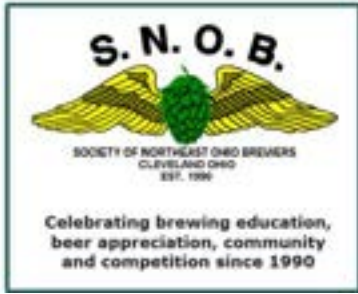


February, 2025



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



### **Our Next Meeting**

Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at  
7:30

Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Topic: Beer and Chocolate  
pairing.

### **Upcoming Events**

### **February Night Out**

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 P.M.

Forest City Brewing

Company: Chili cookoff

### **March Meeting**

Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30 P.M.

Sachsenheim Hall

*See more details on these  
and other events inside  
this newsletter.*

## **President's Message**

Our upcoming club monthly meeting topics have been planned. We will be discussing and sharing chocolate and beer pairings for February. I am going to have a couple of local craft beer business owners join me for a panel discussion of our local craft beer industry in March. For the April meeting, we will be discussing IPAs and how to brew IPAs. Other upcoming topics should be around fermenting hot sauce and fermenting in corny kegs. I'd also like to have a topic on homebrew canning. If you would like to volunteer for a meeting topic or you have requests, please let me know.



One of the things that I think some of you may have seen recently has given me some optimism for Homebrewing. The American Homebrewers Association (AHA) has started making steps to become independent from the Brewers Association (BA). Since the early days of the pandemic when multiple people that worked for the AHA and BA were let go to lower costs, I believe that the AHA has become less of a partner organization and more of a subsidiary to the BA. We've lost the Homebrewers Conference that I enjoyed going to annually. The National Homebrew Competition changes lessened my desire to enter and volunteer my time as a judge or local organizer. I was starting to expect that the AHA would eventually be shuttered by the BA. This move gives me some hope that in the future, the AHA can return to the national organization that I was happy to be a member of.

For this month, we'd like to make the meeting into something more collaborative. Everyone is encouraged to bring in a chocolate and beer pairing they can share. I don't want to make the rules too restrictive. Plan to bring in at least 20 oz of beer and a chocolate item you can share to about 20 people. I hope that we get as many as 12 of us to participate. I plan to bring a keg of my English Porter that I made last fall and

cocoa roasted almonds. We would like to know which pairings you have discovered. More than just hearing about them, let's bring in examples. Hopefully, this will be a lively conversation where we will all get to try multiple beer and chocolate pairings. Also, later this month, we will have the return of our chili cook-off at Forest City Brewery. It's been a great annual Night Out and I'm looking forward to another great evening of chili and beer at Forest City.

## February Meeting

Just in time for February, two of our favorite things – Chocolate and Beer!

Most, if not all of us, have paired chocolate or chocolate item with a dark beer. Our meeting this month will be rather relaxed. Bring in a chocolate item and a beer to pair with the item. Bring enough for 20 people.



## April Style meeting

April meeting will be a focus on IPAs. Time to get planning and brewing your IPA to share and discuss.

## Bus Trip

Mark your calendars for May 17th. ! We're gearing up for an unforgettable One-Day Bus Trip to Columbus packed with exceptional craft beer, hearty meals, and camaraderie among fellow beer enthusiasts.

To lock in this unforgettable Columbus Beer Adventure, we need 31 beer-loving adventurers to sign up by April 11! Once we reach 31, we will start accepting payments.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG3qV3Rezi61kBK0E3Zu0hS85ny6nkneEVqCceA13szgASJA/viewform>

Don't wait—secure your spot now and be part of a day packed with top-tier breweries, great food, and unbeatable company.



## Other News

### Competitions

**Bockfest** - Hamilton, OH. 3/1/2025. Entry Deadline is Feb 22nd

**TRASH 33** - Bellefonte, PA. New Date! 4/25/2025. Entry Deadline is April 15

### National Homebrew Competition - Round 1.

Indianapolis March 28-29. Receiving entries March 5-15

Chicago April 11-12, Receiving entries March 24-28.



### Iron Brewer Competition

Brew -1-6 is once again organizing this years' Iron Brewer. Now on its 11th year, they are shaking things up for 2025 competition. Live brewing will be omitted and will be replaced of a night of social drinking, picking secret ingredients and recipe submission. Each participant will have to submit 3 secret ingredient options at least 2 weeks before the event to add the lists of secret ingredients. Each participant will choose from this pool of submissions. A recipe will be submitted than evening. Again for this year The Cleveland Brewshop will give a discount code for participants that will be given the night of the event

Iron Brewer 11 social will be held at Brick and Barrel on March 7, 2025 7pm-11pm

Tasting and awarding will be at The Cleveland Brewshop on May 2nd, 2025 7pm-10pm

Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iron-brewer-11-tickets-1210167045209>

### February night out



On Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm we will be at Foresty City Brewing in Cleveland for the return of the Annual chili cookoff. They are located at 2135 Columbus Rd, Cleveland. Everyone is invited to bring their chili recipe for a head-to-head taste off against other SNOB chefs. Forest City has graciously hosted us for the last several years, we are going to be in their new Clubhouse Room. This at the front of the building that faces Columbus Ave. You don't have to bring chili to be a part of this Night Out, but bring a good appetite as there is always plenty of good chili and plenty of cold Forest City brews to wash it down with. Last year we had nine entries with Erica Anton, Scott and Wendy Eckroate, and Jim Jadwisiakay taking top honors. Do you have what it takes to place?

## Local Upcoming Festivals

There are several area beer fests coming up. They are each a good opportunity to get out and mingle with fellow SNOBs and beer lovers.

**Cleveland Beer Fest.** February 21<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup> at Huntington Convention with more than 150 local and craft brews, as well as new craft wineries and distilleries!

**Stout It Out Loud.** Over 25 of your favorite local brewers are bringing their best stouts to be paired with fresh-shucked oysters. Butcher & The Brewer February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Warmer.** The Ohio Craft Brewers Association presents the 18th annual Winter Warmer Fest, returning to Windows on the River on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 2-5 p.m. 55+ Ohio breweries will showcase their winter, seasonal, limited edition and high-gravity beers. Winter Warmer Fest | Ohio Craft Brewers Association ([ohiocraftbeer.org](http://ohiocraftbeer.org))

## Request for homebrew



Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to a meeting. Let Mike know in advance and he can add it to the presentation slides. Bringing your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from members and judges in attendance. Plus it's always nice to share and sample what members are brewing.

## SNOBwear T-shirts



We still have a good selection of sizes for the SNOB T-shirt available. \$10 for sizes S – XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Michael at [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org) if you want one.

## About SNOB

SNOB is one of Ohio's oldest clubs for homebrewers. Founded in 1990 and recognized as AHA's national club of the year in 2020, the club meets the first Monday of each month a 7:30 PM at [Sachsenheim Hall](#) on Cleveland's West Side. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also hosts special evenings at local brewpubs and restaurants, homebrew competitions, a spring bus trip, a summer camping event, our annual Oktoberfest weekend festival and an extravagant Christmas party. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, where they will find lively presentations on beer and brewing, great conversation, and answers to any brewing questions they might have. Website at: [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](http://SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio (beersnobs.org))

## 2025 Meeting Dates

February 3rd – Monthly Meeting

March 3d – Monthly Meeting

April 7th – Monthly Meeting

May 5th – Monthly Meeting

June 9th – Monthly Meeting

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday evening cook out

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting

August 25<sup>th</sup> – September Monthly Meeting

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monthly Meeting

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

## Membership Dues



As always, non-members are welcome at meetings, but some activities (parties, bus trip, collaboration brews) are members only. Please consider joining today! Single member dues are \$40. Couples (living in same household) are \$60. Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting [treasurer@beersnobs.org](mailto:treasurer@beersnobs.org) or using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

Your membership dues are used to pay for club activities throughout the year like the annual Christmas Party and rental at The Brooklyn Exchange Cabin where we hold the annual SNOBtoberfest. They pay for club insurance, food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

## 2025 Officers



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