

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for January 2015

President's Krausening

By Jim Gress

On behalf of our entire membership, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mark Rames for his service as our President in 2014. Mark's leadership helped the club continue to grow and to provide interesting program and events for our members, guests and visitors. Thanks, Mark!

2014 wrapped up with another festive SNOBs Holiday Party at the Sachsenheim. As in past years, there was plenty of great homebrew on tap and SNOBs shared special craft brews with others. We saw some members and guests we don't see often, and said "see you later" to some of our snowbird members who head to warmer environs for a few months. Needless to say, there was no lack of yummy food prepared by Santa Grumpy and the Sachsenheim Elves. There were some pretty awful sweaters, too!

2015 is the 25th Anniversary Year for SNOBs! We'll be discussing all sorts of special events and activities throughout the year culminating in a big celebration in the Autumn. I think it will be an exciting year. We already have planning underway for a club-only competition in cooperation with several local breweries that would brew collaborative batches of the winners' beers for the public to sample. More to come!

As we enter 2015, I wish you all a Happy Brew Year! I'm not a big fan of resolutions, but I encourage you all to consider making at least one SNOBs or brewing-related one. I resolve to do my best to be a good SNOBs President for 2015. Here are a few other ideas:

- Increase your involvement in SNOBs by attending one more club meeting, night out, or event than you did in 2014. Maybe even help organize or staff an event.
- Brew one more batch than you did in 2014 – maybe a style you haven't brewed before.
- Do a collaborative brew with another member, or teach a friend to brew.
- Try a new brewing technique like all-grain, brew-in-a-bag, or a sour mash – the sky's the limit.
- Make something fermented that isn't beer – mead, cider, wine, sake, cheese, pickles, salami....
- Get to know other SNOBs better. Mix it up and sit with someone different at a meeting or two.



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- Create a “Brewing Calendar” to plan your Beer Year.

Our topic for the January meeting is going to be “The Homebrewer’s Calendar.” Maybe you are an opportunistic brewer and can only brew when you get a chance or when the spirit moves you. Or, maybe you meticulously plan your brewing year. Do you plan your brewing to hit competition entry dates? Do you brew for special events or holidays or to be consistent with a style’s tradition? Do you brew with seasonal ingredients? Do you brew/ferment other things at certain times of year? We’ll have a brief presentation about preparing a brewing calendar and an open discussion about why we brew when we do.

We’re going to try something new with our raffle. There will be more details at the meeting, but here’s a brief description of how we hope it will work. Ticket sales will start at the beginning of the meeting as usual, but will close a bit earlier. Then, our “raffle team” will quietly conduct the drawing and match winning tickets to prizes as the meeting continues. Toward the end of the meeting we’ll post a list of winning ticket numbers, and winners can pick up their prizes as the meeting wraps up or on their way out. Our hope is to have the raffle completed earlier in the evening so that more members can participate without having to stay quite so late, and to provide more time for socializing without it conflicting with the meeting or raffle.

SNOB 2014 Calendar of Events

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

January 2015

- 1: Registration for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) competition opens
- 5: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 16-17: Cleveland Winter Beerfest at the downtown convention center, [volunteer](#)
- 20: SNOBs night out at Nanobrew, 6pm

February 2015

- 2: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 21: Registration for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) closes

March 2015

- 2: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 21: Wizard of SAAZ competition



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Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

Michael Williams

January 2014

Anthony Cowley
Kristin Keyes & Joe Cennamo
Benjamin Kowalczyk and Julia Szabo
Dane Brigadier and Erin Whiting

February 2014

Scott Eckroate
Scott Brosius
Matthew Nycz
Jeffrey Fabien
Albert Rudowicz

March 2014

Joseph Kneale
Mike O'Donnell
John Lattea
Bruce Waddell
Matt Shearn
John Primozic
Christine Forster
Aaron Morford

April 2014

Patrick Porowski
Michael & Annette Clark
Carl Stumpf
Anthony Trapp
David Cousino
Marc Leyrer

May 2014

Jonathan & Hanna Plessner

June 2014

Brian Rogel
Peter Campen
Liz Stout
Jamie Hall

July 2014

Paul Klammer
Tim LaSalvia
Rich Leskovec
Dave Watson
Dan Mott
Jerry Trudell

August 2014

Madison Cummings
Erica and Rob Anton

September 2014

Blake Beharry
Andrew Martahus
Cory Kramer
Warren and Roger Rasch
George Tassie

October 2014

Keith Joritz

November 2014

Chris Smith
Lawrence Stepp
Scott Hemrock



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Treasury Report 4th Quarter 2014

We ended the year on a full note...literally. What a dinner, Grumpy! Thank you!

Since my algorithms had us ending the year a tad ahead in the Treasury, I have decided to cut dues for 2015. I did announce this shortly after my recent re-election campaign, but here is the scoop:

In celebration of our 25 years this year, **Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40.** This rate applies to new members for all of 2015 (no pro-rated dues in 2015), and to **all renewals made by May 4th**! Starting May 5th (day after May meeting), the dues revert back to \$30/\$45 for current members.

Quarterly Financial Statement (Oct-Dec 2014)

Income		Expenses	
Membership	\$745.00	SNOBwear	\$117.00
Raffle	\$478.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$150.00
SNOBwear	\$124.00	Supplies	\$79.00
SNOBsmas Dinner	\$590.00	SNOBsmas Dinner	\$3,740.00
Donation	\$90.00	SoB Donation	\$750.00
		Spring Bus Trip	\$300.00
Subtotal	\$2,027.00	Subtotal	\$5,136.00

Notice that there is both a donation in Income and Expenses this quarter. A big thanks goes out to Shannon Huttinger for volunteering to do a small beer tasting for a private event and then get a monetary contribution for the club. We also closed the books on the Son of Brewzilla homebrew competition with a net profit of \$1,888. Nice job to all that took part in this event. We have therefore made a \$750 donation towards the "Memorial Fund for Grace & Lucy [Rothgery]." These two, young girls lost their parents a few years back and are being raised by family members locally. Their Mom (Molly) worked for GLBC. Here is the email I got from their aunt after making the deposit to their account:

"We are very appreciative of the generous donation the SNOBs have made. We have continued to use the funds in the account for specialized services for the girls to help them deal with the loss of their mother. I live near them, and my husband and I see them frequently. They are both doing well. They saw a note about the SNOBs that I had made to myself, and they asked about it. We explained that you are a wonderful group of brewers who contribute to a fund that we can use to help them with expenses that might be beyond our capacity to fund (counseling, orthodontia, and educational expenses). They think it's pretty cool that people care.

We have been going to a wonderful place called Cornerstone for Hope, which is in Independence. They have specialized grief services, including groups for those who have lost loved ones to murder or suicide. They have some amazing counselors and help kids feel safe in dealing with their pain. I learned from attending services there myself that some people go through this experience of a traumatic loss with little community support. It means a lot to us that your organization, and the individuals in it, continue to honor Molly's memory by helping her children.

If there is ever anything that we can do to advance the goals of your organization, please let us know!"



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Here's to a great 2015. Hoppy New Year!

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers **2015 Officers and Chairpersons**

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SNOBs night out

Tuesday January 20, 6pm – [Nanobrew](#) W25th



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2015 Membership Dues

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

- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts on Mondays
- ✓ [Platform Beer Co.](#) \$1 off Platform drafts on Tuesdays
- ✓ [Butcher and the Brewer](#) \$1 off drafts on Wednesdays
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 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
- ✓ Arby's: \$1.00 for a 10lb 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](#)
- ✓ [Cantine Bar and Bottle Shop](#) - \$1 off drafts
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#) – 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card

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



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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/>



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Membership Form Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

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Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) sbcglobal.net, and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

