



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*March 2016 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



March is set to be one of the most action-packed months of the year for SNOBs. We begin with our meeting on 3/7 which will provide a solid malt backbone for the rest of the month. Andrew from Haus Malts will be giving a technical presentation on the art of malting, and will have his own malts available for purchase by the pound. I had the pleasure of touring the Haus Malt facility this past October and am looking forward to brewing with his Pale, Vienna, and Spelt malts this year. A few weeks ago while on a brew-cation in Asheville, NC I toured another micro-maltster, Riverbend Malt House. Riverbend sources locally grown (NC) barley, wheat, and rye and uses the old-fashioned floor-malting method to create some truly unique products. Along with the Haus Malt grains, SNOB members will have the opportunity to purchase some Riverbend grains at our upcoming meeting as well.

The weekend following our meeting is our annual "Beer no Sweat" bus trip, which departs on Saturday 3/12 and returns on Sunday 3/13. This year we are traveling to Buffalo, NY by way of Erie, PA and Jamestown, NY. Most of our stops are at smaller breweries that do not distribute to the Cleveland market, and I am very excited to taste these local flavors for the first time.

For those of us who like to brew competitively, March is one of the busiest months for homebrew competitions. Nationally, the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the NHC begins in March, with regional judging occurring in Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Nashville, Chicago, and beyond. Regionally, the Wizard of SAAZ (Akron) competition will be held 3/15 - 3/19, the Freemont Homebrew Throwdown will be held on 3/25, and in the beginning of April the Amber Waves of Grain competition (Buffalo) will be held on 4/1-4/2, and the Trash Homebrew Competition (Pittsburgh) will be held on 4/9.

March also has one of my personal favorite beer festivals, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Warmer Fest at Windows on the River down in The Flats. The Winter Warmer Fest is the signature event put on by the Ohio Craft Brewers Association. All of your favorite local breweries will be



there, as well as others from Columbus, Cincinnati, Athens, and beyond. If you are a fan of Ohio-brewed beer, this is an event you will not want to miss.

Cheers, Andrew

**SNOBs Night Out**  
**Tuesday March 22, 6:30pm**  
**Griffin Cider Works 12401 Madison Ave Lakewood, OH 44107**

**SNOB Web Page Changes.** We are currently looking for help modernizing the [beersnobs.org](http://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](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) if interested.

**Wizard of SAAZ Competition.** SAAZ is requesting judging help for the Wizard of SAAZ competition. Let's show them some love as they do for us at SoB!!

If you have a developing palette or have taken any of the BJCP classes and would like the opportunity to put your knowledge to the test, sign up at the link below. **Please help out, the favor WILL be returned.** Sign up at the [WoS web site](#).

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bling anyone?** 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**2016 Great Malt Sale** Andrew and Mike have made arrangements for members to try some new malts that you may not have had a chance to use yet at some great prices of \$1 and \$1.50 per pound. You should pre-order at our [Google Form](#) before the meeting so that we can pre-bag what we can and ensure we have enough on hand to fill the orders. I'll have to say though, that participation is much lower than I thought it would be.

The malts will be whole and you will need to mill with a friend or take with you to your LHBS when you purchase the rest of your grain bill. We will not mill at the meeting. We will have bags, scoops and scales but feel free to bring your airtight container to put your malt into.



- Riverbend Floor-Malted 6-Row\* Pilsner at \$1/lb, **we only have 50#, 44# still available**
- Riverbend Floor-Malted Carolina Wheat at \$1.50/lb, **we have 50#, 30# still available**
- Haus Malts Pale base malt at \$1/lb
- Haus Malts Vienna malt at \$1/lb
- Haus Malts Spelt malt at \$1.50/lb

\*Note that the Riverbend Pilsner is 6-Row. 6-Row kernel's are smaller than 2-Row which may require narrowing the gap in your mill to crush.

## **Beer No Sweat Bus Trip**

Mr. Majetic has been busy planning next year's Beer No Sweat Bus trip. As usual, John can find or smell the best breweries no matter where they hide them. This is ALWAYS a fun weekend trip, almost like taking a vacation, only with more beer. The more of us that can go, the less it cost each of us and the club. So mark your calendars, save your \$ and get ready for a great weekend. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the November meeting and we already have about 20 people signed-up. Check with John to sign up at upcoming meetings. You can also send him an email at [kingsnob@beersnobs.org](mailto:kingsnob@beersnobs.org) or message him on Facebook.



### **Beer and No Sweat 2016**

#### **Erie and Buffalo**

**When: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of 2016.**

**Cost \$95 for the bus ride plus hotel at \$129 + tax per double or single room.**

## **Winter Warmer**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Warmer is just around the corner on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at Windows on the River again and is ALWAYS a great event. It appears Mary still **may** need a few volunteers, [email Mary](#) to see if she still needs help.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. Open to all AHA members, application to enter is from 2/1 thru 2/7, first round entries are due 2/29 thru 3/9 and cost \$14 each. Cost to attend NHC is \$220 and \$160 for the full and social packages respectively plus add-on for the Grand Banquet and Awards Ceremony.



If you've never been, you should save up your \$ and attend. 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.

When in this part of the country, we've had a pretty nice size group of SNOB attend and able to help with the SNOB activities, everything from transporting bar and kegs, setup, working the bar, teardown and the like. We also "try hard" to hit every brewery possible on the way there and back.

Following are the NHC Registration Details.

### **Registration**

- Registration opens at **Noon ET**, March 8, 2016.
- The 2016 registration will take place in real-time on March 8.
- There is no application window. Registrations are offered first-come, first-served.
- The AHA anticipates enough space in Baltimore to accommodate all members who wish to attend.
- Payment is required to complete the registration process.

### **Membership**

- Conference registration is open only to American Homebrewers Association or Brewers Association (AHA/BA) members 21 years or older.
- [Membership](#) must be current at the time of registration and the event to attend the conference.

### **Guests**

- Any AHA/BA member may register other AHA/BA members.
- All attendees *must* be members of the AHA/BA.
- Any member can choose between any registration option. (Ex. the Social Package registration is available to any AHA/BA member and does not have to be combined with the purchase of a Full Conference registration.)
- Banquet tickets must be purchased with a Full Conference, Social Package or Homebrew Industry registration. They cannot be purchased alone.

**Larry Reuter will be driving NHC entries to these three judging centers. If you have entries going to any of these and would like to send along with Larry, you must get your boxed up entries to Larry by March 1. Contact Larry via email to make arrangements.**



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

### **March 2016**

- 4: Entry Drop-Off window for [Wizard of SAAZ](#) closes
- 5: Winter Warmer
- 7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 8: NHC Registration opens at noon ET
- 9: NHC First Round Shipping Window Closed
- 11-12: NHC First 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- 12-13: Beer No Sweat bus trip to Erie PA and Buffalo NY
- 18-19: Wizard of SAAZ competition

### **April 2016**

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

### **May 2016**

- 2: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 3-5: Craft Brewers Conference
- 15-21: Columbus Beer Week

### **June 2016**

- 6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 9-11: National Homebrew Conference

### **July 2016**

- 11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**
- 15-23: Ohio Beer Week

### **Aug 2016**

- 1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

### **Sep 2016**

- 16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

### **Oct 2016**

- 3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 6-8: Great American Beer Festival

### **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 brew session.*

### January 2016

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

### February 2016

Kate Eckroate  
Mark & Rachel Haborak  
Todd Tolford

## 2016 Officers and Chairpersons

**President:** Andrew Mitchell  
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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](http://beersnobs.org).

## SNOB Supporters

Membership also comes with discounts (**bring your membership card with you**) at local craft beer places and homebrew shops:

- ✓ [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**
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off



- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [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
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs

## **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

## **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/>



## Beer Crossword Challenge from Patspints.com



### Across

1. Popular American variety of hops. Developed at Oregon State University and grown in the Pacific Northwest.
2. Murder in reverse.
3. An Indian dish made from split lentil beans (or peas), onions, tomatoes, curry and other spices.
4. A well-known brand of English beer made in Burton upon Trent.
5. A relatively light beer style first made in the Czech city of Plzen.
6. A gargoyle is the unofficial mascot of this large San Diego craft brewery.
7. Dutch word for white, and the first three letters in a style of beer resurrected by Pierre Celis in his hometown of Hoegaarden.
8. Style of beer commonly referred to as a Belgian Farmhouse Ale.

9. Great Lakes Brewery seasonal imperial IPA, Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Monster.
10. Acronym for the low cost beer from Milwaukee now popular with hipsters.
11. Micro-organism responsible for fermenting beer.
12. Beer style most closely associated with Guinness, Irish dry \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The largest of the Trappist breweries.
14. Craft brewery located in Kalamazoo, MI.
15. English beer style, \_\_\_\_\_ brown ale.
16. A beer brewed in a monastic brewery that is not one of the official Trappist breweries is called an \_\_\_\_\_ ale.
17. Short for Public House.
18. Style of beer originally brewed with higher hop content to keep from spoiling over the long sea voyage from England to India.
19. Type of grain used in a Weiss beer.
20. Large American craft brewery located in Newport, OR.
21. Native American tribe whose lands are located in Western New York.

## Down

1. Beer festival celebrated every fall in Munich.
2. A beer made with a bottom fermenting yeast at 34-36 °F.
3. Rogue's popular maibock.
4. Grain traditionally used in the making of beer.
5. A beer made with top fermenting yeast at 50-75 °F.
6. Jamaican beer, Red \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. A dark beer made with unfermentable lactose sugar.
8. A term that originally applied to stouts that were brewed for export to Russia, and has come to be used to signify any style that is higher in alcohol (and usually flavors).
9. A style of dark beer dating from 18<sup>th</sup> century London whose name is derived from the transportation workers who known to favor this type of beer.
10. Brewery located in Petaluma, California.
11. A style of English bitter that is more hopped with higher alcohol content than the standard bitter.
12. America's oldest continually operating brewery.
13. Large brewery located in Golden, Colorado. Maker of Blue Moon Belgian White.
14. Chicago area brewery, Goose \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. An ale that is spontaneously fermented with airborne yeasts indigenous to the Senne

Valley of Belgium.

16. American style lager, first brewed in California in the 19<sup>th</sup> Brewed at higher temperatures than most lagers. The name has been trademarked by Anchor Brewing.

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

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

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

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