

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for January 2014

Presidents Krausenings

Outgoing President Krausening:

By Todd Donnelly

Greetings and Happy New Year fellow SNOBs! Mark and I are tag-teaming this first newsletter of 2014 to put a wrap on the year that was and kick off the next year of awesome homebrewing. We also really want everyone to **remember that the meeting on Monday Jan 6th is going to be a special session and will be held at Great Lakes Brewing Co.** See the details in this newsletter for where/when, looking forward to something special. I can't think of another group that GLBC owner Pat Conway would personally present to, kudos to our club's reputation and longevity.

This has been a very fun year. I can't begin to run down everything we did because this is such a dynamic club that does a ton of special events, trips, nights out, and other really fun stuff. Just look back at the newsletters to see where we went (Western PA bus trip, Philadelphia for an awesome NHC experience, campouts and other club gatherings), how we did as a cub in competitions (we won the Cuyahoga Cup by beating our friends from SAAZ in Son of Brewzilla and Wizard of SAAZ competitions), how we did as individuals (lots of SNOBs hauled medals home from lots of competition), and how we participated with local events and festivals.

The monthly meetings were something I enjoyed planning and everyone I reached out to for their time and participation was very appreciative for the opportunity to come before this group. Kudos to our local superstars of

brewing for their help all year – **Matt Cole** from Fatheads, **Andy Tveekrem** from Market Garden, **Rick Seibt** from Willoughby Brewing, **Luke Purcell** from Great Lakes, and **Brian/Garin/Bob Wright** from Buckeye/Beer Engine / LD Carlson (a family of brewing!). We had enthusiastic support from some of the top craft breweries in the industry with special presentations from Sierra Nevada, Victory, Lagunitas, Goose Island, Bells, Duvel / Ommegang, and others.

Special thanks to a great group of members who helped pull off a lot of our special events and the NHC efforts: **Mike Ontolchik, Mark Rames, Tim McDonnell, John Majetic, Greg Irving** and too many more to list here, including members who helped with presentations and who shared their experience and knowledge at our meetings. I wanted to thank everyone who helped make this year as awesome as it was, and wish everyone a fantastic 2014. Let's all support our incoming group of officers and help them carry on the tradition of this club being fun, educational, and active! The secret to getting the most out of your experience in SNOBs is to be involved and an active participant – lets all make a New Year's resolution to do just that! Cheers!

Incoming President Krausening:

I find it incredible that 2014 is upon us and even more incredible that I find myself as President of SNOB's. Thanks to Todd for an activity filled 2013, I certainly have some big shoes to fill and will do my best to do so, thank you for your confidence.



Because we will in effect not have had a SNOB meeting for two months because of our fantastic Christmas Party and the Sumerian Beer presentation at **GLBC at 6:30PM on January 6**, we have some important items to focus on so I will take this time to give you all some things to think about and even participate in before our next meeting in February.

We have a new beer event coming to Cleveland called the **Cleveland Winter Beerfest** put on by the same folks who do the successful Cincinnati and Columbus Beerfests. The Cleveland Winter Beerfest will be held on January 31 and February 1 from 6:30 till 11:00 PM each night at the new Cleveland Convention Center. As with anything beer in Cleveland, they are coming to the SNOB's for volunteers. They need about 150 volunteers per night and you can sign up at <http://www.clevelandbeerfest.com>. Let's show them some love and help them out and get a chance to be a part of the first ever beer festival in the new convention center.

I've already been asked if this is going to happen and the answer is, yes. The SNOB's, under the direction of Paul Shick will be putting on BJCP study sessions to help prepare us for taking the written BJCP exams. These 2-3 hour study groups to be held on a day of the week TBD in Jan and/or Feb will be held at either or both MGBC and/or GLBC on Wed evenings at 6:30 or 7:00 PM. I highly recommend taking part if you are interested in learning more about how to brew better beer. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for those interested.

The **8th annual Winter Warmer** is coming up on March 1 and will again be held at the Windows on the River in the Flats. Put it on your calendar and volunteer to help out, it is a great event to be a part of.

A little further down the road but coming up quickly is the **Beer No Sweat Bus Trip**. We would like to see a show if interest so we can determine the cost per person and make sure we have hotel rooms for all. Last year we did a 14-hour bus trip to and from PA, visited many great brewery's and had a GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT time. John Majetic has jumped in early on and the 2014 BNS will be a two day, that's right, TWO-day trip to Indiana. We will leave on April 12 around 8AM, hopefully with kegs of homebrew occupying one seat and hit all the good breweries along the way until we get sleepy. The hotel is already booked and the next morning we will continue our brewery tour, working our way back home, arriving back by around 11PM on Sunday. Believe me, this is a great way to unwind and escape from life's pressure for a couple days, you will have a GREAT time. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for those interested.

Lastly, but maybe most importantly is **NHC**. This "could" be the last time the NHC is held in the Midwest for who know how long. This year, it will be held on April 12th thru the 14th in Grand Rapids, MI. We had more fun than should be legal last year in Philly and are sure to repeat in 2014. **Mark your calendars and check your checkbook**. This will cost between \$145 and \$205 per person plus food and lodging to attend but is well worth it. Also, start thinking about brewing for the NHC competition, first round shipping is approximately March 10th to 17th. Last year, Greg Irving took a bronze at NHC, folks, it's a BIG deal to medal at NHC, good luck. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for those interested.

And I guess I should mention a couple upcoming competitions.
January 19, Kris Kringle Challenge, Oregon,



BJCP style 21B only, Christmas/Winter
Specialty Spiced Beer, \$7 entry
www.sites.google.com/site/goodlibationshomebrewclub

February 1, Beer Bacon Music Brewer's 6K,
Maryland, 50 entrants in 10 categories, \$40
entry, \$6000 BOS prize
www.beerbaconmusic.com/homebrew

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SNOB Upcoming Events

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

January 2014

**6: SNOBs Meeting, 6:30PM Great Lakes Brewing
Tasting Room**

Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:
Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

**March/April 2014 – [Club Only Competition –
Strong Belgian Ale](#)**

**May 2014 – [Club Only Competition – All Things
Porter](#)**

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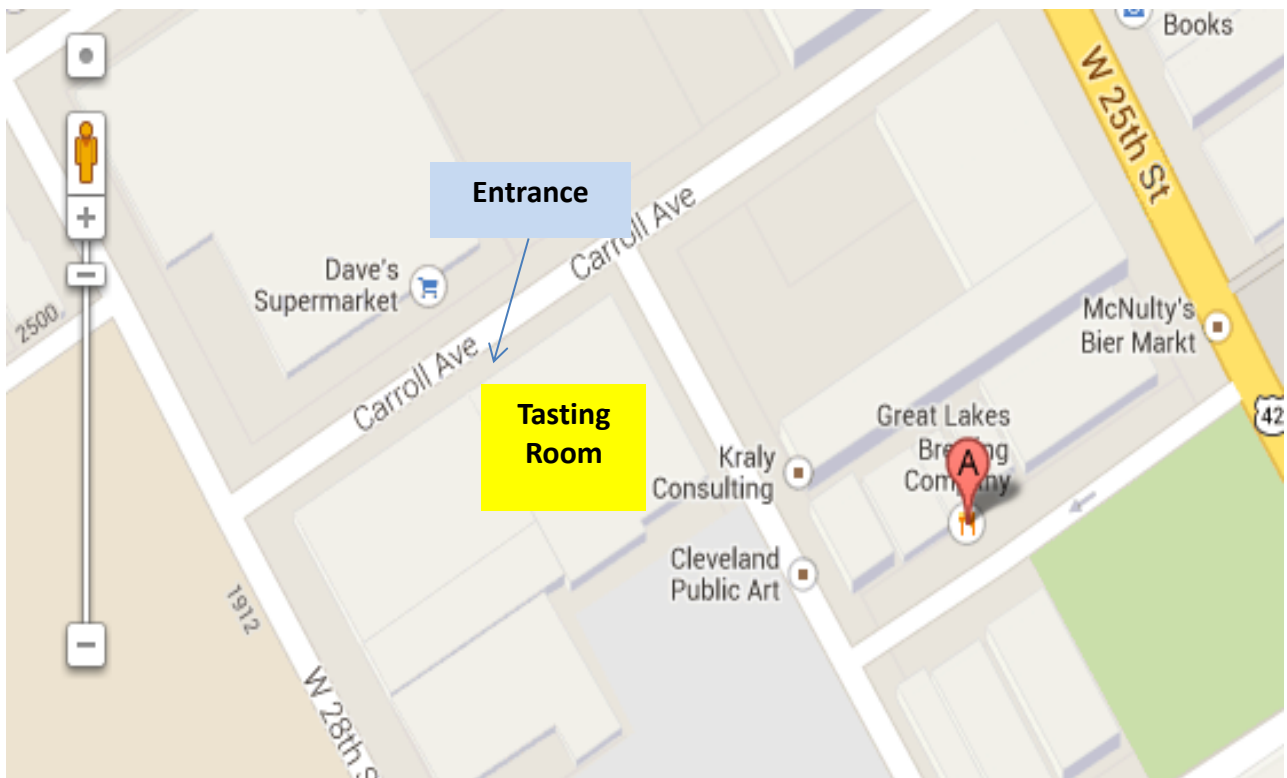
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January SNOBS Meeting – NOT at Sachsenheim Hall - GLBC Sumerian Event

Remember that our January meeting will NOT be held at the Sachsenheim Hall. It will be at the Great Lakes Brewing Company's Tasting Room. The door to enter is on Carroll Ave, across the street from Dave's Supermarket.

Monday, January 6, 2014 starting at 6:30



Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

January 2013

*Kevin Mauser
Rick Wisniewski*

February 2013

*ZechLaughbaum
Lee Browning
Andrew Bonamer
CavanVannice
Christina Ely*

March 2013

*Andy Carr
Andy & Taryn Gress
Casey Divoky
Scott Masony
Brian Stewart
Todd Dennis
Eric Phipps*

April 2013

*Jeff Cassano
Carlin & Rory Culbertson
Rich Frederick & Carol Wisniewski
Matt Bender
Mathew Vann*

July 2013

*Joe and Margie Puchalski
Jeff Truelson
Lowell Morris*

August 2013

*Jim & Krislynn McCombs
Scott Eckroate
Bob and Shelle Campbell*

September 2013

*David Reed
Adam and Amy Kelly
Mark & Margaret Schneider*

October 2013

Ralph Sgro & Drew Lang

November 2013

*Mike Merritt
Brian Fane*

December 2013

*Mike Merritt
Brian Fane
Dan & Deb Lescarbeau
Mark Dabney
Matt Sparks
Jeff McNeill*



SNOBs Night Out January 6th – Sumerian Beer Event – GLBC Tasting Room (not pub)

2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 are now being collected by Mark Knapp, treasurer. The price of a SNOBs membership remains the same, still a bargain at only \$30 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Dual membership, so **pay up you cheapskates!!**

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

- ✓ [Stamper's Grill Pub](#): \$1 off drafts
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts on Mondays
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Rozi's Wine House](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Tripps Bar and Grill \(https://www.facebook.com/trippsinbroadview\)](https://www.facebook.com/trippsinbroadview) 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ Arby's: \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.) 7687 Broadview Rd, Seven Hills, 216-901-1737 and 683 E Aurora Rd, Macedonia, 330-467-6022
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc \(http://abcfireinc.net/\)](http://abcfireinc.net/) 20% off all co2 tank refills plus other co2 services. [Click here for price sheet](#)

The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Mark at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.

S.N.O.B.'s 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

website: <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Facebook: <http://groups.to/snob/>

American Homebrewers Association

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>

National Homebrewers Conference

<http://www.ahaconference.org/>

Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>

Grape and Granary

<http://www.grapeandgranary.com/>

The Brew Mentor

<http://www.thebrewmentor.com/>

J.W. Dover

<http://www.jwdover.com/catalog/>

Leener's

<http://www.leeners.com/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>

Brew Your Own (Magazine)

<http://byo.com/>

Basic Brewing

<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>

The Brewing Network

<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>

Brewing TV

<http://www.brewingtv.com/>



Membership Form

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

c/o Mark Knapp
2668 Hampton Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Your name and address may be released to beer related business or groups ***unless*** you initial here _____.

Today's date _____

