

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for May 2012

President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

For a while now, I have had many requests to get a study group and exam session together for a new crew of budding beer judges. A little over a year ago, I had heard that the [Beer Judge Certification Program](#) (BJCP) was going to be revamping its exam process. The [exam process](#) has finally been revamped as of March this year. There is now an online entrance exam that consists of 200 questions that has a one hour time limit. To do well, the same amount of study that was done for the previous essay test is highly recommended. Passing this exam gives you the title of Provisional Judge. Once you are a Provisional Judge, you have one year to take the new Beer Judging Exam. The Beer Judging Exam is a proctored, i.e.: planned and registered exam of six beers to be judged. Your BJCP rank would then change based on your score of the Beer Judging Exam. The higher BJCP ranks are awarded partly through scores of an essay exam much like the old BJCP exam. What I would like to do in the near future is for our club to hold a study group that would meet weekly to follow the BJCP exam study syllabus. This would give us a new crop of people ready to take the entrance exam. We would register for a Beer Judging Exam 3 to 6 months after the study group would finish.

Hopefully, you read this before Cinco de Mayo. Because, this year, it isn't just a day to indulge on nachos and margaritas. It's also [National Homebrew Day](#), or Big Brew Day. Big Brew is always the first Saturday of May and we SNOBs will be getting together for our traditional group brew. **John Majetic** owns a homebrew system where we can brew a 100 gallon batch of homebrew. We'll be getting together at Buckeye Brewing on Walford Ave.

off of West Blvd. In Cleveland. Even if you can't spend the day or are willing to take some of this group-brewed beer home with you in a carboy, I encourage you to stop by. It's always a fun afternoon. If you go to our club's website and download the June 2011 newsletter, you'll see photos from last year's event. This year's beer will be a brown ale that will be a little bigger and a little hoppier than the style guidelines.

Speaking of style guidelines and judging exams, **Brian Wright**, **Greg Irving** and I have formed a competition committee. Brian and I met with Fat Heads' **Matt Cole** in April and we have begun planning this year's Son of Brewzilla. Synchronize your homebrews for Saturday, September 29th. Other dates, locations and details will come later. We have some ideas that will make this year's competition something that can involve all of our membership.

Willoughby Brewing's Brewmaster **Rick Seibt** will be our speaker this month. Rick is a founding SNOB member who recently started coming back to meetings and has been given the opportunity to manage the Lake County brewery operations. Like other club members, Rick is closely tied to his German roots and has visited Cologne and other cities in Germany several times. Willoughby Brewing has just introduced a Kölsch to their regular brewery offerings. Rick will discuss the history and beer style of Kölsch. This is a nice style to understand as we get closer to the warmer months here in Northeast Ohio.

Like many SNOB members, this first week of May will be very busy for myself. I am the organizer for the [International Beer Fest's](#) Competition. We'll be holding it Wednesday,

May 9th to award medals during The IX Center's beer fest Saturday, May 12th. The IX Center is still looking for volunteers to pour beer during the two day and three shift festival. [Volunteers](#) are rewarded well with time off during the session to sample and other goodies. I have also been told very recently that SNOB and SAAZ can share a booth again this year. I'll be looking for volunteers that would like to man our booth and talk about our club to festival attendees.

Saturday, May 19th is the Little Mountain Home Brewers Association (LMHBA) [King of the Mountain](#) homebrew competition at Willoughby Brewing. They are looking for judges. This is a club where SNOB has some cross-membership. I encourage those that are interested in judging to sign up. This could be a nice local competition to get some experience. For those of you that are beer judges, please look into spending a Saturday judging in Willoughby. The entry deadline for beers is Sunday, May 6th or 150 entries.

Looking forward to June, we will be holding Brew & Canoe, our first camp out of the year, June 15th - 17th near Jefferson, OH. **Mike McColgan** shares some land with friends that has enough room for a good SNOB campout. There's plenty of room for tents and a few campers. There is a lake and Mike does own a canoe which **Penny Rackoff** and I have used. Club camping rules are simple. Bring a side dish and some beer to share. The club will supply the meat dish for the evenings. We'll get a count of campers in June, so the club knows what to purchase food-wise.

I hope to see many of you at Big Brew, International Beer Fest, SNOB's Night Out and our meeting this month.

Cheers,
Mike Ontolchik



Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

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

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

9/29: Son of Brewzilla

SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

May 2012

5: Big Brew – Buckeye Brewing – 10:30 am – RSVP to Jeff @ jlb922@gmail.com

7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

11-12: International Beer Fest – IX Center

22: SNOBs Night Out: Fat Heads

June 2012

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

TBD: Brew & Canoe

July 2012

2: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

28: Blues and Brews

August 2012

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

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

September 2012

14 - 16: Octobeerfest

October 2012

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

13: Son of Brewzilla (tentative)

19 – 27: Cleveland Beer Week

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*

March 2012

Tom Bullock

April 2012

*Lance Todd
Mark St. John*

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.

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

April Treasurers Report

April Income		April Expenses	
Membership	\$435.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Subtotal	\$435.00	Subtotal	\$75.00

SNOBs Night Out – Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM

Fat Heads

Home of Headhunter IPA – Winner of 2010 & 2012 National IPA Challenge

24581 Lorain Road * North Olmstead, OH 44070 * (440) 801-1001

Web Links of Interest

SNOB

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

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

forum:

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.)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone
(_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

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

Today's
date _____

<http://greatist.com/health/beer-hacks/#>

Hack Your Beer: Pedicures, Food, and Beer Shampoo

by [David Tao](#) · about 20 hours ago · [Health](#)

With warmer weather right around the corner, we here at Greatist aren't the only ones looking forward to a cold, [heart-healthy](#) brew or two. But in case an upcoming patio party results in a few extra six-packs (alack!), we've got four great hacks for those leftover beers. From marinating steaks to volumizing hair, put those brews to good use.



1. **Cook Your Rice in Beer:** Everything's better with beer — at least we think so — and this versatile staple is no exception. Try using [beer instead of water](#) when boiling rice to add a rich, nutty flavor. Or split the recipe with beer and water for a hint of extra flavor. It's probably best to [avoid very hoppy brews](#), though, as doing so could leave behind a slightly sour flavor.
2. **Marinate Meat:** Sure there's [coffee-soaked steak](#), but beer also makes a great [lower-sodium alternative](#) to bottled marinades. Experiment with different flavors to [add punch](#) and tenderize the meat.
3. **Give Yourself a Beer Pedicure:** The yeast in beer is actually a great skin-softener. Soaking feet in a (preferably warm) bowl of beer can do [wonders for calloused heels](#), helping exfoliate and soften the skin. The [alcohol](#) also acts as a natural antiseptic. Some [high-end spas](#) have even begun offering beer-based pedicures for their clientele.
4. **Shampoo with Beer:** It's never fun to get beer spilled all over that favorite shirt, but spilling a bottle over your head is actually a nifty way to get healthy, shiny hair. The proteins and [vitamins](#) found in beer can leave hair [feeling noticeable thicker and shinier](#). While beer is not a permanent substitute for normal hair care products (alack!), beer can be added to shampoo or combined with scented oil to make a great conditioner on its own. Just don't forget to wash it out afterwards, lest *L'Odeur du Frat Party* is the goal.

Bonus! Cooking with beer? Different brands and types can accent unique flavors in food. Here's the (rough) breakdown.

- **White/Wheat:** These beers give extra sweetness and a note of citrus. Example: Blue Moon.
- **Pilsner:** Pilsner's are a little spicier than wheat beers but with less sharp tones than an IPA. Example: Pilsner Urquell.
- **IPA:** To highlight bitter undertones, try an IPA, a favorite of microbrewers across the country. Example: Sierra Nevada IPA.
- **Ales:** Ales are great for imparting deep, nutty flavors. Example: Newcastle.
- **Stout/Porter:** To get even more flavor (and some notes of coffee and [chocolate](#)) than an ale, try stouts and porters. Example: Guinness.