

March, 2025



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



Our Next Meeting

Monday, March 3rd 7:30
Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Topic: Discussion with
Industry Reps on current
status of Craft Beer and
Home brewing

Upcoming Events

March Night Out

Thursday, March 13th
6:00 P.M.
Brick and Barrel Brwing

April Meeting

Monday April 7th
7:30 P.M.
Sachsenheim Hall

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

President's Message

Our upcoming club We're now into late winter or early spring. Mud season. With the weather warming a little as I write this, I am hoping that I can fire up my brew kettle soon. The last thing I made was the hop water on New Years Eve. I have the ingredients for more Flemish Red. Hopefully, I can get that beer into carboys sometime this month.

I have topics planned for the next few meetings and I know that Katie Melnick is working on filling out our SNOBs Night Out calendar. Hopefully, those of you that brew IPAs have already made plans to brew an IPA for our April 7th meeting. We'll discuss the beer recipes and their IPA sub-styles as our topic in April. Jacen Melnick will be discussing how he makes hot sauces for our May 5th meeting. If you also make hot sauce, please plan to bring in your own to share.

For this month's meeting, Darren Cross from The Cleveland Brew Shop and Vaughn Stewart from Bookhouse Brewing will be joining us. I would like to discuss the State of the Homebrewing and Craft Beer markets with Darren and Vaughn. I'd like us to understand what it is like from their perspective. From there, I'd like to open up the discussion to the rest of the room. Hopefully, we can help these two gain some insight into a segment of their consumers. Don't expect too much to be about brewing techniques or recipes. If you buy homebrew supplies or craft beer, I think you should have something to contribute to this month's meeting.

Cheers to Katie Melnick and Marlene Capichioni for their winning chilies at our annual Chili Cook-Off. I will be away for the April meeting. I would like to finalize who may be able to step in for me next month. I contacted Ralph about Big Brew and he is working on confirming if we can continue our annual competition this year. I look forward to seeing everybody on Monday.



March Meeting

Darren Cross of the Cleveland Brewshop and Vaughn Stewart from Bookhouse Brewing will be on hand to discuss the state of the craft beer and home brewing market. Sure to be informative, arrive with questions for the open forum portion.

April Style meeting

April meeting will be a focus on IPAs. Time to get planning and brewing your IPA to share and discuss.

Chili Cookoff recap

As Mike recounted, Katie Melnick and Marlene Capichioni tied during the first round of voting, with Katie prevailing during the second round. A great turnout in terms of SNOBs and chilis. Twelve submissions were on hand to sample. Thanks to everyone who also brought sides and toppings.

Katie describes her entry as “bold and smoky that layers deep, complex flavors with just the right amount of heat. Smoked tomatoes form the rich, velvety base, while Truffle hot sauce adds an irresistible depth of umami. Smoked chipotle hot sauce brings a smoldering warmth that lingers” Yes, it was as good as it sounds.



Bus Trip

Mark your calendars for May 17th. ! We're gearing up for an unforgettable One-Day Bus Trip to Columbus packed with exceptional craft beer, hearty meals, and camaraderie among fellow beer enthusiasts.

To lock in this unforgettable Columbus Beer Adventure, we need 31 beer-loving adventurers to sign up by April 11! Once we reach 31, we will start accepting payments.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG3qV3Rezi61kBK0E3Zu0hS85ny6nkneEVqCceA13szgASJA/viewform>

Don't wait—secure your spot now and be part of a day packed with top-tier breweries, great food, and unbeatable company.



Other News

Competitions

TRASH 33 - Bellefonte, PA. New Date! 4/25/2025. Entry Deadline is April 15

National Homebrew Competition - Round 1.

Indianapolis March 28-29. Receiving entries March 5-15

Chicago April 11-12, Receiving entries March 24-28.

British Beer fest- SODZ from Columbus is once again hosting their British beer competition on April 26. Registration is now open and closes April 26.

For more information and to register: <https://bbf.sodz.org/>



Iron Brewer Competition

Brew -1-6 is once again organizing this years' Iron Brewer. Now on its 11th year, they are shaking things up for 2025 competition. Live brewing will be omitted and will be replaced of a night of social drinking, picking secret ingredients and recipe submission. Each participant will have to submit 3 secret ingredient options at least 2 weeks before the event to add the lists of secret ingredients. Each participant will choose from this pool of submissions. A recipe will be submitted than evening. Again for this year The Cleveland Brewshop will give a discount code for participants that will be given the night of the event

Iron Brewer 11 social will be held at Brick and Barrel on March 7, 2025 7pm-11pm

Tasting and awarding will be at The Cleveland Brewshop on May 2nd, 2025 7pm-10pm

Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iron-brewer-11-tickets-1210167045209>

March night out

On Thursday, March 13th, starting at 6pm we will be at Brick & Barrel Brewing in Cleveland. They are located at 1844 Columbus Rd, Cleveland, OH 44113. A taphouse offering house-brewed ales & wine in a cozy space with beer-centric décor and industrial vibe of the Flats. If you haven't been there recently, come check out the new brews from new brewer Alex Orsagos.



Local Upcoming Festivals

There are several area beer fests coming up. They are each a good opportunity to get out and mingle with fellow SNOBs and beer lovers.

Winter Warmer. The Ohio Craft Brewers Association presents the 18th annual Winter Warmer Fest, returning to Windows on the River on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 2-5 p.m. 55+ Ohio breweries will showcase their winter, seasonal, limited edition and high-gravity beers. Winter Warmer Fest | Ohio Craft Brewers Association (ohiocraftbeer.org)

Request for homebrew



Please consider brings a keg or growler of your homebrew to a meeting. Let Mike know in advance and he can add it to the presentation slides. Bring your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from members and judges in attendance. Plus it's always nice to share and sample what members are brewing.

SNOBwear T-shirts



We still have a good selection of sizes for the SNOB T-shirt available. \$10 for sizes S – XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Michael at secretary@beersnobs.org if you want one.

About SNOB

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

2025 Meeting Dates

March 3d – Monthly Meeting	August 4th – Monthly Meeting
April 7th – Monthly Meeting	August 25th – September Monthly Meeting
May 5th – Monthly Meeting	October 6 th – Monthly Meeting
June 9th – Monthly Meeting	November 3rd - Monthly Meeting
June 27th – Friday evening cook out -July Meeting	December 5th – Christmas Party

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 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.

2025 Officers



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