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## SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST OHIO BREWERS

### CLUB NEWSLETTER

March Meeting  
March 2, 2020 7:30 PM  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

This month's meeting topic will be a triangle test with Mike Ontolchik. Materials (and beer) will be provided.

Do you have a beer that you want feedback on? Would you like to learn a little more about the judging process? Pete Campen will be available starting around 6:30 PM to offer informal judging and feedback. Thank you for helping, Pete! We may also be looking for additional judging help in the future, so if you are interested let us know.

If you plan on bringing a keg or growler to the meeting, please tell us a little about it [here](#). You can also request in-person or anonymous feedback. Even if you are not bringing anything, check out the link to see what's coming!

Finally, don't forget to pay your dues!



### NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION

We are so happy to be hosting NHC again this year. We need your help to make this event go smoothly. First, we need unboxing volunteers March 8 at 11:00 AM. Click on the link below to sign up. We need to know ahead of time how many people we will have so we can plan efficiently.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWy3GT-PqOi9ybgYTA5xmFcN9F2tDkrqUEDgeTB24q75FHcw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWy3GT-PqOi9ybgYTA5xmFcN9F2tDkrqUEDgeTB24q75FHcw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

We also need judges and stewards at the competition itself, March 28-29 (likely we will just be judging the 28<sup>th</sup>). Go to [brewingcompetition.com](http://brewingcompetition.com) to sign up. If you have entries in, you will log in with those credentials. If you do not have entries in, use the blue box to the right of the screen.

Don't miss a thing! Check out the

[SNOB Calendar](#)

## President's Krausining

Dear SNOBs,

I was really sorry to miss the Chili Cook Off Night Out last week. I heard we had some really good chili and a good turn-out too. Congratulations to all who cooked and showed up to eat. I was also sorry to miss it because I like Forest City Brewery. What I like about FCB is that it's not a bright, shiny, high tech place that dives into each trendy new style. It's a lot like our city, a little gritty and full of friendly folks. I like the relaxed neighborhood atmosphere, the beer garden in the summertime and their eclectic decorating with all the old-time Cleveland brewery artifacts.

Don't feel too bad for me, I missed it because I was relaxing on a sunny beach down south! It was a chance to get away and I'd been looking forward to doing some reading that I never seem to have enough time for at home. In addition to a couple paperback novels, I took a stack of Zymurgy and BYO magazines that I hadn't had a chance to get deeper into. One article that caught my eye was titled 'Break out of a Brewing Rut'. It had to do with how easy it can be to lose motivation to brew. Many factors can cause us to get in a brewing rut, especially when we have an abundance of good craft beer readily available.

The article reminded me how hard it was to start back up after I'd stopped brewing. Some advice in the article included motivating yourself by buying a new piece of brewing equipment. I'm thinking you could also borrow something from a fellow club member in order to try before you buy. Are you tired of brewing alone? Solve that by collaborating with a fellow club member on a new recipe and brew together. Tired of the drinking the same old styles? Expand your repertoire and pick a new style you haven't made before. I recommend flipping through a BJCP list of styles and see what inspires you. You can also easily check the last Brewzilla results and see who won a medal in that category and ask them for some pointers. Don't feel like setting up your whole all-grain system? Go simple. Just do a quickie SMASH recipe, BIAB, or extract recipe. Don't think you can drink that much beer anymore? Brew a batch and bring half to share at an upcoming SNOB meeting!

This is a great time of the year to brew. The days are getting nicer and cool water temps make for faster and easier brew days. Don't make excuses, make some beer!

Cheers,

Jay



## BEER NO SWEAT BUS TRIP – APRIL 18-19

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We are going to Pittsburgh!

Bus cost: \$97 per person, payable to SNOBs

Hotel: is \$119 for a double room. You are responsible for making your own reservation and paying the hotel directly. You can do that by going to <http://www.tryppittsburgh.com/SNOBSRoomBlock> or calling 412-687-8787.

Sign up for the trip buy going to <https://forms.gle/WPCGcg1xvW5tVyC19>

Here is the current itinerary. This is subject to change.

### **Saturday**

We leave Barons Bus promptly at 10:50 AM. Please arrive by 10:30 AM to give us time to load everyone in.

- 1) Modern Methods Brewing Company <http://modernmethodsbrew.com/>
- 2) Butler Brew Works <http://www.butlerbrewworks.com/>
- 3) Reclamation Brewing Company <https://www.reclamationbrewing.com/>
- 4) Allegheny City Brewing <https://www.alleghenycitybrewing.com/>
- 5) Hotel

(The Hotel is less than a half mile from Cinterlands, Eleventh Hour Brewing, and Burghers Brewing. It is less than a mile and a half from Church Brew Works and Strange Roots Experimental Ales)

### **Sunday**

Leave the Hotel at 9:30 AM

- 1) Spoonwood Brewing for Brunch <https://spoonwoodbrewing.com/>
- 2) Mindfull brewing Company <https://mindfulbrewing.com/>
- 3) Insurrection Ale Works <https://www.insurrectionaleworks.com/>
- 4) Burghers Brewing <http://burgherspgh.com/burghers-brewing>
- 5) On the Point Brewing <http://burgherspgh.com/burghers-brewing>
- 6) Return to Baron's

Here is a Google map of all of the locations: <https://goo.gl/maps/24gkwv5TQcf8UnFq5>



## PRO-AM COLLABORATIONS

We will be conducting pro-am collaborations again this year. We do not currently have any details, but if you are interested, please let us know by filling out this brief form.

<https://forms.gle/dxoZn2JSc7m2jUQ19>

If you have signed our previous form, you will have to re-submit your information to be considered for this year's collaborations.



## APRIL MEETING



### Featured Style: American Ales & IPA

The April Meeting will focus on the American Ale and IPA styles. Members will brew an appropriate style beer, and then do a short presentation about what makes that style different from the others. We already have several members who have volunteered to create a beer for this meeting (see below). Please consider contributing. We especially need 18a (American Blonde) and 21a (American IPA) examples. There will be a prize for the popular favorite.

18a	American Blonde Ale	
18b	American Pale Ale	Pete Campen
21a	American IPA	
21b	Specialty: Belgian IPA	Tom Beach
21b	Specialty: Black IPA	
21b	Specialty: Brown IPA	
21b	Specialty: Red IPA	
21b	Specialty: Rye IPA	Jay O'Neill & Eli Urban
21b	Specialty: White IPA	
22a	Double IPA	Greg Irving

Please let Jay or Erica know if you would like to sign up to brew something for April's style Meeting.



## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

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*Please note that Wizard of SAAZ will be this fall. There will be no Son of Brewzilla in 2020.*

### Ohio 4oz: April 25

<https://allohio.4ozcomp.com/>

<https://someohio.4ozcomp.com/>

Cleveland, OH

Focus on Ohio ingredients. Categories for All Ohio and Some Ohio.

### Ohio State Fair: June 6

<https://ohiostatefairhomebrew.com/>



## BREW YOUR OWN CLUB SUBSCRIPTION

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Did you know that one of your benefits of membership is a reduced subscription price to Brew Your Own Magazine? Take advantage by going to <https://byo.com/product-category/subscription-membership/> and use the coupon code “club20”. The deadline is June 30.



## FEBRUARY RECAP

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We had some great chili at the cook off. I enjoyed how there was such a wide variety of different styles. I got some good ideas for future meals!

Thank you again to Larry Reuter for a fun presentation about oak smoked wheat malt (drink). If you missed it, here is the video of the presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REHUiwY3g54&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1YhILK829xH QjWse0iaX2XyNOiHQVUMYur4RKY5y52Ar37f8qf3Wz1MDE>

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 **LINKS AND MEMBERSHIP INFO**

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- [SNOB Meeting Location](#)
- [Recipes and Tools](#)
- [Web Links of Interest](#)
- [SNOB Web Page](#)
- [SNOB Facebook](#)

**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](https://www.beersnobs.org)

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