



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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January 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



I hope all of you are having a very happy holiday season filled with cinnamon & nutmeg spiced, high gravity holiday ales. Whether you are drinking to celebrate with loved ones or to simply tolerate them, there is no better time of year to enjoy and share homebrew. Due to the observed New Year's Day holiday falling on the 1st Monday of the month, we are moving the January 2017 **monthly SNOB meeting to January 9th**. Please use the extra week to recover from your holiday travels and New Year's Eve hangovers so that you have fresh palates and refreshed minds for the meeting.

The month of December marked another fantastic SNOB Christmas Party. The Sachsenheim staff did not disappoint and provided a delicious beer-infused menu to help soak up the many homebrews that were on tap on the jockey boxes. Our annual bottle exchange was organized and run by new members Steve Winkelman, Andy Morales, and Charlie O'Malley. The exchange table was overflowing with wrapped craft bottles and cans of all sizes. Many members (including myself) look forward to this tradition and we couldn't have participated if Steve, Andy, and Charlie hadn't stepped up and volunteered to run it. Thanks so Much!

Our January 9th meeting will include 2 separate presentations. Our first guest is B.J. Solomon from Buckeye Mobile Canning who will be sharing the story of his mobile craft beer canning operation. B.J. currently has some job openings, so if you are interested in joining the Buckeye team I recommend speaking to B.J at the meeting or emailing him at mobilecanbj@gmail.com. Our second presentation will be "Tips for Blending and Altering Beers Post-Fermentation" by SNOB VP Jim Jadwisiak and Cara Baker. Jim and Cara are certified BJCP judges and experienced homebrewers who have won many medals and awards including the Best of Show at the 2015 Son of Brewzilla Homebrew (SoB) competition.

Speaking of homebrew competitions...our friends to the south, The Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) have set the date for their annual homebrew competition "The Wizard of SAAZ" (WoS) for March 24th-25th. WoS and SoB are the two annual competitions in which the Cuyahoga Cup trophy is put on the line between our two clubs. SAAZ is currently in possession of the cup, and we'll need a strong showing from our club members if we want to reclaim the cup. If you are planning on entering you should begin planning your brewing calendars now in order to ensure that your beers are at their peak flavor and conditioning levels for the competition.

On a larger scale, registration for the American Homebrewers Association's National Homebrew Competition (NHC) begins on January 30th and the entry window is open through February 5th. In order to enter this competition you must be a current AHA member and subscribed to NHC emails. Each entry will be \$14. More information can be found on the AHA website here: <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/national-homebrew-competition/entrant-volunteer-information/>

A few additional club events you should mark on your calendars include the February 6th SNOB meeting, March 4th Winter Warmer Festival, and our April SNOB bus trip. The Winter Warmer Festival is an annual cold-weather commercial beer festival presented by the Ohio Craft Brewers Association. This is my favorite Cleveland-area beer fest. It is one of the most organized, executed, and enjoyable medium-sized festivals I have attended. All breweries are typically from Ohio and are members of the OCBA. Information on attending and or volunteering will be distributed to our club members as soon as it is made available. John Majetic is still in the early stages of planning our annual bus trip. We will depart April 1st and get back on April 2nd. Our 2017 route will take us westward across northern Ohio and across the southern tier of Michigan. A tentative itinerary will be distributed once we have set the date. Our bus trips are fairly inexpensive and worth every penny. This year we will once again be doing an overnight, two-day trip in which we collect money ahead of time for a coach-style bus. Members are required to book their own hotel rooms using a SNOB discount code. Please keep an eye out for future information on this unforgettable opportunity to experience many not-so local breweries in a safe and social manner.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

To Be Determined

[We'll notify you via email when we have the info](#)

SNOB Web Page Changes. Look for changes in the look, feel and your interface of our web page as Mike and John take a look at modernization. Your feedback welcome.



Recipes from the Contest Winners 2.0

I'd like to revive a section called "Recipes from the Contest Winners". **Recipes from the Contest Winners** was a part of our newsletters in the beginning and I think it might be nice to bring it back so we can share our knowledge and success with our members and help all to be better brewers. If you wish to contribute, please send an email to secretary@beersnobs.org with your vitals such as brewer(s) name, the competition, date and medal, batch size, ingredients, yeast, OG, FG, anticipated ABV, mash and boil schedule, water treatment, anything you wish include to help another brewer. For now, to gauge usefulness, the recipe sheets will be at the end of each newsletter. Thanks to Jim and Cara for the first release! [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

Beer no Sweat Bus Trip 2017 is being planned for April 1st-2nd and will be heading to southern Michigan. The itinerary is still being worked out but we will be hitting areas around Ann Arbor, Jackson, Lansing, Howell and Novi. The way it works is this. SNOB rents a bus and gets as many of us as we can in to it making sure we leave seats open for a jockey box and kegs of beer and seats for donuts and chips. The more who go, the less our costs. Then, all whom are going call the hotel and reserve your own room. We try to double up folks in the rooms to hold down your costs so if you have a preferred roomie, make that happen. A cost estimate is \$90 per for the bus and \$60-100 for a double room.

Help Wanted! I am the founder and GM of Buckeye mobile canning. I am currently looking for employees if you know anyone who is interested in working IN This industry or I could speak at a meeting. Here is my contact info, B.J. Solomon, Mobilecanbj@gmail.com

Kegs for sale: Karl Spiesman from Brick & Barrel has 17 1/6 bbls and 5 1/2 bbls empty/used kegs for sale. The 1/6 bbls are corny's converted to Sankey. All kegs are legal (i.e. not stolen). \$25 for the 1/6 bbls, \$30 for the 1/2 bbls

The Buckeye Beer Engine has started a Beer Trivia Night, every Tuesday at 9 PM. Check out the details at <http://buckeyebeerengine.com/>, test your knowledge, win prizes and of course, eat and drink!

Brew Your Own magazine subscriptions are up for club renewals again and cost is \$17.50 for the next year. There is a minimum order of 10 subscriptions to get the discount and we need to collect your money and send one check from the club. There will be a signup sheet at the next couple meetings, deadline to order is May 30th. Bring your money!

The Grafton-Midview Public Library is looking for some SNOB expertise. Pam does the adult programs at the Grafton-Midview Public Library. I am interested in having someone come out and talk about how to get started brewing, possibly making it a series, as in, what's next?



I am trying to up the number of men coming into the library, and feel this is one subject that men wouldn't have to be dragged to by their wives! (Don't tell them I said that).

Would you know anyone willing to do something like this from your group? If so, what would be the cost for something like this? I wouldn't be able to schedule until spring, as our Jan-March calendar is already going to the printer, but possibly April or May? (We told here we don't normally receive compensation but she said that there still could be, especially if it were a series)

If you feel that this may be of interest to you, contact Pam Myers, Adult Programs, Grafton-Midview Public Library, 983 Main St. Grafton, OH 44044, [440-926-3317](tel:440-926-3317) ext.36.

Brew Boot Camp, there will be another in Santa Rosa February 24th-25th.and will include 16 in-depth, full-day sessions over 2 days. Learn hands-on from experts including Ashton Lewis, Steve Parks, Dr. Chris White, Gordon Strong, Sean Lawson, Brad Smith, Michael Tonsmeire, Aaron Hyde and more. Costs range from \$250-\$450 depending on your choices. They have sent me detailed brochures for signing up or you can visit www.byobootcamp.com.

An Upcoming Homebrew Competition Schedule can be viewed at the end of the newsletter that should help you plan your brewing schedules. Thanks to Paul Klammer for keeping it updated. [Take me to the competitions!!](#)

SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

Jan 2017

9: SNOB Meeting

30 thru 2/5: Registration begins for the AHA National Homebrew Competition (NHC)

Feb 2017

6: SNOB Meeting

24-25: Brew Boot Camp, Santa Rosa

Mar 2017

4: Winter Warmer Festival

6: SNOB Meeting

24-25: The Wizard of SAAZ" (WoS)

Apr 2017

1-2: SNOB Beer No Sweat Bus Trip to southern Michigan

3: SNOB Meeting

6: Big Brew

May 2017

1: SNOB Meeting

Jun 2017

5: SNOB Meeting

15-17: Homebrewcon, Minneapolis

23:25: Brew and Canoe Campout

Aug 2017

1: SNOB Meeting

28: SNOB September Meeting, date change



Sep 2017

22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley

Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs and invite them over for a beer or brew session.

December 2016

Eli Urban
Brad Voldrich

January 2016

February 2017

2017 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Andrew Mitchell
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Secretary: Mark Rames
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NHC Lead Planning: Mike Ontolchik
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SNOB Supporters

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

- ✓ [Griffin Cider House](#): "Industry Night" Monday nights. Discounts on ciders, beers and bar drinks for SNOBs and those in the beverage industry.
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [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**
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<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

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. There is always great food and beer available before the meeting.



Web Links of Interest

SNOB Web Page
SNOB Facebook

<http://www.beersnobs.org/>
<http://groups.to/snob/>

Brewing Resources

American Homebrewers Association
National Homebrewers Conference
The Brewing Network
Brewing TV
Basic Brewing
Brew Your Own (Magazine)
Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>
<http://www.ahaconference.org/>
<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>
<http://www.brewingtv.com/>
<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>
<http://byo.com/>
<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>

Brewing Supplies and Equipment

Cleveland Brew Shop
Grape and Granary
J.W. Dover
Leener's
The Brew Mentor

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>
<http://www.grapeandgranary.com/>
<http://www.jwdover.com/catalog/>
<http://www.leeners.com/>
<http://www.thebrewmentor.com/>

Gases, co2, Oxygen, Propane

ABC Fire Inc
Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>

2017 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 Ace at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.



Membership Form
Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

- **Single member dues are \$30 annually**
- **Couples (dual) are \$50 annually**
 - **A dual membership is only for people living at the same address as stated in the by-laws**

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

Name(s)_____

Street_____

City_____

State_____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____)_____

Email_____

Email_____

Today's date_____

Recipe's From The Contest Winners



Ingredients

Beer Name: You Dropped the Hops on Me, Baby
Beer Style/Category: Belgian IPA
Brewer(s): Jim Jadwisiak & Cara Baker
Brewer(s): SNOB 25th Fat Head's Collab
Competition: 2015 Son of Brewzilla Best of Show

Grain/Extract:

| Weight | Type | Color | Gravity |
|---------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 21 lb | Pilsner, 87% | | |
| 8 oz | Vienna, 2% | | |
| 1 lb | Cara Vienne | | |
| 1 lb | Carapils | | |
| 10.7 oz | Crystal 15 | 15L | |
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Specifications:

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Batch Volume: | <u>10 Gallon</u> | ABV: | <u> </u> |
| Anticipated OG: | <u> </u> | IBU: | <u>65-70</u> |
| Anticipated FG: | <u> </u> | SRM: | <u>6</u> |
| Actual OG: | <u>1.069</u> | Actual FG: | <u>1.008</u> |
| Efficiency: | <u> </u> | | |
| Pre-Boil Vol: | <u>13 Gallon</u> | Boil Duration: | <u>90 min</u> |
| Pre-Boil Gravity: | <u> </u> | Post-Boil Vol: | <u>10 gal</u> |
| | <u> </u> | | <u> </u> |
| | <u> </u> | | <u> </u> |
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Hops:

| Weight | Time | Type | AA | IBUs |
|----------|------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| .5 oz | FWH | Simcoe | 12.1% | 6.16 |
| .5 oz | 90 | Zeus | 17.5% | 15.74 |
| .5 oz | 30 | Columbus | 12% | 8.53 |
| .5 oz | 20 | Simcoe | 12.1% | 6.16 |
| .5 oz | 15 | Mosaic | 11.5% | 4.8 |
| .5 oz | 15 | Amarillo | 9.6% | 4.0 |
| .5 oz | 5 | Citra | 13.7% | 2.3 |
| 1 oz | 0 | Citra | 13.7% | 5.4 |
| 1 oz | 0 | Mosaic | 11.5% | 4.54 |
| 1 oz | 0 | Amarillo | 9.6% | 3.79 |
| 1 oz | 0 | Simcoe | 12.1% | 4.77 |
| 1 oz/gal | DH | Mix Amarillo/Citra | | |

Mash:

Mash Type:
Total Grain Weight:
Grain/Water Ratio:
Strike Volume/Temp.:
Mash Temp./Duration: 90 minutes @ 148°
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.:
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.:
Actual Efficiency:

Fermentation:

| Stage | Date | Temp | SG | Corr. SG |
|------------------|------|------|----|----------|
| Primary: | | | | |
| Transfer: | | | | |
| Transfer: | | | | |

Bottle/Keg

Date:
Carbonation Level:
Priming Method:

Notes:

Lallemand/Danstar Belle Saison Dry Yeast/Rehydrate-Pitch at 70F let rise.
 Left for 14 days then dry hopped:
 Dry Hop 1 oz/Gallon even split Amarillo/Citra 4 days warm (70F)/4 days cold crash dropped to 33F, transfer to keg.

Yeast:

| Type | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Lallemand/Danstar Belle Saison Dry | |

Water/Treatment Plan:

| Water Source: | Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Filtered Cleveland Water | |
| Gypsum to mash | 1 tsp |
| Calcium Chloride to sparge water | 1/2 tsp |
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Miscellaneous Ingredients: (Adjuncts, Priming Sugar, Fruits & Vegetables., Spices, Finings, Uniques)

| Weight | Description | Time |
|--------|-------------|------|
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2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

| Contest Name | Entry Deadline | Judging Date | Location | BJCP Certified | NOTES |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---|----------------|--|
| British Beerfest Competition (S.O.D.Z.) | 2/10/2017 | 2/18/2017 | Columbus, OH | yes | Limited to British styles. See competition rules. Awards after judging. |
| AHA National Homebrew Competition | 3/8/2017 | 3/17/2017 | Indianapolis, IN | yes | IMPORTANT: See AHA site for entry details and rules. AHA membership required by Jan. 29 for application between January 30 and February 5. |
| Wizard of Saaz X & Cuyahoga Cup (S.A.A.Z.) | 3/4/2017 | 3/25/2017 | Akron, OH | yes | Rubber City Beerfest after contest. Judges and stewards have received comped admission in past. |
| TRASH XXVII (T.R.A.S.H.) | tbd., ~ March/April | tbd., ~ March/April | Pittsburgh, PA | yes | After events award ceremony (dinner in past). |
| WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.) | t.b.d., ~ May | t.b.d., ~ May | Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh) | yes | Awards after judging. |
| Amber Waves of Grain, (N.A.H.) | t.b.d., ~ April/May | t.b.d., ~ April/May | Buffalo, NY | yes | After events award ceremony (dinner in past). |
| King of the Mountain VI & Founder's cup | t.b.d., ~ May/June | t.b.d., ~ May/June | Willoughby, Ohio | yes | Founders Cup proceeds are donated to a college student chosen by club officers each year. Awards after judging. |
| Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition | t.b.d., ~ May/June | t.b.d., ~ May/June | Columbus, OH | yes | Details will be available in March. Overnight accommodations usually compensated. Awards announced post event. |
| Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair) | t.b.d., June/July | t.b.d., June/July | Indianapolis, Indiana | yes | 2 day pro/am event. Comped accommodations provided in the past. |
| Erie County Fair (NY) | t.b.d., ~ April | t.b.d., ~ April | Hamburg, N.Y. (15 mins West of Buffalo) | yes | County fair. Awards announced post event. |
| Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrewer Club) | t.b.d., ~ July | t.b.d., ~ July | Athens, Ohio | yes | Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accommodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging. |
| IRON Brewer III (Homebros) | t.b.d., summer | t.b.d., summer | Cleveland, Ohio | no | Unannounced ingredient brew off. Closed judging with separate award ceremony after event and judging. |
| Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing competition | t.b.d., summer | t.b.d., summer | t.b.d. | no | Private and employee mail in contest w/winner's comped to travel to award ceremony. |
| Beer and Sweat XXIX (B.B.L. - Bloatarians) | t.b.d., ~ August | t.b.d., ~ August | Cincinnati, Ohio | yes | Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner. |
| Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.) | t.b.d., fall | t.b.d., fall | Cleveland, Ohio | yes | Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging. |
| Beer for Boobs (S.O.D.Z.) | t.b.d., fall | t.b.d., fall | Zanesville, Ohio | yes | Beer for Boobs is a national charity event that raises money for breast cancer. Awards after judging. |
| Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.) | t.b.d., ~ October | t.b.d., ~ October | Erie, PA | yes | Awards after judging. |