



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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July 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



Summer is upon us and I hope you've been enjoying the season as much I have...with a refreshing homebrew in your hand! Two weeks ago SNOB held its annual "Brew & Canoe" camp out at Tim's place on the Huron River. Keeping true to SNOB camping regulations we had more kegs than people and somehow managed to not burn down the surrounding forest with our bonfire. Our summer campout is less attended than our SNOBtoberfest camp out in the fall but I have a great time at both. Thanks to everyone who came to hang out, share some food and brews, and especially to Tim McDonnell for hosting us once again.

Our Monthly July meeting has been pushed back to the 10th due to the extended 4th of July holiday weekend. Don't forget, if you took home some wort from the SNOB Big Brew back in May we ask that you bring a few gallons of your fermented beer to share at the July meeting. There will be so many beers to sample (hopefully 15-20) that we are forgoing our typical technical presentation format and are instead allowing members to take the mic and describe their version of the 2017 Big Brew beer. We will hold a people's choice voting for everyone's favorite and the top 4 finishers will be given \$50 gift certificates to local homebrew shops.

As you've probably heard, Melanie Balcer from the Sachsenheim had an accident resulting in a serious traumatic injury requiring hospitalization, brain surgery, and significant time off from work. A fundraiser is being held (details below) and Lance Todd asked me to get the word out to see if SNOB can put together a gift basket for the raffle table. He's looking to fill it with good commercial beers. If any of you have something you'd like to include, please give it to Lance at the July 10th SNOB meeting, or make other arrangements before then with me or Lance. Good commercial beers only please; no homebrew, Zima, Bud Light Extra Lime Chelada, etc...

We are all invited/encouraged to go to the fundraiser too of course. A few of us will be in Athens for Ohio Brew Week that weekend...but I'm still planning on making a donation.

Fundraiser Info:

July 15th, 5pm - 10pm, Sachsenheim Hall

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

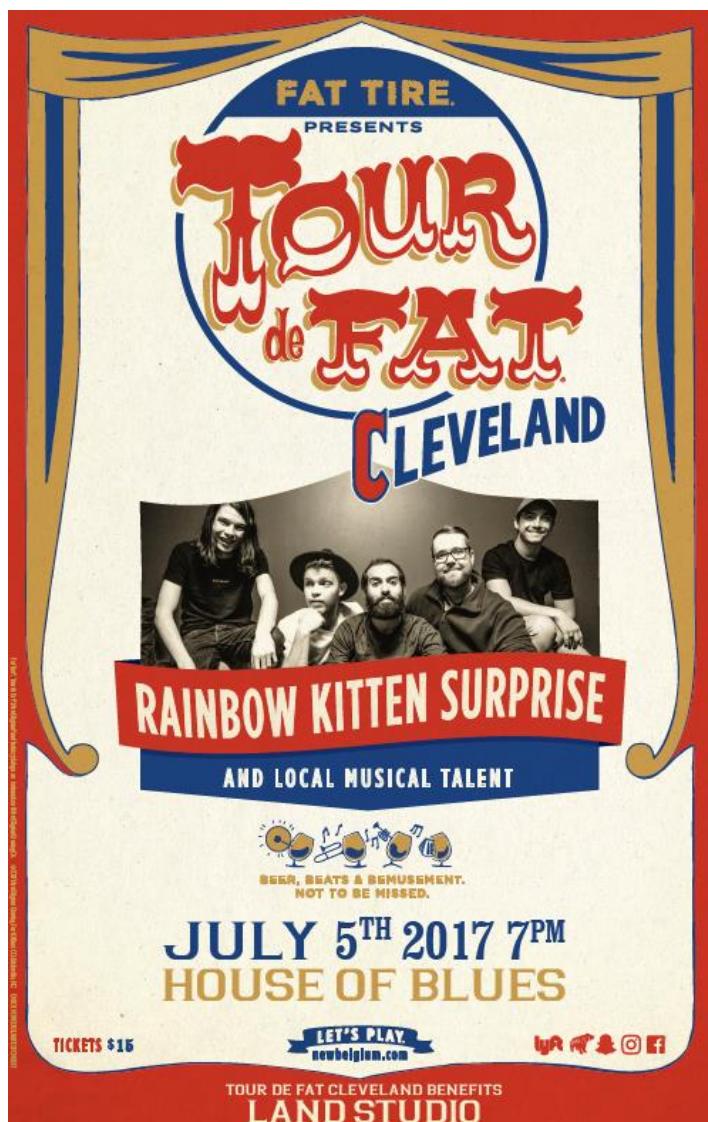
Cash Bar, Chinese Raffle, Door Prizes.

Donations for baskets are being accepted and are appreciated!

Donations can be dropped off at the Sachsenheim, Icehouse Tavern, and the Hill Pub.

Any questions please call:

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We're skipping the technical presentation at the July meeting, but don't worry...we're making up for it in August with not one, but TWO meetings with technical presentations. Our August meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month (the 7th) and will feature Market Garden Brewmaster & SNOB croquet all-star Andy Tveekrem giving a presentation on the evolving role of science and technology in brewing. The September meeting will be held on the last Monday of August (the 28th) so as not to conflict with the Labor Day holiday

New Belgium's annual "Tour De Fat" event is coming up this week, on July 5th. This year should be better than ever as it is being held at the House of Blues and will feature the band "Rainbow Kitten Surprise" as well as other local musical talent. Tickets cost \$15 for the masses, but SNOB members can receive a 20% discount by entering the promo code "FatTireTDFCleveland" at checkout. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster [here](#) and more info about the event can be found on [New Belgium's site](#).

The 12th annual Ohio Brew Week is taking place in Athens on July 14th-22nd. I'm happy to see that several other SNOBs are also planning to help judge at the OBW Homebrew Competition. Organizer Jody Grenert always volunteers at Son of Brewzilla and it's a good opportunity for us to return the favor. A few of us are making a 3-day weekend out of it and driving down on Friday the 14th to hit some of the tap takeovers, special bottle releases, and roller derby parties. If you're coming to Athens for the competition, or even just to hang out for OBW events please let me know so we can all meet up. Good luck to all who have entered beers.



weekend. SNOB member Greg Irving will be giving a presentation on alternative hopping techniques with a focus on mash hopping. Greg consistently medals and wins competitions with his hop-forward homebrews and I'm looking forward to learning more about this atypical hopping method.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

July, 6:30PM

Noble Beast, Date To Be Announced, 1470 Lakeside Ave, E Cleveland

2017 Big Brew Challenge at the July meeting will be a fun time but there are some rules to help tame the chaos of having this many beers to judge.



Rules for Big Brew Challenge Entrants:

- Please have your beer ready for the Monday, July 10th meeting.
 - Plan to be at Sachsenheim Hall with your entry by 7:00 PM.
- We can have plenty of jockey box space available.
 - You will have to let us know if you need pin lock or sankey hookups.
- You may also bottle your entries.
- Please let Mike Ontolchik know by Friday, July 7th how you plan to dispense beer.
- Bring in the equivalent of at least 2 gallons of beer so that everyone that would like to try your entry can have a couple of ounces.
- You will be asked to explain what you did with your beer at the club microphone so you can be heard over the crowd.
- We will have prize(s) for place(s) based on People's Choice. This is dependent on what we have remaining in our Big Brew budget for 2017.

Suggestions for everyone else attending:

- Bring your favorite tasting glass



- Water pitchers and dump buckets will be available
- Take enough beer to taste. Leave some for others. Try as many as you would like.
- Discuss beers with your fellow SNOB members. This is a learning experience.
- Pay attention to entrants as they explain their process.
- Ask questions of entrants one on one.

Vote. The competition is People's Choice. Your vote counts as well as anyone else.



Mark your CALENDARS!! SNOBtoberfest Campout in Hinckley is on the horizon! I know, we aren't all even unpacked from Brew & Canoe but September 22nd-23rd is only a heat wave or two away. If you've never been, you should come on out to the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley for the day or all weekend.

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.

BYO Magazine is trying to gauge interest in peoples and clubs interest in Brew Camps, rather than me speculating, if you wish to, feel free to contact them with interest.

Hey Mark,

Sorry to bug you, but was trying to follow up with a few clubs to elicit some opinions. So we've got a Boot Camp coming in November to Indianapolis. After seeing several clubs attend our last Boot Camp in Santa Rosa, CA, we thought it would be good to try to incentivize more clubs to attend. So not sure if you've seen the \$25 off promotion we're offering to clubs...but I haven't heard a peep in response. So just trying to track down some thoughts from clubs that I have worked with in other areas. Does this promotion seem like something of interest?

Would love to hear any other opinions you or members may have about it.

Cheers!

Dave Green

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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!!](#)

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. [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events

[Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

Jul 2017

- 5: New Belgium's annual "Tour De Fat"
- 10: SNOB Meeting
- 13: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on water
- 14-22: 12th Annual Ohio Brew Week
- 15: Ohio Beer Week Homebrew Competition
- 15: Melanie Balcer Fundraiser

Aug 2017

- 7: SNOB Meeting
- 28: SNOB September Meeting, date change

Sep 2017

- 22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley
- 30: HAZtoberfest Competition

Oct 2017

- 5-7: GABF

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

- Ken and Lynn Stovansky
- Tod Hulse

February 2017

- Stephen Jira, Louie West,
- Levi Hume, Mike Gallagher
- Stephen Fagerhaug



March 2017

Robert Schroeder

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

April 2017

May 2017

Calvin Frye



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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](#): (**new discount**) 15% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](#) (<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
- ✓ [AAA Gas Supply](#): On demand fills, \$1 off propane, \$2 off co2, M-F 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1

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
A.A.A. Gas Supply

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>
aaagassupply@yahoo.com, 216-228-4800

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 made payable to "SNOB"
- PayPal to [Treasurer Ace](#)
- Credit cards (only in person, fee applies)
- Snail mail to our Treasurer
Mark Knapp, Treasurer
2668 Hampton Ave
Rocky River, OH 44116

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

Recipe's From The Contest

Winners

Beer Name: Barnstorm Saison
Beer Style/Category: Saison
Brewer(s): Dave Cousino
Brewer(s):
Competition: 2016 Sam Adams Longshot Winner

Specifications:

Batch Volume:	5.5 Gallon	Anticip. ABV:	
Anticipated OG:		IBU:	31
Anticipated FG:		SRM:	4
Actual OG:	1.061	Actual FG:	1.002
Efficiency:		Actual ABV	7.8%
Pre-Boil Vol:		Boil Duration:	90 min
Pre-Boil Gravity:		Post-Boil Vol:	

Mash:

Mash Type:	Infusion*
Total Grain Weight:	10.5 pounds
Grain/Water Ratio:	? gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.:	? gal/?F
Mash Temp./Duration:	*45 minutes @ 145°
Additional Step	*30 minutes @ 155°
Temp./Duration/Vol.:	
Additional Step	*10 minutes @ 168°
Temp./Duration/Vol.:	
Actual Efficiency:	

Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	10 days	75°		
Secondary:				
Crashed:	5 days	35°		

Bottle/Keg

Date:	
Carbonation Level:	
Priming Method:	Forced co2

Notes:

Original name was A Saison Has No Name

* Since winning, I have consolidated the mash schedule to one step at 143°.

** Have also gone back to all SAAZ hops (original recipe I subbed because that's what I had at the time)



Ingredients

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
9 lb	Belgian Pilsner		
1 lb	Belgian Wheat Malt		
.5 lb	Munich Malt		

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	60	Fuggles**	4.1%	

Yeast:

Type	Amount
WYeast 3711, 1.5L starter, stirplate, decanted	1 pkg

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount

Miscellaneous Ingredients:

(Adjuncts, Priming Sugar, Fruits & Vegetables., Spices, Finings, Uniques)

Weight	Description	Time

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrew Club)	3/1/17 - 7/7/17	7/15/2017	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	5/30/17 - 6/18/17	July 7 & 8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards banquet included.
Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing contest XXI	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d.	no	Private and employee mail in contest w/winners comded to travel to award ceremony.
Beer and Sweat XXIX (Bloatarians)	t.b.d. September/August	8/19/2017	Cincinnati, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner. Overnight accomodations available at venue.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	08/01/2017 - 09/29/2017	09/30/2017 at 9:00 AM, EDT	The Brewerie, Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	10/28/2017	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competitor, included for date awareness
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.
Minnesota Mashout	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	Summit Brewing, St. Paul, Minnesota	Yes	At over 1000 homebrew entries, the second largest homebrew competition in the U.S. (after NHC). Event includes educational presentations and speakers.
Oktobersbest Homebrew Competition	t.b.d. Winter	t.b.d. winter	Cincinnati	Yes	
WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.)	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh)	yes	Uncertain that this will happen this year
Midwest HomeBrewer of the Year	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	13 midwestern states including Ohio	t.b.d.	The Minnesota Mashout is sponsored by the Minnesota Home Brewers Association and the St. Paul Home Brewers Club. This is a 13 state cumulative awards competition.

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Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES

Nearest BJCP Exams

[See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams](#)

Beer	6/24, Cincinnati
Beer	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	9/2/2017, Beijing, China, contact Le Meng
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA (east of Pittsburgh)
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	11/5, Detroit
Beer	11/11 Cincinnati
Beer	11/25 Toronto
Beer	1/13/18, Cincinnati
Beer	4/18/18 Toronto
Beer	5/5/18, Columbus, Ohio
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinnati