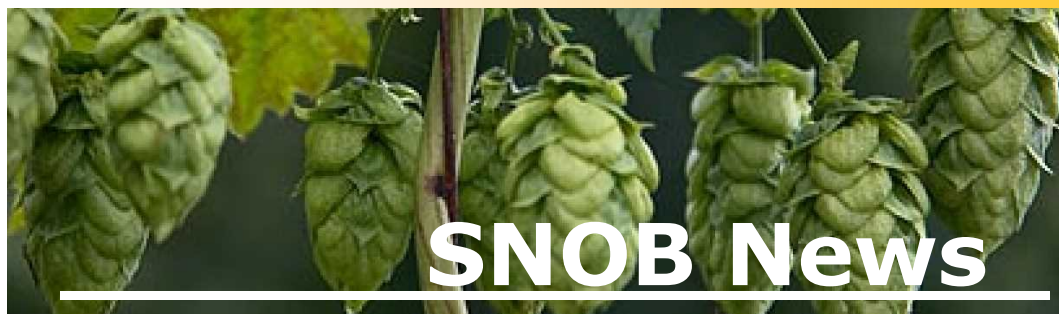
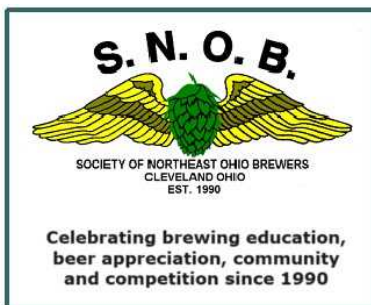


June, 2024

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



## Our Next Meeting

Monday, June 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

7001 Denison Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

## Upcoming Events

### June Meeting

Monday, June 3rd,

7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

Electric Brew Systems

### June Night Out

Tuesday, June 18th,

6:00 p.m.

Working Class Brewery

### July Meeting

Friday, June 28th,

7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

Big Brew Tasting

*See more details on these and other events inside this newsletter.*

## President's Krausening

- Mike Ontolchik

Hi SNOBs,

May was kind busy with the Big Brew wort share, our meeting and two SNOBs Night Out opportunities. June won't be much different with our June and July meetings and a SNOBs Night Out sandwiched between them.

I assembled a panel of SNOBs that have electric brewing systems for our June meeting. I am going to ask them questions about their individual equipment and their processes for brew day. Hopefully, we can turn this into a lively group discussion. I'm a little interested in maybe getting a 5 gallon electric brew system for myself to use in the cold winter months or for one off batches over my propane powered 10 gallon brew stand. I have had a sous vide recirculating electric water heater for a few years so I expect that some of these systems may use similar tech to hold the mash water or kettle boil at a constant temperature. We did have a local brewery that has been closed for years that had an electric setup. Their electric heaters seemed to be underpowered for their volume. When I asked the brewer about their wide and shallow brew kettle, he told me that the boil would only roll softly so he didn't lose as much in evaporation as I expected. A boil that light would have difficulty blowing off DMS precursors.

For Big Brew, we had 25 entrants and we should expect most of those to be at our July meeting on Friday, June 28th. We'll work out the details with Sachsenheim but expect for them to have a summer cookout style menu that we can all order from as we sample these Big Brew beers made from the wort donated to us from Terrestrial Brewing. Ralph had to squeeze out every drop of wort that he produced for all of our buckets. I was expecting that we would have more volume or less requests. Every entrant I think left with about 5 gallons of wort. It should be another great evening and I do like the format we have turned this into instead of attempting to do it on a Monday. Having less wort than expected, I shifted my recipe from a Double IPA to an American IPA using some of the hop sampler bags that Fat Heads gave us in April. The beer has lime and orange like citrus notes from the Bravo and Tango hops I used along with some Mosaic that I bought at The Cleveland Brew Shop. The beer is keg conditioning and will be ready for the end of the month.

Cheers,

*Mike*



## June Meeting

Electric brewing offers homebrewers a convenient and efficient way to brew beer. With precise temperature control, safety features, and the ability to try different techniques, electric brewing systems are becoming very popular.

Electric brewing systems are very efficient. There is almost no heat lost during the brewing process meaning that less energy is wasted than a gas-powered brewing system, where heat can escape through the burner or kettle. With electric systems you don't have the risk of propane leaks or carbon monoxide poisoning. You can brew indoors without worrying about drafts or fire risks.



There are a wide variety of electric systems available from small one piece systems like the Grainfather to full three-kettle all grain recirculating mash systems.

Mike has assembled a panel of SNOBs that have electric brewing systems to discuss the pros and cons of these systems. Come with your questions and comments.

## June Night Out

The June Night Out will be at Working Class Brewery on Tuesday, June 18th from 6 to 9 pm. They are located at 17448 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland 44111. They have a wide variety of brewed on premises beer styles including year-round and seasonal styles. They do collaborations with other breweries and have some visitor taps as well. They also offer a limited pub-fare menu with items like pulled pork, sauerkraut balls, smoked kielbasa, chicken wings and more.



## July Meeting / Big Brew Tasting & Picnic

The July Meeting will be held on Friday June 28th at Sachsenheim Hall. There will be kegs of homebrew aplenty as we taste and vote on the fermented results of our 2024 Big Brew. Our supporters and friends Ralph and Drew from Terrestrial will once again choose a beer to brew as a collaboration. There will be plenty of picnic food available for purchase.



## SNOBs and Golf

Last call for golf. Cleveland Beer Week has a golf outing this year. It will be taking place on Saturday June 22nd at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina. There will be beer tastings on the course and an after-party at Planted Flag Brewing. The cost is \$135 if paid by June 15th, \$150 after that.

It would be fun to have a foursome or two of SNOB golfers. Let me know soon if you have interest in participating and I'll get us signed up. Jay, [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)



## Competitions

There are several regional and national competitions listed on the BJCP website that should be on your radar:

**Fermentation Frenzy.** Hamilton, OH 7/27. Entry Deadline is 7/7.  
<https://frenzy.butlercountybrewing.org/>

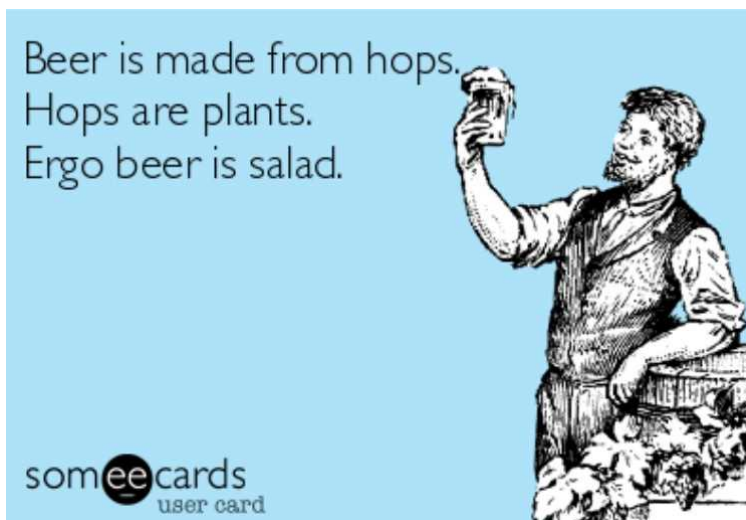
**Beer & Sweat.** Cincinnati, OH 8/10. Entry Deadline is 8/2.  
<https://beerawardsplatform.com/36th-annual-beer-sweat>

**King of the Mountain.** Euclid, OH 9/7.  
Entries open June 15th and Deadline is 9/7

[King of the Mountain 2024 - Brew Competition Online Entry & Management \(Imbrewers.beer\)](https://www.imbrewers.beer/king-of-the-mountain-2024)

**Wizard of SAAZ.** Akron, OH 11/9.

**Bizarro** | Wayno and Piraro





### 2024 Meeting Dates

January 8th, Monthly Meeting  
 February 5th, Monthly Meeting  
 March 4th, Monthly Meeting  
 April 1st, , Monthly Meeting  
 May 6th, Monthly Meeting  
 June 3rd, Monthly Meeting

June 28th, Big Brew Cookout  
 August 5th, Monthly Meeting  
 August 26th, September Meeting  
 October 7th, Monthly Meeting  
 November 4th, Monthly Meeting  
 December 6th, Christmas Party

### Request for Homebrew

Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to share at monthly meetings. Let Mike know in advance, he can add it to the meeting slides. Bringing your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from the members and judges in attendance. Also as Mr. Rogers liked to say “It’s nice to share”.



### Collaboration Opportunities

Would you like to be part of a SNOB collaboration team and help brew at a local craft brewery? Join a SNOB Collab. People interested should let Mike Ontolchik know of your interest. [president@beersnobs.org](mailto:president@beersnobs.org)



### Newsletter

Have any ideas for the newsletter? Is there anything you’d like to see here occasionally or on a regular basis. Don’t hesitate to share your ideas. Let me know! Cheers, Jay

### SNOBwear T-Shirts

We still have a good selection of sizes of the SNOB T-Shirts available. \$10 for sizes S—XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Jay if you want one — [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)



## Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

SNOB is one of Ohio's oldest clubs for homebrewers. Founded in 1990 and recognized as AHA's national club of the year in 2020, the club meets the first Monday of each month a 7:30 PM at [Sachsenheim Hall](#) on Cleveland's West Side. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also hosts special evenings at local brewpubs and restaurants, homebrew competitions, a spring bus trip, a summer camping event, our annual Oktoberfest weekend festival and an extravagant Christmas party. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, where they will find lively presentations on beer and brewing, great conversation, and answers to any brewing questions they might have. Website at: [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

### Membership Dues

As always, non-members are welcome at meetings, but some activities (parties, bus trip, collaboration brews) are members only. Please consider joining today! Single member dues are \$40. Couples (living in same household) are \$60. Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting [treasurer@beersnobs.org](mailto:treasurer@beersnobs.org) or using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

Your membership dues are used to pay for club activities throughout the year like the annual Christmas Party and rental at The Brooklyn Exchange Cabin where we hold the annual SNOBtoberfest. They pay for club insurance, food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

Plus, use your SNOB membership to gain discounts on all things brewing and beer-related at:

**Cleveland Brew Shop** - 10% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SNOBs10 when filling out the online order form. <https://www.clevelandbrewshop.com>

**Grape & Granery** - 5% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SAAZ1819 when filling out the online order form or show your card at checkout. <https://www.grapeandgranery.com>

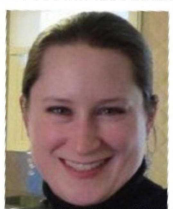
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