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## SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST OHIO BREWERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

January Meeting  
January 7, 2019 7:30 PM  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

We will start off the New Year with a brand-new meeting format that we think will give everyone more time to catch up and meet each other. We will also be helping you prepare for upcoming competitions by talking about oxygen-free transfers. Finally, we will hold a Q&A about the upcoming first round of the NHC in Cleveland by the local organizer, and club Vice President, Mike Ontolchik. We would love to hear your feedback after the meeting and hope that the changes work for you.

Hey, while we're talking about the new year, start it out right by paying your club dues!



### PRESIDENT'S KRAUSENING

Happy New Year! This is a great time to reflect and prepare for the year ahead. The leadership team is really looking forward to an event-filled year. Overall, our club continues to provide great education opportunities on all topics relating to quality beer and brewing. One area that we'd like to continue to improve is the meeting experience. We want each and every member of the club to get something out of every meeting, and we hope that you see that reflected in what we are implementing. In addition we want to foster an environment that allows our meetings to provide us all an opportunity to socialize with new and current members. We are eager to see you at our first meeting, please let us know what you think.

-Neal

Welcome New  
Members!

Jacob Eaton

# NHC First Round Comes to Cleveland



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This year, we are proud and excited to announce that the Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB) and Society of Akron Area Zymurgists will be hosting a First Round location for the National Homebrew Competition at [Fat Heads Brewery & Beer Hall](#) in [Middleburg Heights](#), Ohio. Here is what you need to know.

### Volunteering:

We highly encourage as many members as possible to volunteer. If you are not already an AHA member, we encourage you to become one at [homebrewersassociation.org](http://homebrewersassociation.org). Volunteer registration opens on February 5, and you will have to register through [BrewingCompetition.com](http://BrewingCompetition.com). Volunteers get entry location preference for next year's conference. Volunteers will be needed on March 24 for unboxing, and March 29-31 for the competition itself. Please note, if you are bringing entries you MAY NOT bring them on the day of unboxing.

### Entering:

You must be an AHA member to enter. The NHC competition differs from our usual competitions in several other ways. First, please note that even though we are hosting a first round in Cleveland, you are not guaranteed your first choice of locations or, in fact, get any entries at all. Entries are assigned both in number and location by a lottery system. Secondly, this is not a competition to enter for feedback. You will not receive a detailed score sheet and entries are \$16 each, so you should only submit entries that you have had success with. Finally, make sure you plan ahead. For the first round you will need to submit 2 12 oz. bottles. If you make it to the final round you will have to submit another 3. Because the two competitions are 3 months apart, this may require a re-brew to ensure that you are entering a product of the same quality.

There are several other competitions coming soon, those will be detailed on page 4. You can enter these competitions for feedback, and will provide you helpful information.

For more information, visit <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/national-homebrew-competition/>

A detailed list of major dates is on the next page. These are also on the [SNOB Calendar](#).



## IMPORTANT NHC DATES

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- **Now till January 21:** Sign up or renew AHA membership. You cannot compete without AHA membership. It is encouraged to be an AHA member to volunteer.
- **January 22 to 29:** National Homebrew Competition Open Enrollment: You are requesting entries in NHC and you may not get Cleveland as your first choice for the location where you will be sending your entries. It had been the max of 4 entries per entrant the last couple of years. Plan to enter your best. This is not a competition to enter for feedback.
- **February 1 - 14:** Beer Registration & Payments: You will be assigned an NHC First Round location and a number of entries. Pay for your entries by February 14th. You may edit your entries through the shipping window.
- **February 5th:** Volunteer Registration opens. You have to register through the BrewingCompetition.com website on February 5th or after to volunteer. You will get entry location preference if you volunteered the previous year.
- **March 1 - 14:** First Round Shipping Window: Your entries have to get to the shipping or drop-off location between March 1st and March 14th. There are no exceptions. You cannot bring entries to Unboxing Day.
- **March 24th:** Cleveland Unboxing Day at Fat Heads Middleburg Heights
- **March 29 - 31:** NHC First Round Cleveland at Fat Heads Middleburg Heights
- **April 12-14:** NHC First Round Indianapolis
- **April 26th:** All First Round Results will be posted. You will be able to see your scores and the category medalists for each First Round location by this date.
- **May 3rd:** First Round Scoresheets are emailed.

Medalists that scored 30 points or higher will have the opportunity to ship their entries to Providence, RI for the 2019 Second Round, that will happen during HomebrewCon.

- **June 10 - 20:** Final Round Shipping Window
- **June 27:** Final Round Judging
- **June 29:** Final Round Awards Ceremony. The Brewing Network will broadcast the ceremony if you are not attending HomebrewCon.



## JANUARY SNOBS NIGHT OUT

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**Tuesday, January 15 6:30 PM**  
**Fat Heads Brewery & Beer Hall**  
**17450 Engle Rd**  
**Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**

Let's start out the New Year at Fat Head's New Production Brewery. Join us as we place the Cuyahoga Cup on display! As Fat Heads is one of our sponsors, you can even see the poster on their self-guided tour that mentions us.

And all of that is not to mention the fantastic beer, great food, and spacious location. It's sure to be a fun time.



## OTHER UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

The NHC isn't the only competition coming soon! Here are some others:

- [Monsters of Malt \(Athens\)](#) – February 23
- [SheBrew \(Women Only, Portland\)](#) – February 23
- [Wizard of Saaz \(Akron\)](#) – April?
- [TRASH \(Pittsburgh\)](#) – April 12
- [King of the Mountain](#) (Willoughby) – May?

If you know of any upcoming competitions you think should be highlighted here, email Erica at [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)



## BEER NO SWEAT

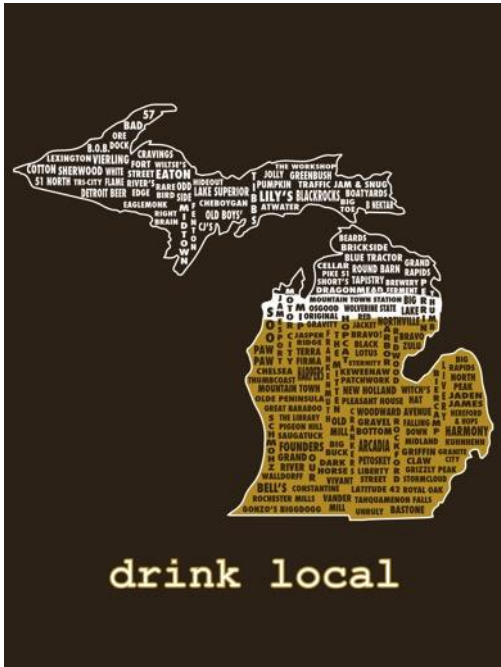
April 6-7  
Michigan - The Thumb

We will be traveling to the “Thumb” of Michigan to sample some fun beers! The cost will be \$92 for the bus. The hotel is TBD, but should be around \$90. If you are attending, you will be responsible for booking and paying for your hotel room.

The bus will leave at 10:00 AM on the 6<sup>th</sup> and return around 10:00 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

For details about the locations and to sign up, visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/2QVGai7nJMFAZ1IE3>

If you have any questions, contact John at [kingsnob@gmail.com](mailto:kingsnob@gmail.com)



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Feb 4
- March 3
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 8
- September 5
- October 7
- November 4

Upcoming topics will be listed here soon.



## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

[Cleveland Winter Beer Fest](#): Jan 25-26

SNOBs Christmas Party: December 6



# 2019 Officers and Chairpersons



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## LINKS AND MEMBERSHIP INFO

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[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

[SNOB Facebook](#)

### **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 JESSICA AT THE NEXT MEETING, MAILED TO HER AT THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM OR BY USING OUR PAYPAL LINK AT [BEERSNOBS.ORG](https://www.beersnobs.org)

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