

May, 2025



Our Next Meeting

Monday, May 5th 7:30
Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Topic: IPA beers

Upcoming Events

May Night Out

Thursday, May 22nd
6:00 P.M.

June Meeting

Monday June 2nd
7:30 P.M.
Sachsenheim Hall

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

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



President's Message

I am back from my Spring Break trip with Harry Buchroeder and Andrew Mitchell. We had a great time touring a couple production breweries, drinking in a couple monasteries and attending a couple Starkbierfests. It was a good time in Munich, Bamberg and Prague during the first bouts of Spring for Bavaria and Bohemia. That's what I really liked was being in places I now know but during a different season with different festivals and less tourists.

May should be a pretty eventful month. Big Brew wort pickup at Terrestrial Brewing will be Saturday, May 3rd. You can still sign up as of when the newsletter goes out but you will need to have your clean and sanitized fermenter at the brewery before 1:00 pm that Saturday. We'll share our results in June at our summer cook-out at Sachsenheim Hall. Jasen Melnick will be presenting on making hot sauce at our May 5th Meeting. I know that we want to explore some other forms of fermentation and it just made sense to talk about hot sauces on Cinco de Mayo. SAAZ has a campout the weekend of May 9th and you're invited. Email me if you would like to attend the campout so that I can coordinate. Our SNOBs Night Out will be at Collision Bend in Euclid. Our friend Luke Purcell's East Side Production Brewery and Tap Room has quickly become one of my favorite places East of The Cuyahoga. Winking Lizard is hosting their new Belgian Family Brewers Beer Festival on May 31st. It sounds like many of you will be volunteering and hopefully others bought tickets before the event sold out. Maybe I will see some of you there if I can find a ticket.

It looks like I may have originally scheduled our next meeting for June 9th. June 2nd is the First Monday of the month and Sachsenheim Hall is okay with us having the meeting then. I don't have a confirmed topic for June so we may talk about it during club business in our May meeting.



Also, I wanted to announce that Son of Brewzilla will be October 25th. Start planning your brew days for our bi-annual homebrew competition. The Brew Kettle will be helping us host this year's competition at their production brewery where Cara Baker works. The Sheldon Road facility used to be the Fat Heads Production Brewery and tap room. The Brew Kettle is working on reopening the tap room space. I expect that the space and the new partnership with The Brew Kettle should work out we

Big Brew Day

Despite the recent new, our annual Big Brew wort donation and competition is still a go. Many thanks to the Terrestrial Brewing team for continuing this great tradition. Drop off your bucket no later than 11am Saturday. Wort pickup will be Saturday, May 3rd. pick-up time is 2-3 pm. We'll hold the get together at Sachsenheim Hall on Friday, June 27th. First 30 entrants / 150 gallons should get wort. There are 15 sign-ups, so plenty of room to still join. Here's the sign-up sheet for 2025:

<https://forms.gle/JkeHuTciN7Xi8R6m7>

May Meeting

The May meeting will be a focus on fermented hot sauce with a presentation by Jasen Melnick. Members are encouraged to bring home made and/or home fermented hot sauces to share.

June Meeting

Topic to be determined. Email with any ideas.

Camp out with SAAZ

If you are interested in camping at the Brooklyn Exchange cabin or just hang out for a picnic, May 9th and 10th, email Mike at montolchik@gmail.com

Belgian Beer Fest and Volunteer Opportunity

This is a sold out event and we have filled all of the volunteer slots. Great Job SNOBS!

If any slots open up, an email will go out the week before the event for sign up.

To see participating Breweries, Beer and special attendees, go to this page:

<https://winkinglizardtavern.ticketspice.com/belgian-beer-week-tasting-event>

Other News

Competitions

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

Congrats to Jay O'neil for a medal trifecta

Gold for Lithuanian Lube - Baltic Porter

A Silver for Rye Not? - Alternative Grain Beer

A Bronze for Leaping Gnome - Wheatwine

Toddy Donnelly received a Silver Medal for Squished Pears, a New World Perry

National Homebrew Competition - Round 1.

Congrats to Todd, he had a beer and a mead advance to the second round.

May night out

On Thursdady , May 22nd, we're heading to the Euclid production facility for Collision Bend for an evening of top-notch craft beer, great food and even better company!

Collision Bend is rolling out the red carpet for us with ALL-DAY HAPPY HOUR—that means discounted beers and food while we kick back and enjoy their lineup. And if we're lucky, we might even get a behind-the-scenes brewery tour with the head brewer (pending availability). Check the FB event page for updates.

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.

Iron Brewer Tasting and Awards Night

Come out on May2nd to support local homebrewers and attend this years' Iron Brewer tasting event, a collection of beers brewed using one of 13 ingredients drawn by the participants. The event is at the Cleveland Brewshop, 7 to 10pm, to crown this year's Iron Brewer.

Medina Beer Fest – May 10th. – go to <https://www.mainstreetmedina.com/beer-fest.html>

Kent Craft Beer Fest – May 17th. See FB event page.

Ashland Ale Fest - June 14th, 4 pm. Go to ashlandmainstreet.org or visit the Facebook event for more information.

The Cleveland Beer Week Organization has scheduled the following events. Some are new!

Sunday June 22 Saison Fest afternoon at Bell Tower.

Saturday August 16 Lagerland 1-5 at Collison Bend Euclid.

Thursday October 9 Offshore Pour

Saturday October 25 is Celebration of the Hop at Fat Heads

Saturday November 1 is Barrel Aged Bash 12 - 4 at Butcher and the Brewer

Friday November 14 is Holiday showcase 6 - 9 PM at Forest City

More information and even details can be found here. <https://www.clevelandbeerweek.org/events>

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 \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

2025 Meeting Dates

	August 4th – Monthly Meeting
	August 25th – September Monthly Meeting
May 5th – Monthly Meeting	October 6 th – Monthly Meeting
June 2nd – 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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