



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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May 2016 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



May is shaping up to be a very exciting, very eventful month for SNOB. It all starts with our Monthly meeting on May 2nd, which is jam-packed with announcements, educational content, and free stuff! Brian Wright from LD Carlson will be bringing in The Swaen specialty malts to give away: GoldSwaen Red – 20L, GoldSwaen Munich Light – 30L, GoldSwaen Brown Supreme – 120L, BlackSwaen Coffee – 220L, and BlackSwaen Chocolate Wheat. Also joining us will be Paul Benner from the Cleveland Brew Shop to talk to us about an upcoming competition, a possible SNOB collaboration beer, and to fill us in on what he's got in the works at Platform. Our main technical presentation will be provided by Chris Alltmont, Head of Operations at Fat Heads Brewery. Chris will be talking to us about an unusual piece of equipment called a "Hop Canon" that Fat Heads uses to dry-hop their beers at the production brewery.

The week after our meeting, SAAZ has invited us to crash their monthly meeting on May 10th and do an all-SNOB tap-takeover. Their meetings take place at St Thomas Orthodox Church: 555 N Cleveland Massillon Rd, Akron. Parking is in the back and the entrance is in the courtyard. They also provide a small meal, so if you are planning on joining us please let me know by our May 2nd meeting so I can give them a head count. If you have a keg (doesn't have to be full) that you'd like to share please also let me know what you're bringing.

The weekend after the SAAZ meeting is our annual SNOB Big Brew, on Saturday, May 14th at Fat Heads Production. This year we are making a big hoppy saison with 100% Haus Malts. Come on down, drink some great Fat Heads drafts, and help make a huge batch of homebrew!

By now you should be finalizing your plans to attend HomebrewCon 2016, the American Homebrewers Association's annual conference in Baltimore on June 9th-11th. HomebrewCon includes speakers, seminars, social meetings, and the award ceremony for the National



Homebrew Competition. A total of 13 SNOB beers have made it to the final round of this year's competition. HomebrewCon isn't always within a day's drive of Cleveland (last year it was in San Diego), so take advantage of it this year while it is so close.

Our annual Brew & Canoe campout is right around the corner on the weekend of June 24th-26th. Brew & Canoe will once again be held at Tim's place on the Huron River. There will be kegs & bottles of homebrew shared, a SNOB-sized bonfire, and ample opportunities to bond with your fellow club members. In addition to your best homebrew please bring a side dish to share, your own sleeping quarters (hammock, tent, RV, Dymaxion house, etc...), and a can of bug spray.

April has been a pretty light month for competitions, but May and June have several close by to take advantage of. Saturday May 7th is the 2nd annual HomeBros Iron Brewer competition at Forest City Brewery in Cleveland. For this competition you'll need to bring your brewing equipment in the morning to Forest City where you'll be given a secret ingredient and will then have an hour to formulate a recipe and begin brewing. Judging will be a month later where they will crown Cleveland's Iron Brewer. Other, more traditional upcoming homebrew competitions include the Bloatarian Open (5/21 Cincinnati), WAZE Homebrew Competition (5/21 Latrobe, PA), The Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition (6/4 Columbus), and King of the Mountain (6/18 Willoughby). Let's keep winning medals and get our names and club recognized for the great homebrews we all make!

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

May 25th, 6:00pm

Tour the malting facility, Club Jockey Box will be there, bring your beer brewed by using Haus Malts if you have one, bring a dish for a potluck style dinner

Haus Malts, 6107 Carnegie Ave. Cleveland, OH

Excerpt from the May 1991 Newsletter

Andy Tveekrem (The Librarian) has recognized that several people did not attend the meeting who were supposed to return their library books. He has promised to bring a baseball bat to the next meeting, and the mob will have a vote on whether to fine you or cream you. Seriously though – don't let your books get overdue. Return them to the library before the meeting date, if you know that you will not be able to attend. It's only courteous, and besides - Andy could dock your library privileges!

Swaen Malts are now being carried by LD Carlson for sale to our LHBS stores and Brian Wright would like to introduce us to these specialty malts at the May meeting! He will be giving away samples, probably 16 ounces for us to try out. Bring along some zip lock bags or other small container to hold the malts. If Brian runs out, he will bring some to the June meeting if needed. He will be bringing the following.



- GoldSwaen Red – 20L
- GoldSwaen Munich Light – 35L
- GoldSwaen Brown Supreme - 120L
- BlackSwaen Coffee - 220L
- BlackSwaen Chocolate Wheat – 400L

Big Brew will be held on May 14 at Fat Head's Brewery and Taproom. We will be brewing a saison using Haus Malts to go into our brett infected oak barrel. This raises some logistical issues that we need to address before the saison fermentation is complete. First of all, we will be using John's 100-gallon kettle and 2 90-gallon fermenters again. John is modifying his kettle to allow pumping of the wort from the boil kettle into the fermenters. We will also more than likely use the "stand-pipes" in the bottom of the fermenters that really helped to isolate the yeast when moving to the barrel.

At 2-4 weeks after Big Brew, we will need to move the brett barleywine from the barrel into around 10 kegs, so we need some empty kegs. I still have 5 kegs tied up in SNOB beers and cannot furnish enough. Maybe we can find some stewards for these beers where we can use your keg and you care for it, bring to events, maybe even dry hop or whatever. Just know your kegs will be tied up for a while. Tim, Dan and myself have vacuum pumps to remove barleywine from the barrel so maybe we can run 2 pumps at a time to speed things up.

Also, the barrel, to clean or not to clean. When we transferred in the stout, we captured a LOT of yeast in the barrel. Before putting the barleywine in we rinsed the barrel with 3-gallon of distilled water, could have used 10-gallons or more. Should we plan a good rinse, maybe taking to the brewery and rinse well with hot water? Would that kill our brett?

The 2016 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition will be held Saturday, June 4 at the Ohio Expo Center (will be using the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines.) [Entry deadline is May 17.](#)

We are in need of BJCP sanctioned judges and would like to extend to you an invitation to judge at our BJCP sanctioned competition. If you are able to join us, please complete the attached Judge Registration Form and email it back to me (if you would rather not complete the form, just let me know if you will be able to judge one, or both, sessions.) I would appreciate receiving your response by May 1. **If you want to judge you can contact Brett for the pdf or myself and I can forward his email to you.**

A complimentary lunch will be provided as well as coffee and donuts in the morning. We are again offering out of town judges complimentary hotel accommodations.

We again had more than 500 entries last year and would love to have you join us this year. If you have any questions regarding our competition, please call or email me. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Brett D. Chance, Competition Organizer, Ohio State Fair
717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211



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Brew and Canoe, our summer campout, will be held at Tim's again this year on the Huron River on June 24th and 26th. In order to plan for food'n'stuff, we need to get an idea on who might be coming out to join us. These are rather relaxing weekends of good beer, good food, great fires and fantastic friends. If you will be going, fill out the [google doc](#) and let it be known

SNOB Web Page Changes. We are currently looking for help modernizing the 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) if interested.

25th 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 25th 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 your 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.



Collab Brew with SNOBs and Platform/CBS

Paul is gauging interest in a collab brew with the SNOB and Platform on a summer beer brewed on their 3 barrel or maybe 10 barrel system. This isn't a competition but more like a crowd sourced recipe and bunch of people to brew it on a Saturday. Details will follow as they become available but look for this to happen sometime between maybe April and July.

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 9th thru the 11th. 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. Mike has a [Sign-up Sheet](#) for all who can bring kegs, please make a contribution to the cause, we promise not to lose your keg, hopefully.

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. We have at least 10 members going thus far but we MUST consider consolidating our hotel rooms. Most have a reservation already but we can combine into double occupancy and save a lot of \$. Please fill out the [google doc](#) so we know you're going, if you have a room or need a roomie. **Also we need to transport the SNOB bar, the plan is to try and fit in Tim's van but if you are driving in a large enough vehicle or a truck with a covered bed and can take some of the load, email and let me know.**

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.

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

May 2016

2: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

3-5: Craft Brewers Conference

10: SNOB Tap Takeover at the SAAZ Meeting

14: Big Brew at Fat Head's Production Brewery

15-21: Columbus Beer Week

17: Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition entry deadline

25: SNOB Night Out, Haus Malts, 6107 Carnegie Ave. Cleveland, OH, [FB Event Page](#)

June 2016



4: Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition
6: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
9-11: National Homebrew Conference
24-26 Brew and Canoe Campout, Tim's resort on the Huron River

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 beer or brew session.

January 2016

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

February 2016

Kate Eckroate
Mark & Rachel Haborak
Todd Tolford

March 2016

Dan & Debbie Lackey
Ryan Thomas & Ross Stafirski
Michael Weiner

April 2016

2016 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.

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/>) 20% off all CO₂ tank refills plus other CO₂ 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/>



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

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

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

