



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 28 Years and Going Strong

January 2018 Newsletter

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New Section!

Not every club member may be interested in every detail of every facet of what's going on in the club. This section will let you catch up on overall news quickly and then jump to the details further down by clicking on the links. You are also welcome to read from bottom to top, hold up in a mirror and read right to left inverted; whatever suits you.

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It's also the beginning of the year, which means it's time to PAY UP YOU CHEAPSKATES! Membership dues are still \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. You can pay Jessica at the meetings, or use the link on our website at beersnobs.org.

Welcome, New Members!

We are so happy to have you. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to approach, talk to one of the [officers](#).

November – Tyler Johnson, Collin Szeles

December – Geoff Goodfellow

President's Krausening Paul Klammer



Three years ago, at a company picnic, a friend shared the second beer he'd made from a kit. I asked few questions about the process and it was a revelation. I soon bought a starter set and over the next few months I made a half-dozen of my own kit beers. Meanwhile stewarded at competitions where I met people who were welcoming, beer loving, patient and having craploads of fun. In fact, every type of beer related event I've experienced; festivals, club meetings, collaboration brews, even random conversations in brewpubs and supply stores, all have this sense of community and fun. Craft beer consumers are welcoming, supportive, curious, humble, and relaxed. I tell people I work with that I am pre-retired because I already am doing what I'd want to do when I am not working when if ever the day comes. This 'hobby' gives me the chance to see the best of folks and often to contribute to good times and satisfaction for so many people. It has become part of the rhythm of my life that keeps me looking forward.

January Meeting Topic

January 8, 7:30 PM

[Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102](#)

Doug Frye of Euclid Brewing will present on alpha- and beta-acids, a mention of xanthohumol, essential oils, and for the practical application how to read a hops C of A. This will include technical aspects including chemical structures." Bring your basic and technical questions for Doug. This is a rare opportunity to talk hops with this type of technical expert.

SNOBs Night Out

January 22, 6:30PM

[Boss Dog Brewery, 2179 Lee Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118](#)

This month's SNOBs night out will be held at Boss Dog Brewery, which just opened this past November in the space formerly held by the Lemongrass restaurant. Jason Sweet, formerly a brewer for Fat Heads, should have some great beers on tap for us. They also have a gastropub style food menu, so if you come hungry there will be some great food to choose from.



Upcoming Dates

[Click here for the SNOB Google Calendar](#)

SNOB Meetings and Events

*If you like to extend your beer horizons and collect Untapped entries you will be looking forward to **Winter Warmer** and the **Beer no Sweat** bus trip in the March time frame. More info on Beer and Sweat will be communicated soon*

January 8th 7:30 PM – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

January 22nd 6:30 PM – [SNOB Night out at Boss Dog](#)

March 10-11th - Beer no Sweat

June 22nd-23rd – Brew and Canoe

September 14th-16th SNOBtoberfest

The 2018 meeting dates will continue to be the first Monday of the month, with the following exceptions: January 8th, August 27th (September meeting), No December meeting due to Christmas party.

Upcoming Competitions

Brewing competitions are year round. Below are some key ones to plan for in the first quarter of this year

February - [SODZ British Beer Fest](#)

March 15th -17th - [Mazer Cup](#) (Entries open Jan 13th)

Early April – Wizard of SAAZ

April – [NHC First Round](#) (Apply in late January)

Late April – King of the Mountain

Other Beer/Mead/Cider Related Events

January 25th – [Mead Discussion](#) at BottleHouse

March 3rd – [Winter Warmer](#)

Pro-Am Brewing Opportunities

Mike Ontolchik has been coordinating with local breweries to set up brew days where club members and breweries will work together to create a beer to be served at a night out. If you've never done a pro-am brew before, it's lots of fun and a great opportunity to see how home brewing principles scale up. If you would like to be a part of one of these brew days, [sign up here](#).



Other News

January – the best time of year for brewing!

For many of us, this is peak brewing season since cold water is an essential element in our brewing process. If you want to make lagers w/o tying up all your gear it is easier in the winter months to cool wort to lager ferment temperatures, ferment, and cold condition it. Lager or not, if you use outdoor propane, unlike a sweltering summer day, heat is welcome now. So add some layers, throw a blanket over your lawn chairs, make a crock pot of your favorite warm winter beverage while you hang out in the garage with some friends. You might even brew up this years BOS for Wizard of SAAZ. Turns out winter is good, right?

OMG

I am coordinating an initial meeting of amateur and pro mead makers on January 25th at Bottle House in Cleveland Heights. This is not a SNOB event. It is an outgrowth of many conversations at competitions etc. and the growing interest I see in mead among hobbyists and pro's. Hopefully this group will meet in the future at other Ohio meaderies. As SNOB president I cannot lead though I will participate.

Future meeting presentations

I'm planning meeting presentations/activities for a 2 year time frame. Based on past feedback and observations of the excellent work done by my predecessors, I will be trying to have informational presentations, expert presentations, and some regular member participation events like the big brew competition and the trivia events. My goal is to have informative as well as entertaining time that works for newer and advanced levels (mission impossible). Feedback and suggestions for format and content are always welcome.

December Recap

Xmas party

Hard to believe another SNOB xmas party is behind us. This was my third and seemed to go as well as ever with excellent food by Grumpy, unusual and rare table beers and mead being shared by everyone, and smoothly run bottle exchange. There may have been a few less taps running in back but still more than enough so that one could not hope to sample all of them. And, somehow I did not get a piece of the table sized dessert cake. Well, there's always next year. The Christmas party is the single most attended event each year and it's so great to be able to connect with so many people in one club event. Hopefully we have all had a great year to look back on and there is another one ahead for each of us.



Officer transition

The annual officer transition meeting was held before the Jolly Scholar social event. We set dates for key events and identified a few things we wanted to do to start the new year. Thanks to the prior members and everyone who manages our key activities who participated and are making it easy for the new folks to set in to our roles.

December Social event

Matt Van hosted about 25 SNOBs at the Jolly Scholar on the CWRU campus in Thwing Center. Matt and brewer Aaron Wirtz had on 17 beers for our event in addition to a handful of guest taps. Food was fresh and very good with reasonable prices. I sure wish there had been a place like this on campus when I went to school. I'm going to plan to stop in when in the University Circle area from now on. Some creative thinking was needed to fit their operation into the former basement printshop location which is small and rather low. The result is an intense brewing set up that does not waste an inch, with tight spaces in the brew room and in the routes in and out yet still has room for expansion. The brewing process is more hands on and more labor intense which a hands-on homebrewer will easily relate to.

King of Ohio

The King of Ohio competition was held at Thirsty Dog with several veteran SNOB member judges present to help along with area beer bloggers/beer media folks. Stouts were the focus this year with categories for Oatmeal, Coffee/breakfast, Fruit/vegetable, Barrel-aged, Imperial, Specialty, and Normal stouts. Yellow Springs Brewery's Maxxdout American Stout was the overall winner with Three Tigers Brother Sam and Elevator Gravity 2.0 finishing second and third, respectively. Events like this are great to connect with others in the craft community and recognize the excellent the quality of beer being made in Ohio. One of the great things about being a SNOB is being able to partake in opportunities like this.

Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons



				
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Links and Other Items of Interest

SNOB Member Discounts (coming soon)

[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

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2018 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 will be available on our website. Dues can be paid to Jessica at the next meeting, mailed to her at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.

