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## SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST OHIO BREWERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

February Meeting  
February 4, 2019 7:30 PM  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

As with last month's meeting, we will start off with a brief introduction before jumping in to a social break. We really encourage everyone to use this time to get to know one another a little bit better.

The meeting presentation will be led by Rick Armon of the Akron Beacon Journal. We will be talking about the amazing growth that is happening in Ohio's craft beer market. We will also get a chance to test our knowledge with an interactive quiz.

While you're at it, [don't forget to check out Rick's beer column on the ABJ's website.](#)

Jay O'Neil also wanted to let everyone know he will be driving entries down to Athens next week for the upcoming Monsters of Malt competition. If you would like him to deliver your entries, be sure to bring them to Monday's meeting.

Also, don't forget to pay your dues!



### PRESIDENT'S KRAUSENING

And so February begins fellow SNOBs! At this time of year I try to take advantage of the cold, dreary Cleveland weather to focus on brewing beer for Spring. Regardless of your brew agenda this month, we have some good events to look forward to! Moving into next month's meeting, we will be trying a new addition to our standard meeting. Prior to the meeting, we will have BJCP judges available to taste and discuss any beers you've made, and would like feedback on. More details on exact timing to come. Please continue to share your feedback regarding the slight tweaks we've made to the meeting format.

Don't miss a thing! Check out the [SNOB Calender](#)

# Beer No Sweat 2019



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Do you like visiting a lot of breweries, but don't like the hassle of planning? Do you like drinking a lot of beer, but find using UBER over and over again to be tedious? Don't sweat it! Join us for Beer no Sweat, our annual bus trip.

This year, the trip will be April 6-7. We will be travelling to the "Thumb" of Michigan to sample beer from 12 different breweries and beer bars.

The cost for the bus will be \$92 per person, payable to the SNOBs. You will also be responsible for booking and paying for your own hotel room. The hotel is TBD, but the cost should be around \$90. You can BYO roommate, or if you are seeking one let us know when you sign up and we will try and pair you up.

Here is our current itinerary, and a link to a handy [Google map](#) of all of the locations.

<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	<b>Sunday, April 7</b>
<u>10:00 AM Bus leaves from Baron's</u>	<u>Harsen's Island Brewery</u>
<u>Earnest Brew Works</u>	<u>Brown Iron Brewhouse</u>
<u>Batch Brewing Company</u>	<u>Brooks Brewing</u>
<u>Grand Trunk Pub</u>	<u>Hop Cat (Royal Oak Location)</u>
<u>Baffin Brewing Company</u>	<u>Urban Rest Brewing Company</u>
<u>Three Blind Mice Irish Pub</u>	<u>Small City Taphouse</u>
<u>War Water Brewery</u>	10:00 PM (approx.) Return to Baron's

We will meet at Baron's Bus, at 5310 Hauserman Rd, Cleveland, OH 44130. The bus will be pulling out promptly at 10:00 AM, so be sure to get there early to get loaded in.

If you are interested in signing up, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/2QVGaj7nJMFAZ1IE3>

If you have any question, reach out to John at [kingsnob@gmail.com](mailto:kingsnob@gmail.com)



## IMPORTANT NHC REMINDERS

The deadline for requesting entries has passed. You should be notified by February 14 your assigned entries and judging locations. You are required to log in and confirm these entries by paying for them within 7 days of notification.

Volunteer sign ups open on February 5. Sign up at [BrewingCompetition.com](http://BrewingCompetition.com). We highly encourage as many members as possible to volunteer. If you volunteer this year, you will get entry placement preference for next year's NHC. Please note, if you are volunteering and have entries in the Cleveland competition you MAY NOT bring entries to the unboxing day or the day of judging.

Here are some related dates:

March 1-14	First Round Shipping Window
March 24	Entry Unboxing
March 29-31	NHC First Round Judging in Cleveland
March 12-14	First Round Judging in Indianapolis
April 26	First Round Results Posted
May 3	First Round Score Sheets Mailed
June 10-20	Final Round Shipping Window
June 27	Final Round Judging
June 29	Final Round Awards Ceremony

For more information, visit <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/national-homebrew-competition/>



## PRO-AM OPPORTUNITIES

We will once again be collaborating with local breweries to create Pro-Am beers. The Bookhouse group is already underway making us an Irish Ale for our February night out. Some other breweries we might work with include Great Lakes, Saucy, BRIM, and the Butcher & The Brewer.

Want to sign up? Here are some simple rules:

1. Be a SNOB member (that means pay your dues)
2. Do what you can to be involved and learn
3. Enjoy the beer with your fellow SNOB members and friends

**Sign Up Here:** [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ish3Y\\_WWZUFm-DalXuvMw3-wg\\_LapqiXVSo2Y8W01JA](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ish3Y_WWZUFm-DalXuvMw3-wg_LapqiXVSo2Y8W01JA)

Priority will be given to people who did not brew last year, but please sign up if you are interested. It's a great way to meet fellow SNOBs as well as learn from professional brewers.



## FEBRUARY SNOBS NIGHT OUT

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Date TBD  
Bookhouse Brewing  
1526 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

We will be trying out the first collaboration beer of the year, an Irish Red Ale. Please join us at [Bookhouse Brewing](#) for a great time!



## OTHER UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

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- [Monsters of Malt \(Athens\)](#) – February 23
- [SheBrew \(Women Only, Portland\)](#) – February 23
- [Wizard of Saaz \(Akron\)](#) – April?
- OMG Ohio Mead Competition – April 6
- [TRASH \(Pittsburgh\)](#) – April 12

If you know of any upcoming competitions you think should be highlighted here, email Erica at [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)



## JANUARY RECAP

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If you were not able to attend the last meeting, or had to leave early catch up on what you missed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbZEIGjo4ak&list=PLGCT-L44vC8dAyBpH8puLFwC6tvWtmeg&t=0s&index=2>

Thank you as well for the feedback we have received so far about the changes to the meeting. We hear that you appreciated the name tags and more time for social time. We will also address some of the constructive feedback we received. Please keep the feedback coming. These meetings are for YOU!





## BULK PBW AND STAR SAN BUY

We're looking to make a bulk buy of some often used brewery cleaners of Five Star PBW and Star San. Depending on how many people sign up, the cost will represent a 50-75% savings.

PBW will be \$3.75 per pound or less and Star San will be \$.62 per ounce or less (and likely under \$.50). Star San will likely be capped at 5 gallons unless there is enough interest to get 10 gallons. We hope to have firm prices in a few days.

If you are interested, please go [here](#) and fill in the information. The purchase will be made sometime in February.

If you already noted on the FB page your interest, please fill in this form to make it all neat and tidy.

Contact Mark Rames with questions.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 4 – Topic will be bottling techniques

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 1

August 5

September 9

October 7

November 4

*Upcoming topics will be listed here soon.*



## OTHER IMPORTANT INFO AND DATES

[Don't forget to vote for your favorite breweries in Northeast Ohio!](#)

February 12 – Eucre Tourney at Bookhouse

December 6 – SNOBS Christmas Party

If you know of any upcoming events you think should be highlighted here, email Erica at [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)

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## LINKS AND MEMBERSHIP INFO

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[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

[SNOB Facebook](#)

### **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 JESSICA AT THE NEXT MEETING, MAILED TO HER AT THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM OR BY USING OUR PAYPAL LINK AT [BEERSNOBS.ORG](https://www.beersnobs.org)

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