

# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

## Club Newsletter for June 2013

### President's Krausening

By Todd Donnelly

Greetings fellow SNOBs!

I am writing this while on my annual fishing trip to Lake Ontario with my father and grandfather on Lake Ontario. My annual contribution to the trip is to bring the beer (imagine that)... so I always try to bring the best summertime beers to drink on the boat (and afterwards), and it's always best to use cans vs. bottles when fishing. A few years ago this option was pretty bleak, but the offerings of craft beer in cans has exploded in the past 5 years, so as I'm sipping a 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment "Bitter American" as I write this, I can say the canning revolution is doing quite well. Hopefully, a trend that continues. I always seek out local craft breweries when I travel, no matter how big or small, and this trip was no exception – we found a brand new (less than 6 months old) brew pub called Woodcock Brothers in Wilson, NY. They are off to a good start, and I encourage everyone to do the same when you travel. Spread the homebrew/craft beer love!

### May meeting recap –

Much thanks to **Jim Gress** who lead us on an adventure through at topic that was obviously very near and dear to his home-brewing heart - German ales & lagers, with his very detailed presentation and multiple homebrewed beers to sample from. I love seeing this type of passion and knowledge from a fellow club member as we all benefit from it immensely. If you have a topic you'd like to share with the club, let me know – the more we learn from each other the better! Sarah Cleary from Goose Island had a breakdown of the Goose Island Brewing legacy

and shared 3 special beers with the club – *Matilda* (Belgian Pale ale), *Sofie* (Belgian Farmhouse ale), and *Pere Jacques* (Abbey ale). Sara enjoyed meeting all of us so much, the SNOBs are invited to a special evening at the Bedford Hts. Lizardville on the 12<sup>th</sup> where they will have some very special Goose Island offerings for us. See more info later in the newsletter.

Our very own SNOBs member & Brewmaster **Andy Tveekrem** provided a great historical perspective on an all but forgotten style that they recently did as a collaboration brew with Victory Brewing Co. called *Kennett Ale*. We had the SNOBs Club Only Competition for Extract beers right before the meeting, much thanks to Mike Ontolchik, Paul Shick, Rick Seibt, and Greg Irving who helped me out as our expert tasting/judging panel. While we didn't know it at the time, this would be the very last CoC contest held by the AHA, so I'm glad we ended on a high note. We had the best participation in a CoC ever with over 10 club members submitting entries. Much thanks to everyone who participated! The top 3 were:

- **Mark Sheppa** - 1<sup>st</sup> with his IPA
- **Todd Donnelly** - 2<sup>nd</sup> with a weizenbock
- **Jim Gress** - 3<sup>rd</sup> with his specialty (gluten free wit)

SNOBs were well represented as judges and helpers at the recent Little Mountain Homebrewers Association "King of the Mountain" contest in mid-May, thanks to everyone who entered and helped.



## SNOB Winners @ King of the Mountain:

### Best of Show

2nd Chris Cain, Pat Cain irish cream ale

### Light Hybrid (22 entries)

1st Chris Cain irish cream ale

3rd Tom Bullock Rye Pale Ale

### Amber Hybrids (4 entries)

3rd Greg Irving Holy Maltrimony

### English Pale Ales (6 entries)

3rd Andrew Mitchell Eleanor Rigby

### Scottish and Irish Ales (12 entries)

3rd Todd Donnelly Erin go Braugh

### English Brown Ale (6 entries)

1st Michael Ontolchik Meek Starter

2nd Greg Irving The Franklin

### Stout (19 entries)

1st Greg Irving Scout Strikes Back '12

2nd Paul Shick American Stout

### German Wheat and Rye (11 entries)

2nd Todd Donnelly Uber Weizenbock

HM Michael Ontolchik Weizenheimer

### Belgian and French Ales (22 entries)

3rd Todd Donnelly Pale Belgian

### Porter (10 entries)

2nd Paul Shick Robust Porter

## June meeting itinerary –

The June meeting is what I'm styling as our "Belgian Fest" meeting – **Paul Shick** will talk about an 'extinct' Belgian style ale and we'll get to taste the batch that was brewed at the SNOBs "Big Brew" last month, maybe even 2

examples will be on hand as **Tom/Jan Tucker** also fermented a batch. We'll have a visit from Brewery Ommegang and the Duvel/Moortgat group with a spread of Belgian beers to taste, and I've arranged for a sampling of various Belgian candi sugars so we can see what the differences are between some common product offerings, and hopefully some of you have some Belgian inspired homebrews to bring in to share.

We'll cap the night with a little different twist, but something that I think you'll enjoy – a special presentation from **Tom Lix**, the owner/founder of *Cleveland Whiskey* who will be here to talk about the launch of this very special local bourbon, with a blind taste comparison for us. No one else is getting this type of special behind the scenes review and tasting, but then again – that's why you are all SNOBs!

## Up & Coming events –

**National Homebrew Conference:** SNOBs will be well represented in the final round of the NHC competition with 3 of our members getting beers into the finals that will be judged in Philly. Can't say thank you enough to **Tim McDonnell** and **Mark Rames** for the work they've put into building a pour station for SNOBs to show off to the homebrewing world later this month. Hopefully we get a sneak peek at the meeting. Make sure you say thanks to them and to **Mike Ontolchick** for leading the NHC event planning. It looks to be an epic trip, make sure you make plans for 2014 when it's in our own backyard in Grand Rapids, MI.

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SNOBs have contributed keg(s) to the NHC club booth:

Name	Style
Nathan Kovach	Bohemian Pilsner
Tim McDonnell	Cream Ale
Tim	Apple Butter Cyser
Tim	IPA
Andrew Mitchell and Mike Ontolchik	Classic American Pilsner
Mike Ontolchik and Andrew Mitchell	Smoked Helles
Mike Ontolchik and Andrew Mitchell	American Barleywine
Mike	RR Consecration Clone
Mike	Flemish Red
Paul Shick & Tom Tucker	Belgian Exp
Paul	Porter / Stout
Tom	ESB
Todd Donnelly	Mild
Todd	Weizenbock
Todd	Berliner Weiss
Todd	English IPA
Todd	Dunkelweizen
Greg Irving	Cream Ale
Greg	Mild
Greg	Northern English Brown Ale
Greg	Dusseldorf Altbier
Harry Buchroeder	Baltic Porter
Mark Rames	
Bill Maurey	Orval Clone
Mike	Belgian Dubbel
SNOB Big Brew	Wee Heavy
John Majetic	?
John	?

“**Brew & Canoe**” aka the big SNOBs early summer uber homebrew and food campout weekend is scheduled at Tim McDonnell’s property in Huron. Info and sign-up sheets will be provided at the meeting, please plan on stopping out for a day, an evening, or the whole weekend of you can to enjoy the rib cookoff, lots of food, and great homebrew – bring some to share!

**July meeting:** Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (7/8) – the entire meeting will be dedicated to a tasting of the Iron Brewer entries. You will NEVER taste a lineup of beers quite like this, guaranteed, so please plan to come as the entire club will have a hand in the judging of the winner. Unique? Yes! Fun? Yes! Be there! Cheers!

Cheers!  
Todd

**Good luck to the SNOBs with Entries in the Final round of the NHC!**

Paul Shick:  
2B – Porter - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Todd Donnelly:  
19A – Strong Ale – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Greg Irving:  
11A – English Brown – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7C – Amber Hybrid – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6A – Light Hybrid – 1<sup>st</sup>  
2A – Pilsner – 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Brew & Canoe (and BBQ) 2013



We are evaluating a change in the location for the Brew & Canoe weekend (June 14th-15th) and are considering having at Tim McDonnell's campground (Huron, OH - Address to come)

The club has used this location for many years in the past and we have access to water, refrigeration, etc. In order to gauge interest and for planning purposes we'd like to firm up the number of interested members.

New this year is a Rib Cook Off on Saturday where SNOBs prepare their best rib recipe and winners are awarded prizes. There will be non-rib options available as well.

If you haven't already, please use [this survey link](#) to indicate your interest in attending this event.

In addition, a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting (June 10<sup>th</sup>.)

## 2013 Bottle My Brew Homebrew Challenge

We are pleased to announce that the dates and details for entering your best beer in the West Point Market Homebrew Challenge have been finalized. Click the link below to view the Homebrew Challenge webpage, which has a link for this year's entry form. Hope you will be participating this year!

[Click here for full information](#)

### 2013 Dates to Remember

- Bottled entries due July 13th
- Finalists announced appx. Sept. 2nd
- Winners announced November 1<sup>st</sup>

## Goose Island Invasion at Lizardville

Join one of the brewers from Goose Island as they invade Lizardville:

Wednesday June 12th – 4pm-9pm  
Lizardville Bedford Heights  
25380 Miles Road Bedford Hts, OH 44146

### Drafts:

- Honker's Ale vs. 25th Anniversary (original vs. super/deluxe/extra)
- India Pale Ale vs. The Illinois (original vs. imperial style)
- Sofie vs. Sofie Paradisi (orange vs. grapefruit)
- Madame Rose vs. Lolita (sour w/ cherries vs. sour w/ raspberries)
- Big John vs. Night Stalker (imperial stout w/ cacao nibs vs. imperial stout w/ hops)



## Brewing Experiments

We outlined **3 controlled experiments** where SNOB members will be preparing a comparison for us to evaluate at a future meeting to demonstrate the way temperature effects hefeweizen yeast, how barrel ageing affects the flavor of a beer compared to the original base beer, and the differences with a single simple wort fermented with 3 very different yeasts taste (WLP001 Cal Ale, WLP002 English Ale, and 500 Trappist Ale). Thanks to those 5 members for helping out with the experiments.

	Experiment brewer	Experiment type
1	Jim Gress	Yeast 3 ways
2	Pat & Chris Cain	Stout & barrel stout
3	Roger Chambers	Hefe 62/72
4	John Majetic	Hefe 62/72

## Iron Brewer II

The **Iron Brewer contest** will be judged at the **JULY 8<sup>th</sup> meeting** – this is a month later to give everyone ample time to craft their best beer. The entire club will participate in this judging so you will need to bring enough for 80-100 samples. A keg is ideal, otherwise plan on about 2 growlers worth or a 12 pack of bottles. That will be the entirety of the July meeting. Each Iron Brewer should be prepared to talk briefly about their ingredient, what they brewed, and their experience with the process. Good luck everyone!

	Iron Brewer(s)	Assigned Ingredient
1	Todd Donnelly	Cinnamon
2	Darren Cross	Cocoa Nibs
3	Tim McDonnell	Coffee
4	Greg Irving	Dark Candi Syrup
5	Jon, Donna, Lance	Dried Lavender
6	Bob Wright	Heather Tips
7	Bill Maurey	Honey
8	Paul Shick	Lactose
9	Paul Brenner	Mint
10	Mark & Zech	Oats
11	Cara Blake & Jim Jadvesiak	Peppercorns
12	Emmett Hynes	Raisins
13	Jeff Bradbury	Toffee
14	Andrew Mitchell	Treacle
15	Jim Gress	Woodruff
16	Scott Masony	Raisins

## 2013 World Beer Festival Comes to Cleveland

The World Beer Festival is a craft beer tasting event brought to you by All About Beer Magazine. After successfully presenting almost 30 festivals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Virginia since 1996, the World Beer Festival is moving north to Cleveland, Ohio!

The 4-hour tasting event will feature over 200 beers from locally, nationally, and internationally recognized breweries.

**WHAT:** World Beer Festival

**WHERE:** North Coast Harbor, Dock 32/Cleveland Browns North Parking Lot (101 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland 44114)

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 13 from 1-5 pm (VIP entrance opens at noon)

**TICKETS:**

General Admission, \$40

- Tasting glass and forty taste tickets for 2-oz samples

VIP Admission, \$75

- VIPs get in at noon!
- Tasting glass and forty taste tickets for 2-oz samples
- Festival commemorative glass
- Private hospitality area and bathrooms
- Bonus selection of beers not available to general admission
- Upscale food buffet



## SNOB's 2013 Calendar of Events

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

### June 2013

10: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

**\*\*\* Note: this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of June\*\***

14-15: Brew and Canoe with Rib Cook Off

19: Night Out – Grovewood Tavern

21 – 29: Ohio Brew Week; Athens, OH -

<http://ohiobrewweek.com/>

27 – 29: NHC; Philadelphia, PA

### July 2013

8: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

**\*\*\* Note: this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of July\*\*\***

### August 2013

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

TBD: Beer and Sweat

30: Berea Oktoberfest (8/30 – 9/2)

### September 2013

13-15: SNOBs OktoBEERfest

23: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

### October 2013

5: Son of Brewzilla

7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

10: Great American Beer Festival (10/10 – 10/12)

18: Cleveland Beer Week (10/18 – 10/26)

### November 2013

2: AHA Teach a Friend to Brew

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

8-10: IX International Beer Fest

### December 2013

6: SNOBs Christmas Party 6:00PM Sachsenheim Hall (Dinner at 7:00PM)

## Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)**

6/15: [Ohio State Fair Judging](#)

7/18: Iron Brewer II Judging @SNOB Meeting

7/13: [Bottle My Brew](#) – bottles due

### Reference Material:

- [Shipping Beer for Competition](#)
- [Make Your Beer Competition Ready](#)

<http://amog.com/lifestyle/155665-10-american-cities-brew-beer/>



Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

**December 2012**

Dan & Kathy Orchard  
Jimmy Smith & Tania Radovic

**January 2013**

Kevin Mauser  
Rick Wisniewski

**February 2013**

Zech Laughbaum  
Lee Browning  
Andrew Bonamer  
CavanVannice  
Christina Ely

**March 2013**

Andy Carr  
Andy & Taryn Gress  
Casey Divoky  
Scott Masony  
Brian Stewart  
Todd Dennis  
Eric Phipps

**April 2013**

Jeff Cassano  
Carlin & Rory Culbertson  
Rich Frederick & Carol Wisniewski  
Matt Bender  
Mathew Vann

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**SNOBs Night Out – Wednesday June 19th**

**Groewood Tavern**

17105 Groewood Ave, Cleveland (216) 531-4900





## 2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 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!!**

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
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Jocko's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ Arby's: 7687 Broadview - \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.)

*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](http://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

### April Treasurers Report

April Income		April Expenses	
Membership	\$120.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBwear	\$118.00	NHC Philly	\$115.00
Bus Trip	\$10.00	Supplies	\$190.00
		Big Brew	\$56.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$248.00</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$436.00</b>



## Web Links of Interest

### **SNOB**

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

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

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/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.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)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

