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## SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST OHIO BREWERS

### CLUB NEWSLETTER

January Meeting  
January 6, 2019 7:30 PM  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

It's our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! The first meeting will be spent in an open discussion about what our strengths are as a club, and how we want to build on them moving forward. We want your input to help set the course for 2020, so please don't miss this meeting!

If you plan on bringing a keg or growler to the meeting, please tell us a little about it [here](#). You can also request in-person or anonymous feedback. Even if you are not bringing anything, check out the link to see what's coming!

Also, don't forget to pay your dues!

### BULK CIDER BUY

I apologize for the tight turn around, but everything has been in flux since our previous vendor raised the price. We are going to try for a bulk cider buy, but are still unsure of the exact price or the pick up dates. Here is what we know right now.

The price should be \$3.50-4.50 / gallon. Please order in 5 gallon increments. We will have to cap our entire order at 260 gallons to ensure it can fit into our tote. You can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/QDzrxKuACATg7nDu7>

You will have to pick up the cider from 9520 Whitewood Rd, Brecksville on a yet-to-be determined weekend. It will most likely be in mid-to-late January. If you are unable to pick up on that weekend, you can ask someone to pick it up for you. If you are unable to pick it up, it will be offered to be purchased by other members. We will not be able to hold on to cider past the pick up weekend.

You must also provide your own clean, sanitized containers large enough to fit the whole amount. Please bring large containers to make the filling process as simple as possible.

# President's Krausining

Dear SNOBS,

I'd like to use my first column as an opportunity to share with the club that I am enthusiastically looking forward to the club's 30<sup>th</sup> year and am very excited to undertake my role as President. I'm excited because our club has so much going for it. As the one of the longest running homebrew clubs in the state and in the region, we have a long and meaningful history. Our club has a large core of active involved members and talented brewers who are generous with their time and knowledge. We have the capability of hosting large and well-run events thanks to a strong group of judges and competition organizers. We have long-standing relationships with most of the craft brewers in the region. We offer educational opportunities for brewers at every level and social events for all who want to share the comradery that good beer and beer snobbery fosters. I'm as excited as ever about our club and all the positive momentum we have going for us.

As many of you know, I was a founding member of the club and was elected its first President almost thirty years ago. I initially got into brewing back in the 1980's because there just wasn't very much good beer out there and I felt that I maybe I could do better and have some fun with it. But after a couple years I stopped brewing due to the time constraints imposed by a growing young family and career. However I never stopped being a beer snob, it was always in the back of my mind to get back into brewing when time allowed. Then, five years ago, I was invited to attend SNOBs 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party at Great Lakes Brewery, It was then I made up my mind to re-join the club and begin brewing again. Fortunately for me, my daughter has good taste in men and was dating a homebrewer. I was also lucky that he liked me enough to allow me to begin brewing with him and his friends. We were having fun brewing and making ok beer, but it was the informal feedback on our beer that we got from experienced SNOB members like Andrew, Erica and Greg that helped us take it up a notch and make better beer. It was also thanks to the club's educational presentations in meetings and the feedback we received from entering competitions that Eli (who has since become my son-in-law) and I are now making better beer than ever before.

As a returning SNOB, I am continually impressed by the talents and dedication of club members and our role in the local beer community. I'm very proud of my role as a founding member, but especially so when I see how the club has grown and flourished over the years. I'm proud of our club when I talk to the many talented members we have and when I see so many of you volunteer and work together to pull off another successful competition, the big brew, the bus trip, camp-outs, sausage making and other activities. I'm proud that the club has been a base for so many members to launch careers in the brewing business. As your new President, it is my intent that we continue build upon our very solid thirty-year-old foundation. It is my hope that we keep this club vibrant and relevant to our membership by continuing to offering the best social, educational and competitive event offerings. To make sure we are doing this, I want to spend the first meeting of the year in an open discussion talking about how to build upon our strengths going forward. I have my own thoughts and I've had some good input from members, but want to open up for a general discussion. I'd like to hear your thoughts on how the club can provide educational and social programs that are meaningful and fun for the membership. I plan on basing the rest of the year's programs on that input. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> fellow SNOBs.

Cheers,

Jay



## JANUARY SNOBS NIGHT OUT

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The January SNOBS night out is to be determined. We will send out an update as soon as possible.

The February SNOBS night out will be Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Forest City Brewing. We will be holding a Chili Cook Off, so start planning your winning recipes now!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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Many of you have volunteered for the Cleveland Winter Beerfest in the past. Here's an opportunity to do so while supporting the charity of one of our members. You will get some samples, a t-shirt, and pizza!

### **Cleveland Winter Beerfest**

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Click on the link below to register. Don't forget to add "Trinity" in the non-profit space provided.

<https://beer.ticketspice.com/2020-cleveland-winter-volunteer>

## COMPETITION SPOTLIGHT: NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION

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Cleveland is hosting a first round of the NHC again. Here are some critical dates and details.

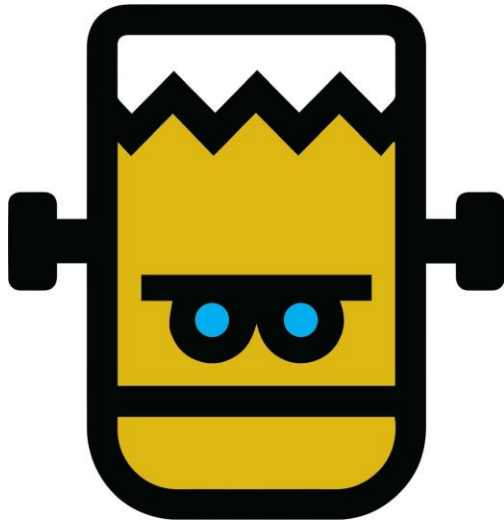
Open Enrollment: January 14-22

Acceptance / Registration: by February 14. (You will have 7 days to complete payment)

First Round in Cleveland: March 27-29

Please note that you will have location priority if you judged last year. As always, we need lots of judges and stewards to run the competition smoothly, so please sign up!

<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/national-homebrew-competition/>



**MONSTERS  
OF MALT**

## OTHER UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

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*Please note that Wizard of SAAZ will be this fall.  
There will be no Son of Brewzilla in 2020.*

### **Monsters of Malt: February 29**

<https://www.obw.brewcomp.com/>

Athens, OH

Focus on BIG beers

### **SheBrew: February 29**

<http://shebrew.oregonbrewcrew.org/>

Portland, OR

Women Only

If you know of any competitions I may have missed, send me a message!



## 2020 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)

