

## President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

Big thanks to **Rob Gerrity** for a great presentation last month. It's great to have a local source on draft quality like Rob. Whether you keg your homebrew or just have a home draft system, what we learned from Rob last month. If you have any questions for Rob, please send them to [Jeff Bradbury](#) as he's compiling them and the responses for a future newsletter feature.

This month, **Andy Tveekrem** will be speaking to us about Robust Porter. This is a style that works well with Cleveland water. Andy's [Market Garden Brewery](#) makes seasonal porters. It will be interesting to see how his Porters differ so much from season to season. We should also hear from **John Majetic** about Beer and No Sweat, our annual bus trip. It sounds like we'll be going on a tour of breweries in Western PA on a day trip in April.

Also this month, **Dave Clark** will be organizing a club-only competition for Stouts. Please bring three 12 ounce bottles of Stout that fits into one of the [BJCP Stout styles](#). Use the labels and entry form you can find on the [BJCP competition](#) page. The competition will be held during our March meeting, so beer entries will be due at the start of our meeting. The winner's beer will be shipped to the national Club-Only stout competition, so one beer will be used in our competition and the other two will be sent if you win. The club will pay entry fees and shipping.

I fell into some luck this past month. I came home one day to find a package from one of the larger national homebrew shops. I didn't think I had ordered anything online and found that it was someone else's order addressed to me by the homebrew shop's shipping department. I called them to let them know of the mistake and a few minutes later, I had hops, yeast and

specialty malts that I hadn't planned. So, I'll be bringing in most of what was shipped to me for the raffle this month.

We'll be going to The East Side this month for our night out at [Lizardville](#). They've recently opened a kitchen and their bottled beer selection is better than anywhere else in town. They also have a great whiskey selection. With the mild winter we have had, outside of our January meeting, I don't think it will be a problem for most of you West Siders to come join us SNOBs on the East Side for one night in March.

The next event after Beer and No Sweat for the club is Big Brew on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. That gives us the March and the April meeting to come up with a plan as to what we're going to brew this year. The following weekend will be the [IX Center International Beer Fest](#) on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. I'd like everyone that can help [volunteer](#) a shift if they can this year. The volunteer registration is already online. I'll also be organizing the competition for the International Beer Fest. The plan is to hold the competition Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in an afternoon and an evening session. I'll need help as stewards and judges. I'll also need some help unboxing earlier in the week.

See everyone at the March meeting,  
Mike Ontolchik



## Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

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

## Register now for the 2012 National Homebrew Competition! (NHC)

<http://www.brewingcompetition.com/NHC/nhc.php>

Regions are already ~33% full

**3/5:** AHA Club only competition – Stout; bring 3 bottles to the SNOBs meeting

**3/10** [Drunk Monk Challenge](#) Aurora, IL

**3/10** [TRASH 22](#) Pittsburgh, PA

**3/23** [Amber Waves of Grain](#) Buffalo, NY

**4/13** [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Pittsburgh, PA](#)

**4/13** [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Indianapolis, IN](#)

**4/20** [AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round - Aurora, IL](#)

**5/12:** AHA Club only competition – Scottish and Irish Ale; bring 3 bottles to the SNOBs meeting

**5/19:** [Little Mountain / Willoughby Brewing King of the Mountain American Ales](#)

## SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

### March 2012

**5:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
*\*\* Club only stout entries due*

### April 2012

**2:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
**TBD:** Beer & No Sweat  
**21 – 22 :** SAAZ Grand Rapids trip

### May 2012

**5:** Big Brew  
**7:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
**11-12:** International Beer Fest – IX Center

### June 2012

**4:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
**TBD:** Brew & Canoe

### July 2012

**2:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

### August 2012

**6:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
**27:** September SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

### September 2012

**14 - 16:** Oktoberfest

### October 2012

**1:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall  
**13:** Son of Brewzilla (tentative)

### November 2012

**5:** SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

### December 2012

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

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Welcome New SNOB Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

**January 2012**

*Adam Gullett  
Dave Luddington  
Josh & Jason Czernek  
Ken Prohn  
Mark Rames  
Paul Burdue*

**February 2012**

*Chris and Pat Cain  
Chris Hammer  
Dan Custer  
Darren Cross*



## 2012 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2012 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!!**

Included in the membership is admittance to the 4 (**yes, count them**) **big SNOB events of the year: Beer No Sweat** (February/March), **Brew & Canoe** (June), **Oktoberfest** (weekend camping event end of September) and the catered **SNOBs Christmas Party** (December).

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

*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

## March Treasurers Report

February Income		February Expenses	
Raffle	\$248.00	Meeting Expenses	\$35.00
Membership	\$895.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,143.00</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>

**SNOBs Night Out – Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

### **Lizardville**

Featuring Anderson Valley: Boont Amber, Bourbon Stout, Oude Bruijn  
and Brother David Double

25380 Miles Rd. Bedford Hts., OH 44146 216-364-2337

## Web Links of Interest

SNOB

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

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

forum:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cleveland\\_beer\\_snobs](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cleveland_beer_snobs)

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/>

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  
2688 Hampton Rd.  
Rocky River, OH 44116

#### Individual Membership (\$30)

#### Dual Membership (\$45)

(Prorated for NEW members if you join after June. Contact Mark Knapp for the current rate.)

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

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