



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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March 2018 Newsletter

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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](#).

January - Kevin Maley

President's Krausening Paul Klammer



"May you live in interesting times."

This phrase is supposed to be a curse. Don't know where this thought originated but by this thinking, we brewers are seriously cursed. The possibilities of what we can make grow endlessly. New hops, malts, and yeasts continually show up at the supply shops. Add to these the many revivals of old ingredients that even jaded long time brewers can't help but want to try out. This is on top of an unmanageable number of options we already had available. Now add growth of brewing knowledge/science which has us trying to absorb 100's of pages of information as little significant bits of information drop around us like a plague of frogs.

Just today I heard that a certain common hop enzyme introduced during dry hopping can alter the fermentable sugars in a beer so that fermentation restarts, changing the beer's flavor and attenuation. This is called [Freshening Power of the Hop \(FPH\)](#). Now that's a curse, particularly if you are making NEIPA's or highly hopped IPA's. FPH is new-old knowledge having originally being studied in 1893 and now being intensely investigated by Alagash and Bells' brewing. Speaking of new-old ingredients, a couple of Ohio's legislators have proposed a new bill to create an [Ohio Proud liquor permit](#) intended to allow pouring Ohio brewed beer and cider where Ohio grown products are sold (farmers' markets, etc.). This is part of the [Ohio Proud](#) program that strives to promote Ohio businesses that market Ohio local products. So, add to all the above the use of local and homegrown ingredients in our beverages. Interesting times for sure.

But I see no curse here. For sure, sometimes changes will complicate your routine. And, making room for all this new stuff may sideline some of your long-time favorites. I hope not, but if that happens, there is this blessing:

"May your alarm never wake you at 6am by playing '[I Got you Babe](#)'!". (well, maybe once)

February Meeting Topic

March 5 7:30 PM

[Sachsenheim Hall - 7001 Denison Avenue,
Cleveland, OH 44102](#)

The topic of this month's meeting will be "Hop Aging." We will also give you an update on this year's 2018 Big Brew - we are doing another wort competition.



SNOBs Night Out

March 19

[Buckeye Beer Engine](#) 15315 Madison Avenue,
Lakewood, OH 44107

The March SNOB Night Out will be Monday, March 19th at [Buckeye Beer Engine](#). On top of the \$1 off drafts, Beer Engine also has a Monday Night Burger and a Beer special for \$10. Since the 19th will be immediately following the Beer Engine's 11th Anniversary Celebration, Brendan Hughes should have a few impressive drafts leftover for us to imbibe.

2018 Big Brew Wort Competition

Wort Production - May 5

[Terrestrial Brewing](#) - 7524 Father Frascati,
Cleveland, OH 44102

Big Brew will be a competition using wort from [Terrestrial Brewing](#). On Saturday, May 5th, Ralph Sgro will be making an unhopped 2 Row Pale Malt wort for 20 SNOB members to use as our base. Contestants should plan to pick up the wort with their buckets or carboys after 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 5th. We will have a sign up for competition slots starting at the March meeting. Anyone is welcome to hang out at the brewery that day starting at 9:00 AM. The wort recipe itself will be 2 Row Pale malt, some Munich and a little Carapils, perfect for an American IPA. You will be welcome to add to the wort any other malt, hops, yeast or other adjuncts once you get the wort home. A good place to start for your recipe is to expect that you used pale malt extract to get 5 gallons of 1.060 SG wort.

Contestants 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 10th SNOB meeting. Winners for both competitions will be announced at the July meeting.



2018 Beer No Sweat

March 10-11

Meet @ Baron's - 5310 Hauserman Road
Cleveland, OH 44130

Beer and no Sweat is March 10-11. If you haven't yet, be sure to bring your \$70 to the meeting.

March 10

8:30 AM Meet @ Baron's (5310 Hauserman Rd, Cleveland, OH 44130)

8:55 AM Depart

10:00 AM [Maize Valley](#)

12:20 PM [Millersburgh Brewing Co.](#)

3:30 PM [Weasel Boy Brewing Co.](#)

6:15 PM [Devil's Kettle Brewing](#)

7:40 PM [Little Fish Brewing Co.](#)

8:50 PM [Jackie Os Brewery](#)

Overnight at the [Hampton Inn](#) - you are responsible for booking your room

March 11

11:00 AM [BrewDog](#)

12:45 PM [Combustion Brewery](#)

2:30 PM [Wolf's Ridge](#)

4:20 PM [Restoration Brewworx](#)

7:10 PM [JAFB](#)

9:15 PM Return

Upcoming Dates

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

SNOB Meetings and Events

March 5 7:30 PM – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

March 10-11 - Beer no Sweat

March 19 - SNOBs Night Out

May 5 - Big Brew Wort Production

June 22-23 – Brew and Canoe

September 14-16 SNOBtoberfest

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



Upcoming Competitions

Brewing competitions are year round. Below are some key ones to plan for in the first quarter of this year

Mar 15 - [Mazer Cup](#)

Mar 24 - [SODZ British Beer Fest](#)

Apr 10 - Apr 14– [Wizard of SAAZ](#) Registration still open! Entries are due by end of March

Apr 6 - Apr 22 – [NHC First Round](#) (Applications were due January 30)

Apr 7 - [T.R.A.S.H. XXVIII](#) (Entries open Feb 17)

May 19 - [King of the Mountain](#) - Registration opens April 7

Jun 2 - Ohio State Fair

Pro-Am Brewing Opportunities

This week, we had our first SNOBs night out from our Pro-Am teams brewing endeavors. If you missed it, the Sassy Lassy Wee Heavy is still on tap at [Collision Bend](#) (Just look at our Club name on their tap list!). We also have current teams making a Rye Stout with Working Class and a Maple Maibock with Market Garden. These beers will be on tap at future nights out when they are done. Watch BYO for a feature about our club and this great event!

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](#).

February Recap

We talked about the positives and negatives of [triangle testing](#), and did a small scale experiment. As a club, we were not able to statistically taste the difference between two different American Mass Market Light Lagers. Watch a video of the meeting [here](#)

Our SNOBs night out was a great success. The Sassy Lassy Wee Heavy was great! Good work to the team that brewed it. If you missed it, it's still on tap at Collision Bend.



Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

				
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Links and Other Items of Interest

SNOB Member Discounts (coming soon)

[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

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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 Ace at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at [beersnobs.org](https://www.beersnobs.org)

