



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 25 Years and Going Strong

January 2016 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



Greetings and welcome to the first Krausening of 2016 and of the new S.N.O.B. administration. Firstly, I would like to thank all of our 2015 officers for their time and dedication. Thanks to Jim Gress, Nathan Kovach, Ace (don't call him Mark) Knapp, Nathan Rutz, and Joe Puchalski. It was an action-packed year that will be difficult to succeed. For those of you who don't know me, I'd like to share a few tidbits about myself. I spent the first 25 years of my life in Western Massachusetts (sorry, no Boston accent) and moved to the Cleveland area in 2005 to continue my career in Aerial Mapping. I dove into homebrewing about 5-6 years ago and it quickly became my favorite hobby. I currently brew on a 15 gallon outdoor propane keggles system. I'm capable of brewing up to 10 gallons batches on my system, but I usually only make 5 gallons at a time. I enjoy the difficulty of making lagers, but also enjoy brewing English, American, and Belgian ales. I passed the BJCP certification tasting exam in 2014, and try to enter and judge as many homebrew competitions as I can logistically handle.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our other newly elected officers. Jim Jadwiziak is our new Vice President who, amongst other things, will be organizing our monthly night out. I've known Jim for several years now and have enjoyed our time together traveling to regional homebrew competitions.

Mark Rames is our newly reelected secretary. Mark was our President in 2014, and I will be relying heavily on his guidance and support to keep things running smoothly this year. I look forward to standing behind the SNOB bar that Mark designed and built while we're at the 2016 National Homebrew Conference in Baltimore this June.



Ace once again returns as our treasurer, and will also continue to serve as our merchandise coordinator. Ace has been present at almost every club event I have participated in and I am truly grateful for all of the time he has volunteered to the club over the years.

Peter Campen is taking over for Joe as our 2016 librarian. I am encouraged by both his perspective and enthusiasm for the hobby. Peter is very interested in new trends and technologies being applied to homebrewing; his presentation this past year was one of the most technical and one of my favorites.

If you fancy yourself a sour beer enthusiast, you will not want to miss the upcoming January meeting. We look forward to welcoming Ian Grzybowski from New Belgium Brewing. Ian will be joining us to share some beers and to invite us all to New Belgium's upcoming "Lost in the Woods Sour Soiree" on February 6th. Following Ian, founding SNOB member and Willoughby Brewing Company Brewmaster Rick Seibt will be treating us to a technical presentation on kettle souring. The recent SNOB collaboration brew at Willoughby used this technique to brew their "Pucker Up Porter".

We have many exciting events planned for the first few months of 2016. The first monthly night out is a Chili Cook-off (January 28th at Buckeye Brewing's Tap Shack). In March, the No Sweat Bus Trip will travel to Buffalo (March 12th – 13th). Upcoming competitions include: the Cincinnati Malt Infusers "All American Home Brew Competition" (February 13th), "The British Beerfest Competition" in Columbus (February 20th), "The Wizard of Saaz" in Akron (March 18th), and the "AHA National Homebrew Competition" (first round begins on March 13th) which is unfortunately the same weekend as our bus trip to Buffalo. Please consider entering your homebrews into these competitions even if you aren't available to volunteer as a judge or steward. Most competitions donate a portion of the entry fees to charity and offer valuable feedback from experienced judges. No matter if you have only brewed a few batches or have been brewing at home since before it was legal, I encourage you to participate in competitions near and far. Please don't forget to list "Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)" as your club when you register your entries. A full calendar of AHA-sponsored competitions can be found on the AHA website here: <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/competitions/aha-bjcp-sanctioned-competition/#calendar>

I hope all of you have a happy and safe New Year!

Cheers, Andrew

Note from your new Secretary: This newsletter business can be time consuming, at least in the beginning. If you spot any glaring errors or omissions or would like to see things come or go, let me know. I have also just scrubbed our email list and removed over 100 names so if you hear of a member who didn't get the newsletter, have them contact me at secretary@beersnobs.org

SNOBs Night Out & Chili Cookoff
Thursday January 28, 6pm
[The Tap Shack, 9985 Walford Ave, Cleveland \(216\) 281-5347](#)



25th Anniversary Bling anyone? The club spent quite a bit to bottle the Imperial Stout that was given out at the Christmas Party and here is a chance to help out with that expense AND get some of the last 25th Anniversary bling. We had some of those beautiful vinyl labels and bottle caps left over so for a **paltry \$2**, you can take home a vinyl sticker for you bathroom mirror and 2, yes 2 bottle caps with magnets for your beer fridges. There are only 75 sets and all money will go back into the SNOB piggy bank.



2016 Beer No Sweat Bus Trip

Mr. Majetic has been busy planning next year's Beer No Sweat Bus trip. As usual, John can find or smell the best breweries no matter where they hide them. This is ALWAYS a fun weekend trip, almost like taking a vacation, only with more beer. The more of us that can go, the less it cost each of us and the club. So mark your calendars, save your \$ and get ready for a great weekend. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the November meeting and we already have about 20 people signed-up. Check with John to sign up at upcoming meetings. You can also send him an email at kingsnob@beersnobs.org or message him on Facebook.

Beer and No Sweat 2016

Erie and Buffalo

When: March 12th and 13th of 2016.

Cost \$95 for the bus ride plus hotel at \$129 per double or single room.

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SNOB 2016 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

January 2016

1: Registration for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) competition opens?

4: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

28: SNOB Night Out & Chili Cookoff at The Tap Shack, 9985 Walford Ave 216-281-5347

22-23: Cleveland Winter Beerfest at the Downtown Convention Center, [volunteer](#)

February 2016

1: SNOBs meeting at Sachsenheim Hall, 7:30pm

1-7: NHC Competition Application Window

21: Registration for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) closes?

29 thru Mar 9: NHC First Round Shipping Window

March 2016

5: Winter Warmer

7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

9: NHC First Round Shipping Window Closed

11-12: NHC First 1st Round

12-13: Beer No Sweat bus trip to Erie PA and Buffalo NY

18-19: Wizard of SAAZ competition

April 2016



4: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

May 2016

2: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

3-5: Craft Brewers Conference

15-21: Columbus Beer Week

June 2016

6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

9-11: National Homebrew Conference

July 2016

11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

15-23: Ohio Beer Week

Aug 2016

1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

Sep 2016

16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

Oct 2016

3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

6-8: Great American Beer Festival

Nov 2016

7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

Dec 2016

2: SNOBs Christmas Party



2016 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Andrew Mitchell
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2016 Membership Dues

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40. PAY UP YOU CHEAPSKATES!

SNOB Supporters

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**
- ✓ [Cantine Bar and Bottle Shop](#) - \$1 off drafts on **Thursdays**
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](#) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO₂ tank refills plus other CO₂ services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#) – 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#) - \$55 total per tour for SNOBs

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.

SNOB 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
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Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40.

Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) [sbglobal.net](mailto:Danish.ace@sbglobal.net), and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

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Today's date _____

