



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 25 Years and Going Strong

June 2016 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



The 1st day of summer may not technically be until June 20th, but my thermometer has already reached full krausen. The lake/tap water is still coming out of my faucet in the low 60's, so at least the conditions are still great for chilling wort. There are several events and competitions coming up in the next few months, so don't let the balmy weather scare you into hanging up your mash paddles!

If you were unable to attend our May night out/potluck dinner at Haus Malts you missed out on a great time. We are truly blessed to have Andrew & Craig in our community. They are enthusiastic supporters of homebrewers and craft beer. The beers I've made using Haus Malts have all turned out fantastic. Thanks to Jim Jadwisiak and Andrew Martahus for organizing everything.

The American Homebrewers Association's annual "HomebrewCon" conference is now about a week away and SNOB will have a significant presence in Baltimore. 13 of our beers will be judged at the National Homebrew Competition Final Round. Thanks to Greg Irving and Mark Rames for hand-delivering all of the SNOB & SAAZ entries last Thursday (5/26). Most other entries are shipped from all over the country. With the temperatures as high as they've been, we were very fortunate to have Greg & Mark drive them there in a cooler for us instead of leaving our beers to the mercy of the hot mail trucks. I'd also like to thank Tim McDonnell for letting us store our HomebrewCon Club Night beers in his walk-in cooler and for getting them to LD Carlson for shipment to Baltimore. Thanks also to Brian Wright & LD Carlson for once again shipping a pallet of our kegs to the conference. Club Night is going to be a blast this year!

Our June 6th meeting will not be a typical meeting. Sure, there will be great food served up by Grumpy & Mo, and plenty of homebrew on tap and shared from bottles. What will be different is the content focus. Our technical presentation will be provided by Jennifer Hermann who will be teaching us how to ferment tea into a refreshing low-alcohol beverage called Kombucha. Also joining us will be Paula Hershman, President of Storehouse Tea. Storehouse Tea is Northeast Ohio's premier hand crafter of



organic and fair trade loose leaf teas. Paula will be passing around small samples, and will have \$2 bags and \$10 boxes of her product to sell to those of us who are interested.

June 24th-26th is the weekend of our annual summer SNOB campout: Brew & Canoe. Brew & Canoe is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, share some homebrew, and enjoy the summer. The campout is located on the Huron River (hence the Canoe), so feel free to bring your boats, kayaks, fishing poles, etc. SNOB will provide the meat, but please bring a side or 2 to share. It's a SNOB event, so you know there will be lots of great homemade food and brews passed around the campfire. I usually bring a tent to sleep in, but campers are welcome and common as well.

Here's a list of upcoming homebrewing competitions. If any of you are available to help out at the King of the Mountain competition in Willoughby, please volunteer with SNOB member Paul Klammer. This is a smaller event compared to our annual Son of Brewzilla competition, so it is a good opportunity to get your feet wet if you've never volunteered to judge or steward at a competition.

- 6/4: Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition, Columbus, OH
- 6/18: King of the Mountain (Little Mountain Homebrewers), Willoughby, OH
- 7/8-7/9: Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup, Indianapolis, IN
- 7/16: Ohio Brew Week Competition, Athens, Ohio
- 8/20: Beer & Sweat (keg-only), Cincinnati, OH
- 10/1: Son of Brewzilla; our annual competition, (Cleveland, OH)

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

June xxth, 6:00pm

Due to an already very busy month with the camp out, NHC, competitions, etc, there will probably not be a SNOB Night Out in June. If this changes, we will send out an update to all.

Excerpt from the April 1991 Newsletter

A marriage between a duke from lower Saxony and a daughter of an aristocrat from the south of Germany brought bock beer to Munich. Einbeck considered bock beer to be a beer to be consumed in the beer garden in the springtime. The cool weather meant a higher alcohol beer was needed. Since bock is German for billy goat, which is a symbol for Capricorn, Munich considered bock a beer to be consumed in late December and early January. That is why some breweries still brew Christmas bocks.

Big Brew was held on May 14 at Fat Head's Brewery and Taproom. We brewed a 100-gallon batch of saison using 100% Haus Malts. It was like brewing in the winter but everyone soldiered on through the cold, sleet and rain. Fortunately Pete Campen brought an EZ-Up tent and it saved our beer from being watered down in the deluge. Thanks to all who helped.



This raises some logistical issues that we need to address before the saison fermentation is complete. At 3-4 weeks after Big Brew, we will need to move the brett barleywine from the barrel into around 10 kegs, so we need some empty kegs. I still have 5 kegs tied up in SNOB beers and cannot furnish enough. Maybe we can find 10 stewards for these beers where we can use your keg and you care for it, bring to events, maybe even dry hop or whatever. Just know your keg will be tied up for a while. Tim, Dan and myself have vacuum pumps to remove barleywine from the barrel so maybe we can run 2 pumps at a time to speed things up.

The 2016 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition will be held Saturday, June 4 at the Ohio Expo Center (will be using the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines.) [Entry deadline was May 17.](#)

We are in need of BJCP sanctioned judges and would like to extend to you an invitation to judge at our BJCP sanctioned competition. If you are able to join us, please complete the attached Judge Registration Form and email it back to me (if you would rather not complete the form, just let me know if you will be able to judge one, or both, sessions.) I would appreciate receiving your response by May 1. **If you want to judge you can contact Brett for the pdf or myself and I can forward his email to you.**

A complimentary lunch will be provided as well as coffee and donuts in the morning. We are again offering out of town judges complimentary hotel accommodations. **Andrew has a room and will share with someone if needed, let him know.**

We again had more than 500 entries last year and would love to have you join us this year. If you have any questions regarding our competition, please call or email me. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

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Brew and Canoe, our summer campout, will be held at Tim's again this year on the Huron River on June 24th and 26th. In order to plan for food'n'stuff, we need to get an idea on who might be coming out to join us. These are rather relaxing weekends of good beer, good food, great fires and fantastic friends. If you will be going, fill out the [google doc](#) and let it be known. It hasn't been discussed what meats will go on the grill yet, but I'll bet it's going to be good.

We still need firewood for the campout! I will be having rotator cuff/bicep tendon tear surgery the day after we get back from NHC and probably can't wield a chain saw, maybe I can be the saw sharpener, I'm not even sure if I can attend the campout, it will be a trick to unzip and zip a tent with one hand, not to mention my pants, unless of course I get a volunteer to help, just saying. So if you have wood, saws, trucks and time, your help will be needed.

SNOB Web Page Changes. We are currently looking for help modernizing the beersnobs.org website. If you are a web engineer with Joomla experience, please consider volunteering



some time to help rebuild the website. Please contact Mike Ontolchik (montolchik@gmail.com) if interested.

25th Anniversary Bling anyone? *Last call for these as the rest will go in the raffle soon, I think we've gotten around \$75 to go back to the club piggy bank.* The club spent quite a bit to bottle the Imperial Stout that was given out at the Christmas Party and here is a chance to help out with that expense AND get some of the last 25th Anniversary bling. We had some of those beautiful vinyl labels and bottle caps left over so for a **paltry \$2**, you can take home a vinyl sticker for you bathroom mirror and 2, yes 2 bottle caps with magnets for your beer fridges. Only a few of the 75 sets remain, all money will go back into the SNOB piggy bank.



Collab Brew with SNOBs and Platform/CBS

Paul is gauging interest in a collab brew with the SNOB and Platform on a summer beer brewed on their 3 barrel or maybe 10 barrel system. This isn't a competition but more like a crowd sourced recipe and bunch of people to brew it on a Saturday. Details will follow as they become available but look for this to happen sometime between maybe April and July.

Stay tuned for more on this competition

Platform and Heinens want to hold a Homebrew Competition in June to find a beer to make, can and sell. Details still need to be worked out but sounds like fun.

National Homebrewers Conference

The 2016 NHC is once again in our neck of the woods, kind of, Baltimore to be exact, June 9th thru the 11th. Several SNOB and SAAZ members entries have advanced to the finals, CONGRATS to them and best of luck.



Mike O has registered the SNOB for club night and we will be bringing the 12-tap SNOB bar and serving so we hope you will consider **contributing a keg**, even if it is only 2 gallons, of your finest fermented beverage. In the past, we've taken around 24 kegs. Mike has a **Sign-up Sheet** for all who can bring kegs, please make a contribution to the cause, we promise not to lose your keg, hopefully. As of NOW we are bringing 11 kegs. **All kegs must be delivered to Tim's or my house BY June 2nd so we can get them to LD on June 3rd for shipping.**

SNOB 2016 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

June 2016

4: Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

9-11: National Homebrew Conference



18: King of the Mountain (Little Mountain Homebrewers), Willoughby, OH
24-26 Brew and Canoe Campout, Tim's resort on the Huron River

July 2016

8-9: Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup, Indianapolis, IN
11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)
16: Ohio Brew Week Competition, Athens, Ohio
15-23: Ohio Beer Week

Aug 2016

1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
20: Beer & Sweat (keg-only), Cincinnati, OH
29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)

Sep 2016

16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

Oct 2016

1: Son of Brewzilla; our annual competition, (Cleveland, OH)
3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
6-8: Great American Beer Festival
14-23: Cleveland Beer Week

Nov 2016

7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

Dec 2016

2: SNOBs Christmas Party

Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs and invite them over for a beer or brew session.

January 2016

Bill Schmidt
Anthony Fazio
Chris & Sandy Bender
Jan & Janine Jurgensen

April 2016

Rodger Brane
Ryan Zubal & Jennifer Ray

February 2016

Kate Eckroate
Mark & Rachel Haborak
Todd Tolford

May 2016

Larry Szczepanski
Steve Winkelman
Michelle Kish
Mary Wunderle
Neal Repko

March 2016

Dan & Debbie Lackey
Ryan Thomas & Ross Stafirski
Michael Weiner



2016 Officers and Chairpersons

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2016 Membership Dues

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40. 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.

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 (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [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](#): 10% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<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

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

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>



Membership Form
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Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40.

Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) sbcglobal.net, and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

