind experiments
- SNOBs Night Out TBD
- [Beer and No Sweat](#)
- [Upcoming Dates](#)
- [Pro-Am brew days](#)
- [Other News](#)
- [January Recap](#)

Welcome, New Members!

We are so happy to have you. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to approach, talk to one of the [officers](#).

December – Geoff Goodfellow

January - Kevin Maley

President's Krausening

Paul Klammer



For many of us, this time of year is our peak brewing season. If one competes, there are a glut of competitions from late March to May that must be brewed for to have fresh beer on hand. Then, whether one competes or not, brewing now is simpler and faster thanks to it being winter. Ice cold tap water chills wort cleanly in minutes and shortens the brew day. Concerns about overheated fermentation are minimal since cool places can be found in the basement and around the outer walls of our homes. For me, by far the best thing about winter it is that I can make lots of lager. Due to the cold, I can manage lager ferment and conditioning temperatures easier and without tying up precious fermentation and storage space. When I first made lagers, I conditioned them in water filled coolers in an unheated room. Every 3 or 4 days, I chipped up a couple ice blocks made in my freezer to keep water in the coolers at 32f. That was a good deal of work to monitor and space was limited to 4 carboys in 2 coolers. Nowadays I condition in my garage in my spare fridge and several cheap (i.e., free) Styrofoam shipping boxes. The boxes are reinforced w/duct tape, lined with plastic bags, and filled w/water to smooth out temperature swings. Though a thin layer of ice has formed on them a couple times, I have yet to make an ice beer even during the coldest spells.

Whatever your methods, if you find the time and space to make some lagers this winter you'll be rewarded this summer. Nothing tops cooling off with one your ice-cold lagers beers on a searing hot summer day. Thank gosh for winter!

February Meeting Topic

February 5 7:30 PM

Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, OH
44102

Paul will present triangle testing and blind experiments. Once we have that under our belts we'll see if we can use what we learn to show if we can pick out the one beer that is different among 3 samples. This will be a chance to gain some insight about things that can affect our taste perception and a tool to try to overcome those if we need to. For those who judge and compete, it may shed some light on why feedback you give and receive on entries can be inconsistent.



Beer No Sweat

Beer and no Sweat is March 10-11. Please email secretary@beersnobs.org if you would like to be added to the list. The Itinerary is:

March 10

8:30 AM Meet @ Baron's (5310 Hauserman Rd, Cleveland, OH 44130)

8:55 AM Depart

10:00 AM [Maize Valley](#)

12:20 PM [Millersburgh Brewing Co.](#)

3:30 PM [Weasel Boy Brewing Co.](#)

6:15 PM [Devil's Kettle Brewing](#)

7:40 PM [Little Fish Brewing Co.](#)

8:50 PM [Jackie Os Brewery](#)

Overnight at the [Hampton Inn](#) - you are responsible for booking your room

March 11

11:00 AM [BrewDog](#)

12:45 PM [Combustion Brewery](#)

2:30 PM [Wolf's Ridge](#)

4:20 PM [Restoration Brewworx](#)

7:10 PM [JAFB](#)

9:15 PM Return

Upcoming Dates

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

SNOB Meetings and Events

*If like to extend your beer horizons and collect Untapped entries you will be looking forward to **Winter Warmer** and the **Beer no Sweat** bus trip in the same time frame. More info on Beer and Sweat will be communicated soon*

February 5 7:30 PM – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

March 10-11 - Beer and no Sweat

June 22-23 – Brew and Canoe

September 14-16 SNOBtoberfest

The 2018 meeting dates will continue to be the first Monday of the month, with the following exceptions: January 8 August 27 (September meeting), No December meeting due to Christmas party.



Upcoming Competitions

Brewing competitions are year round. Below are some key ones to plan for in the first quarter of this year

- Feb 10 - [Mazer Cup adds new slots](#) (Mead competition)
- Feb 17 - Akron Homebrew Club [Monsters of Malt](#)
- Mar 15 - [Mazer Cup](#)
- Mar 24 - [SODZ British Beer Fest](#)
- Apr 10 - Apr 14 - [Wizard of SAAZ](#) Registration still open!
- Apr 6 - Apr 22 - [NHC First Round](#) (Applications were due January 30)
- Apr 7 - [T.R.A.S.H. XXVIII](#) (Entries open Feb 17)
- May 19 - King of the Mountain
- Jun 2 - Ohio State Fair

Other Beer/Mead/Cider Related Events

- March 3rd - [Winter Warmer](#)

Pro-Am Brewing Opportunities

Mike Ontolchik has been coordinating with local breweries to set up brew days where club members and breweries will work together to create a beer to be served at a night out. If you've never done a pro-am brew before, it's lots of fun and a great opportunity to see how home brewing principles scale up. If you would like to be a part of one of these brew days, [sign up here](#).

Other News

[North Appalachian Homebrewing Championship](#)

Last month I shared about this circuit that is being formed for the PA, Oh, W. VA., upstate N.Y., and western Maryland. Our competition committee is concerned that participation will overstress Son of Brewzilla which is already stretched to its limit and has chosen not to participate this year. Since beers entered in our comp will not count toward circuit scoring we will avoid lots of folks from distant place competing for our already scarce entries. Note that this has no effect on those want to compete in the circuit for individual awards. We will see how the circuit evolves and may consider it again next year.

Future meeting presentations

I'm planning meeting presentations/activities for a 2 year time frame. Based on past feedback and observations of the excellent work done by my predecessors, I will be trying to have informational presentations, expert presentations, regular member participation events like the big brew competition and the trivia events. My goal is to have informative as well as entertaining time that works for newer and advanced levels (mission impossible).



January Recap

January Meeting

We had a very robust conversation about hop chemistry and why hops behave differently under certain circumstances. Thank you to Doug Frye for this in-depth and informative presentation. Thank you also to [Forrest City Brewing](#) for bringing along some excellent growlers for us to try,

Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

				
President Paul Klammer	Vice President Mike Ontolchik	Treasurer Jessica Ihms	Secretary Erica Anton	Librarian Pete Campen

President: Paul Klammer
president@beersnobs.org

Secretary: Erica Anton
secretary@beersnobs.org

Librarian: Peter Campen
librarian@beersnobs.org

Vice President: Mike Ontolchik
vicepresident@beersnobs.org

Treasurer: Jessica Ihms
treasurer@beersnobs.org

Web Admin: Mike Ontolchik
snob@beersnobs.org

Beer No Sweat Planning: John Majetic
kingsnob@gmail.com

NHC Lead Planning: Mike Ontolchik
montolchik@gmail.com



Links and Other Items of Interest

SNOB Member Discounts (coming soon)

[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

[SNOB Facebook](#)

2018 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.

