



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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June 2018 Newsletter

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Please note that the July meeting will be July 9th due to the July 4th Holiday.

Welcome, New Members!

We are so happy to have you. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to approach, talk to one of the [officers](#).

May

Joseph Koss

Russell Germaine

President's Krausening Paul Klammer



Summer is officially a couple weeks away. Given the warmth this Memorial Day weekend, I expect that some best-served-cold thirst-quenching beers are in most folks' fridges and kegerators now. Some may have cider and session meads that are every bit as effective at bring down the heat of summer activity. Their acidity and fruitiness is refreshing and as nice to pair with your summer cooking as a summer beer.

In my early days at competitions I did a lot of stewarding to learn the ropes. I learned a lot and found out I loved hanging out with other homebrewers. Also, I noticed that the Mead and Cider categories were often left out of the limelight. The biggest problem seemed to be a dearth of judges with the experience needed to provide the best evaluations and feedback. Knowledgeable mead and cider makers usually have entries which rules them out as judges. As you might expect, beer judges who do not make ciders are not familiar with judging them and are largely not interested. The result is cider and mead tend to be judged by those who are less experienced on the styles. All competitions are committed to providing the best possible evaluation and feedback. The shortage of judges led me to drop cider and mead a couple years ago for King of the Mountain while I worked on my own ability to judge them and sought out others who could help.

Unlike beer, it has been hard to find a variety of ciders and meads to practice my tasting. Off the shelf ciders I found were insipid compared to the ciders shared at our meetings. Most U.S. made ciders would not even place in a contest in my experience. There are very good European imports and some regional brands like Graft, but these are expensive and not generally available. I bought many 6 packs and after the first sample gave the rest away or drank them as wash with a cigar. Meads are hard to find on the shelves, cost more, and are more than I want to drink.

I have found that the best way to learn these categories is to judge them at contests. By doing that I get to try a wide range of examples and have helpful discussions with other judges. I also started facilitating the Ohio Mead Group (OMG) so mead makers have a place outside of contests to get input, share questions, knowledge, and experience. If you make or appreciate meads and ciders and want to learn more about them, please bring your beverages to our meetings for feedback and consider judging and participating in OMG.

June Meeting Topic

June 4 7:30 PM

Sachsenheim Hall - 7001 Denison Avenue,
Cleveland, OH 44102

This month's meeting topic will be Food and Beer pairing. Is it better to match or contract flavors? Does every food have a perfect pairing? Why is it important to pay attention to how beer and food compliment each other? Let's find out together.

SNOBs / SAAZ Night Out

June 13

Akronym Brewing - 58 E. Market Street
Akron, OH 44308

This month's SNOBs night out will be a joint night out with SAAZ members. We will be meeting at [Akronym Brewing](#) in Akron, OH. This brewery is brand-new and is run by SAAZ members Josh Blubaugh and Shawn Adams. Let's go out and support our fellow homebrewers.

2018 Big Brew Wort Competition

Wort Production - May 5

Terrestrial Brewing - 7524 Father Frascati,
Cleveland, OH 44102

We had lots of fun during Big Brew Day! Thank you to everyone who came out to help brew, it makes the day go so fast to be surrounded by good friends and good beer! Thank you as well to Terrestrial for being perfect hosts, and for supplying us with great wort.

Don't forget, if you took home wort you will have to drop off 2 12 oz bottles to Terrestrial Brewing between July 1st and July 7th during tap room hours. A judged competition will be held at Terrestrial with BJCP judges from SNOB and local professional brewers. For the judged competition, Terrestrial will give away a gift card to the Third Place brewer, a Private Tasting Tour for the Second Place brewer and will brew with the First Place brewer for an August or September SNOBs Night Out.

We will also hold a People's Choice competition during the July 9th SNOB meeting. Winners for both competitions will be announced at the July meeting.



Upcoming Dates

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

SNOB Meetings and Events

June 4, 7:30 PM – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

June 13 - [SNOBS Night Out](#)

June 22-23 – Brew and Canoe

June 2 - Meeting moved to June 9

September 14-16 SNOBtoberfest

The 2018 meeting dates will continue to be the first Monday of the month, with the following exceptions: January 8, July 10 (due to holiday), August 27 (September meeting), No December meeting due to Christmas party.

Upcoming Competitions

June 2 - [Ohio State Fair](#)

June 23 - [Bragging Rights](#)

July 14 - [Ohio Beer Week Homebrew Competition](#)

Other Events

June 3 - [AHA Rally](#) (AHA Members only)

June 16 - [Cleveland Summer Beerfest](#)

June 23 - [Mentor On Tap](#)

Pro-Am Brewing Opportunities

Thank you so much to teams Collision Bend, Working Class, and Market Garden, you made some great beer for us to try.

In addition to these teams, Great Lakes, Willoughby, Hansa, and Brick and Barrel have all expressed interest in working with us... so be sure to join! It's a great opportunity to get our club name out there and to see how homebrewing scales up. If you are interested, [sign up here](#).

The article about this event is also in the latest edition of BYO Magazine. We should have a copy available in our library soon if anyone would like to read it.



May Recap

During Last Month's meeting Neal Repko talked about making quick sours and brought us a delicious beer to try. If you missed the meeting, check out the video at our [YouTube Channel](#).

Thank you, Scott Brosius for recording and posting the meeting!

We had a great time at Big Brew, and by now many of the beers are just about finished.

Several of our members took home awards at King of the Mountain. Here's a list of winners!

Finally, we had a wonderful time at Market Garden at our night out. Both versions of the Maple Maibock were great! If you missed it, it is still on tap while it lasts.

Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

				
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Links and Other Items of Interest

SNOB Member Discounts (coming soon)

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2018 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 Jessica at the next meeting, mailed to her at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org

