



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*June 2017 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



Can you believe summer is only a few weeks away? Now is the perfect time to sit back and relax with your favorite brew. Our June meeting is only a few days away and attending will be a great way to get into the summer state of mind. Later in the month the SNOBs will be visiting a new local brewery for our monthly night out and we'll also have our summer camp-out on the Huron River. Please consider attending our upcoming events and of course...bring some of your homebrew to share!

I'd like to recognize a few SNOB members on their recent achievements in furthering their Beer Judge Certification Program rankings. Scores came back a few weeks ago from the tasting exam Larry Reuter administered in Akron a few months ago. I'm proud to say SNOB now has 4 more BJCP certified judges among our ranks! Congratulations Erica Anton, Jessica Ihms, Mike Mocarski, and Steve Rapko on this great achievement.

This Monday's upcoming meeting will be a great opportunity to share your Spring batches of homebrew. Please bring in a few bottles, growler, or a keg if you're looking for feedback from our new judges. This meeting will also be the unveiling of our new SNOB library cabinet. Our old decrepit locker was mortally wounded during the Sachsenheim break-in last month. A big thanks to Mark Rames for sourcing and picking up our new, sturdy cabinet. Our June speaker will be fellow SNOB and 2016 Sam Adams Longshot Homebrew Competition winner Dave Cousino. Dave will be discussing his experience with the competition and will give an overview of Saisons.

In 1988 Congress declared May 7<sup>th</sup> as "National Homebrew Day" and the American Homebrewers Association has since encouraged clubs to celebrate with an annual "Big Brew Event". Being the largest and oldest club in Northeast Ohio, SNOB celebrated Big Brew once again by brewing a 100-gallon batch on John Majetic's ridiculously large homebrew system. The batch was a simple blonde ale recipe (20 IBU / 1.050 OG) that club members were allowed to take home 5 gallons each to blend, doctor, age, and ferment. Members were encouraged to add any type of yeast, adjuncts, dry hops, and processes they could think of to make their 5 gallons unique. I spoke to a few brewers and the diversity of beer being creating

from this single 100-gallon batch of wort is truly astounding. Some kept it small, some went big. Some went hoppy, some went malty. Some kept it light, some darkened it up. Some fermented it cold with lager yeast, and some used ale yeast. Some are considering fruits and spices in the secondary, others dry-hopping. The unveiling of all of our big brew beers will be at our July meeting. Instead of a technical presentation, we'll be throwing a party with all of our big brew and will be allowing each brewer to grab the microphone to describe their unique rendition of the SNOB 2017 Big Brew. We will have a people's choice voting (probably similar to our chili cook-off voting) with a prize awarded to the club's favorite beer. Even if you didn't help with Big Brew this year, please come enjoy the beers and help us vote! Thanks to Mike, John, and Mark for planning and coordinating Big Brew!

The next major SNOB event is our annual summer camp-out "Brew and Canoe", June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. The event will once again be held at Tim McDonnell's family site on the Huron River at 9661 Vacation Lane, Huron, OH. The club provides the firewood for a very large bonfire, as well as the meats for the weekend. If you have a pick-up truck, trailer, and/or some free time to help transport wood to the campsite please shoot Mark Rames an email and let him know. Please bring a side-dish to share. There is electricity available if you'd like to bring something in a crockpot to heat up. Since the club does pay for a few things, this will only be open to PAID club members and their guests. Please just make sure your annual dues are paid before you and your friends attend. Please bring your own tent, RV, truck bed, yurt, etc...to sleep in. There are no bunk beds on the property like there are at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin during our fall SNOBtoberfest campout. You are encouraged to bring homebrew and commercial beers and we should have 20+ taps available for you to plug your kegs into jockey boxes. [Here is map to Tim's place.](#)

The next monthly SNOB Night Out will be held on Wednesday, June 21st 6:30 PM at Terrestrial Brewing Company. Located in the Battery Park neighborhood at 7524 Father Frascati Drive, Terrestrial is one of the new Cleveland breweries to open in 2017. Brewer Ralph Sgro will be on hand at 6:30 to show us some of the brewery's processes.

There are a few homebrew competitions coming up for those of you who want written feedback or gain some judging experience. The next is this Saturday in Columbus for the Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition. While it's too late to register new entries, Brett is still looking for more judges. This competition offers a limited number of free hotel rooms for Friday and Saturday night for certified judges, but I'm not sure if any are left. Email Brett (B.Chance@expo.ohio.gov) if interested. The next major competition is the National Homebrew Competition held in Minneapolis during HomebrewCon (June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). Good luck to all SNOBs who made it to the final round! The next soonest competition on our calendar is the Ohio Beer Week Homebrew Competition held at Ohio University in Athens on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Jody runs a great competition and regularly drives up to Cleveland to help us for our own Son of Brewzilla competition. Registration is open now, but get your entries in soon because there is a 400 entry cap. This is another great competition for certified judges to volunteer for as they offer free dorm rooms (they're actually pretty nice) for judges. There's a limited number of rooms available, so email judge coordinator Jared DeForest (deforest@ohio.edu) if interested.

Cheers, Andrew



**URGENT, PLEASE HELP, DEADLINE IS May 31!!** Please go to the follow the instructions to urge your Senator to support the amendment described below that will make it possible for a future NHC to be held in Cleveland. Please go to [www.ohiosenate.gov](http://www.ohiosenate.gov) , select your Senator then copy and paste the following, including the url, into the Contact Your Senator text box.

Dear Senator,

I am contacting you today to ask for your support on a budget amendment that would amend the Ohio Liquor Law in regards to homebrewers or fermentation hobbyists.

The proposed amendment adds a new Section 4301.201 to the Ohio Liquor Law which defines what homebrewing and fermenting organizations are and also permits the serving of homebrewed beer, wine and cider at events such as competitions, conferences, and exhibitions without the need to obtain a special permit and exempts these events from the "open container" provisions of the current law. It is important to mention that there is no funding request involved with this amendment. It just codifies into Ohio Law what is already permitted under federal law outlined in 27 CFR Section 25.206 which legalized homebrewing in 1976.

The language for the amendment was crafted through Senator Frank LaRose's office, but he has to recuse himself from introducing the amendment because of his family ties and the possibility of a conflict of interests. The Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB), together with the Society of Akron Area Zymmurgists (SAAZ) have been working in conjunction to get this amendment through towards passage, in hopes of making The National Homebrewers Conference possible in Cleveland in the year 2020.

We would like for you to consider introduction of the amendment, or perhaps to co-sponsor it before the deadline of May 31, 2017. In any case, The homebrewers of Ohio would appreciate your support, and I have attached here the language for your review.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-hbmCH\\_dLUoSUEwc0RISXd4Tm8/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-hbmCH_dLUoSUEwc0RISXd4Tm8/view?usp=drivesdk)

## SNOBs Night Out

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30PM

[Terrestrial Brewing Company, 7524 Father Frascati Drive, Cleveland](#)

**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.

### 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](mailto: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!](#)



**Leeners Homebrew Shop** as many already know is under new ownership after the retirement of Jim and Eileen. Leeners has notified me that they have increased the **[SNOB active member discount](#)** from 10% to 15% on all purchases. Thanks to Leeners for that, get on over to check out the store and bring along your SNOB card.

**Any Volunteers? Nobody? Hello? Anybody?** **The Grafton-Midview Public Library** is looking for some SNOB expertise. Pam does the adult programs at the Grafton-Midview Public Library. I am interested in having someone come out and talk about how to get started brewing, possibly making it a series, as in, what's next?

I am trying to up the number of men coming into the library, and feel this is one subject that men wouldn't have to be dragged to by their wives! (Don't tell them I said that).

Would you know anyone willing to do something like this from your group? If so, what would be the cost for something like this? I wouldn't be able to schedule until spring, as our Jan-March calendar is already going to the printer, but possibly April or May? (We told here we don't normally receive compensation but she said that there still could be, especially if it were a series)

If you feel that this may be of interest to you, contact Pam Myers, Adult Programs, Grafton-Midview Public Library, 983 Main St. Grafton, OH 44044, [440-926-3317](tel:440-926-3317) ext.36.

**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!!](#)

## **SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events** [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

### **Jun 2017**

3: Ohio State Fair Competition  
5: SNOB Meeting  
8: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on yeast  
15-17: Homebrewcon, Minneapolis  
21: SNOB Night Out  
23:25: Brew and Canoe Campout

### **Jul 2017**

10: SNOB Meeting  
13: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on water  
15: Ohio Beer Week Homebrew Competition

### **Aug 2017**

1: 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

### **March 2017**

Robert Schroeder

### **January 2016**

Ken and Lynn Stovansky  
Tod Hulse

### **April 2017**

### **February 2017**

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

### **May 2017**

Calvin Frye

## 2017 Officers and Chairpersons

**President:** Andrew Mitchell  
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**NHC Lead Planning:** Mike Ontolchik  
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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](#): 15% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc \(http://abcfireinc.net/\)](http://abcfireinc.net/) 20% off all CO<sub>2</sub> tank refills plus other CO<sub>2</sub> 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](mailto: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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Recipe's From The Contest Winners



## Ingredients

**Beer Name:** Who Needs Friends  
**Beer Style/Category:** Munich Dunkel  
**Brewer(s):** Andrew Mitchell  
**Competition:** 2017 King of the Mountain-GOLD

### Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
10 lb	Swaen Munich Malt		
.5 lb	Carapils (Dextrin Malt)		
.25 lb	De-Husked Caraf III		

### Specifications:

<b>Batch Volume:</b> <u>5.5 Gallon</u>	<b>Anticip. ABV:</b> <u>5.3%</u>
<b>Anticipated OG:</b> <u>1.052</u>	<b>IBU:</b> <u>21</u>
<b>Anticipated FG:</b> <u>1.012</u>	<b>SRM:</b> <u>15</u>
<b>Actual OG:</b> <u>1.052</u>	<b>Actual FG:</b> <u>1.010</u>
<b>Efficiency:</b> <u>75%</u>	<b>Actual ABV:</b> <u>5.5%</u>
<b>Pre-Boil Vol:</b> <u>8 gallons</u>	<b>Boil Duration:</b> <u>75 min</u>
<b>Pre-Boil Gravity:</b> _____	<b>Post-Boil Vol:</b> _____

### Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.6 oz	60	Magnum		

### Mash:

**Mash Type:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Grain Weight:** 10.75 pounds  
**Grain/Water Ratio:** ? gal/pound  
**Strike Volume/Temp.:** ? gal/?F  
**Mash Temp./Duration:** 75 minutes @ ?°  
**Additional Step**  
**Temp./Duration/Vol.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Additional Step**  
**Temp./Duration/Vol.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Actual Efficiency:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Yeast:

Type	Amount
WLP830 German Lager Yeast	1 pkg

### Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	7 days	?		
Secondary:	30 days	?		

### Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount

### Crashed:

### Bottle/Keg

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Carbonation Level:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Priming Method:** Forced co2

### Notes:

### 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
SODZ British Beerfest Competition (BBF)	2/10/2017	2/18/2017	Columbus, OH	yes	Limited to British styles. See competition rules. Awards after judging.
Bockfest 2017	1/17/17 - 3/1/17	3/4/2017	Cincinnati	Yes	Categories limited the various subcategories of Bock. Dunkels Bock category judged and brewed by Chrisian Moerlan Brewing Co.
Mazer Cup International Mead Competition	3/9/2017	3/9 , 10 & 11	Denver, Colorado	home & comm	Mead-only competition in for comeercial and home meadmaker, plus public 'Mead Mixer' event.
AHA National Homebrew Competition First Round	Registration 1/30 - 2/5, entries t.b.d. March	3/17 - 4/23	Indianapolis, IN and other locations listed on competition site	yes	<b>IMPORTANT:</b> See AHA site for entry details and rules. AHA membership required by Jan. 29 for application between January 30 and February 5.
6th Annual Fremont Homebrew Throwdown	t.b.d. 3/1/17	3/18/2017	The Strand, 220 S Front St, Fremont, Ohio 43420	no	See facebook for important details
Amber Waves of Grain, Niagra Association of Homebrewers	3/11 - t.b.d.	3/24 - 3/25	Buffalo, New York	Yes	Semi formal awards dinner after judging.
Wizard of Saaz X & Cuyahoga Cup (S.A.A.Z)	3/4/2017	3/21, 3/24, 3/25	Akron, OH	yes	Rubber City Beerfest after contest. Judges and stewards have received comped admission in past.
TRASH XXVII (T.R.A.S.H.)	2/23 - 3/24	4/8/2017	Pittsburgh, PA	yes	After events award dinner/ceremony in past.
GLINTCPC - Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition	~2/6/2017 - t.b.d.	4/19, 20, 21,22	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Yes	largest and most respected cider amateur and professional competition accepting entries from all countries.
King of the Mountain VI & Founders Cup, Little Mountain Homebrewers	3/9 - 4/8	4/22/2017	Willoughby, Ohio	yes	200 entires in reduced catetories; see competition site. Founders Cup category entry fees donated to a college student chosen by club officers each year. Awards after judging.
Erie County Fair (NY)	4/7/2017	4/22/2017	Hamburg, N.Y. (15 mins West of Buffalo)	yes	County fair. Awards announced post event.
IRON Brewer III (Homebros)	5/6/2017	t.b.d.	Cleveland, Ohio	no	Note that this event is the Big Brew Day celebration for Cleveland's HomeBros Club. Unnannounced ingredient brew off. Closed judging with separate award ceremony a several weeks after brew day.

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Big Brew Day, various clubs	5/6/2017	n/a	various	n/a	Not a competition. Date included for awareness
Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition	open as of 3/27/ <b>closes May 16</b>	6/3/2017	Columbus, OH	yes	Details will be available in March. Overnight accommodations usually compensated. Awards announced post event.
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrew Club)	3/1/17 - 7/7/17	7/15/2017	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accommodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	5/30/17 - 6/18/17	July 6,7,8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 2 day pro/am event. Comped accommodations provided in the past.
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/winner's comped 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 accommodations available at venue.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competition, included for date awareness
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
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.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	t.b.d. October	t.b.d. October	Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.
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

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Nearest BJCP Exams	
<a href="#">See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams</a>	
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	3/11/2017, Indianapolis, and other more distant locations
Mead Judging Exam	3/11/2017, Indianapolis
All types	6/13-14, AHA, Minneapolis, Minn.
Beer	6/24, Cincinatti
Beer	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA (east of Pittsburgh)
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	11/5, Detroit
Beer	11/11 Cincinatti
Beer	11/25 Toronto
Beer	1/13/18, Cincinatti
Beer	4/18/18 Toronto
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinatti