

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for July 2012

President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

Brew and Canoe was a great success this year. For dinner on Saturday, we had 16 SNOBs in attendance. Twelve of us camped the beautiful weekend. I really think our campouts are a great way for club members to get to know each other and build club community. We had very good homebrews, some pretty awesome rare craft beer, fantastic food and possibly the best camping weather I can remember. Thank you to **Mike McColgan** for hosting and **John Majetic** for leading the main dish preparation. It was great to see newer SNOB members **Dave Burlage, Eileen Spevak** and **Marc Liviskie** camp out for the weekend. Please keep September 14th – 16th free this year so you can join your fellow SNOB members in Hinckley, Ohio for SNOB Octoberfest (or is it SNOBtoberfest?). We'll be camping at The Brooklyn Exchange cabin in Hinckley Reservation once again for our late summer / early fall campout.

After camping, I cleaned myself up and repacked for Seattle because I flew out that Monday for the [National Homebrew Conference](#). **Todd Donnelly, Brian Wright, Ted Noah** and I were in attendance for the seminars, pro night, club night and the awards banquet. If you follow this link, you can see the seminars that were given this year. AHA members will get access to the presentations and the audio from these presentations, soon.

The best part of the awards banquet for me was when the first [National Homebrew Competition](#) medal was announced and it was **Brian Lennon's** bronze for his Munich Helles. Congratulations, Brian. Being 3rd best of 200 total entries in an NHC category is quite the

accomplishment. For a moment, SNOB was leading the point totals over every other homebrew club. Of course, The Brewing Network took Silver and The Impaling Alers took Gold, so we quickly fell down the club standings. Between the SNOB and SAAZ members whose beers medaled in the first round of the National Homebrew Competition, we thought we had a dozen contenders in the almost 800 entry final round. Northeast Ohio had a great showing at the National Homebrew Competition once again.

The reason I bring up The National Homebrew Conference is that I believe it is a great learning and homebrew community building experience that everyone who is serious about our hobby should try to attend. Next year, the NHC will be held in Philadelphia. For many of us, we could drive there and spend the majority of the week enjoying Philly's great craft beer scene and attending the NHC. My favorite part of NHC has been Club Night. It's not only a beer fest of homebrews. It's a chance for homebrewers to show off their talents and their club pride. I would really like to organize a large enough contingent of SNOB members to attend next year's NHC so that we can have a booth at Club Night. We'll have to build something to bring attention to our booth and we'll have to figure out a costume theme. We have a year until June 27th, 2013, so I believe we can make this happen for next year.

This year's conference attendance was around 1800 people and it sold out in 46 hours. Next year's capacity will be 2500 people. It will be on the East Coast for the first time in a while. Part of our club's organizing for NHC will be to get people to buy their tickets as soon as they are available.

Meanwhile, back on the ranch, Todd Donnelly, **Greg Irving**, **Chris** and **Pat Cain** were winning homebrew competition awards in Athens, Ohio for [Ohio Brew Week](#). Congratulations. Keep brewing great beer. It's time to start planning your brews for Son of Brewzilla.

Speaking of Son of Brewzilla, Brian Wright, Greg Irving and I are going to start looking for some SNOB members to help us organize our competition this year. If you would like to get involved, please talk to one of us. I am looking for someone who has some web programming experience, preferably with PHP and MySQL. I would like you to first work with our competition system administrator and programmer, **Mike Yingling**. After we get Son of Brewzilla's software ready for the year, I have more work I would like done for our website.

This month, we are going to focus on a style that is near to my heart, especially in the summer months: Saison. Jeff Bradbury is going to talk about the style and how he brews his Saisons. Jeff and I will be bringing Saisons to serve on draft. The [BJCP](#) tries to define Saison from what is now commercially available in Belgium and some of the Farmhouse-styled offerings we have here in the US. It's a varied beer style and I think you'll see that in what Jeff and I bring to the meeting.

Saison is also increasing in popularity. There will be a few new yeast strains from Wyeast and White Labs that will be available this year that haven't been in the past. It's time to get to know the style and start experimenting.

For an alternative, please bring in some of the Big Brew Brown IPA. We should have a couple open taps on the jockey box.

Cheers,

Mike Ontolchik



Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

7/11: [West Point Market Homebrew Challenge](#)

7/14: [Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition –Entry form postmarked by 6/20](#)

9/29: Son of Brewzilla

NHC Winner!

Congratulations Brian Lennon for his NHC Victory!

Brian Lennon:
1d (Munich Helles) Bronze

SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

July 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

17: SNOBs Night Out: Market Garden

28: Blues and Brews (Lock 3)

August 2012

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

27: September SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM

Sachsenheim Hall

September 2012

14 - 16: Oktoberfest

15: Son of Brewzilla Entry Deadline

29: Son of Brewzilla)

October 2012

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

19 – 27: Cleveland Beer Week

November 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

December 2012

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

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Welcome New SNOB Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

January 2012

Adam Gullett

Dave Luddington

Josh & Jason Czernek

Ken Prohn

Mark Rames

Paul Burdue

February 2012

Chris and Pat Cain

Chris Hammer

Dan Custer

Darren Cross

March 2012

Tom Bullock

April 2012

Lance Todd

Mark St. John

SNOBs Night Out – Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM

Market Garden Brewery

1947 West 25th Street Cleveland, OH 44113 * (216) 621-4000

2012 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2012 are now being collected by Mark Knapp, treasurer. The price of a SNOBs membership remains the same, still a bargain at only \$30 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Dual membership, so **pay up you cheapskates!!**

Included in the membership is admittance to the 4 (**yes, count them**) big **SNOB events of the year: Beer No Sweat** (February/March), **Brew & Canoe** (June), **Oktoberfest** (weekend camping event end of September) and the catered **SNOBs Christmas Party** (December).

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

- ✓ [Stamper's Grill Pub](#): \$1 off drafts
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts on Mondays
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Rozi's Wine House](#): 10% off homebrew supplies

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.

S.N.O.B.'s 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

June Treasurers Report

June Income		June Expenses	
Membership	\$30.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Raffle	\$201.00	Brew & Canoe	\$167.00
Subtotal	\$231.00	Subtotal	\$242.00

Web Links of Interest

SNOB

website: <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Facebook: <http://groups.to/snob/>

forum: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cleveland_beer_snobs

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/>

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

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

c/o Mark Knapp
2668 Hampton Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

(Prorated for NEW members if you join after June. Contact Mark Knapp for the current rate.)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

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Your name and address may be released to beer related business or groups **unless** you initial here _____.

Today's date _____