

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for November 2012

President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Cleveland Beer Week. It seems that with almost every event I attended or place I stopped in, I had a conversation with someone I just met about homebrewing and our club. I hope you noticed the same. When you're in one of our many local craft beer venues and you tell someone that you make your own beer at home, they will usually tell you that they didn't like their first result or think it will be too hard to get started. That's when I take the opportunity to say that I once felt the same way but, I learned how to make much better beer with ease through SNOB meetings and discussions with other SNOB members. Cleveland Beer Week had several highlights for me. Some of the best were moments like that. I'm looking for some new faces in the crowd in our November meeting. I expect to see some of those people again. With the end of Cleveland Beer Week, we have to start looking towards the end of 2012. Look for this month's raffle to have plenty of leftovers from Culture Yourself and Brewzilla.

One morning during Cleveland Beer Week, I met up with **Andy Tveekrem** and helped him brew at Nano Brew. We made a batch of Particle Accelerator Double IPA using Ahtanum hops. The grain bill was mostly Golden Promise with some Carahell and Acidulated Malt. Nano Brew has an automated More Beer 20 gallon 1 tier system. The hosing connections are quick disconnects and they have two More Beer conical fermenters where a batch could fill either. The heat is supplied by natural gas burners and they heat up the room significantly during the brew. The fun part was watching Andy measure out his hops for the boil

addition: 8 handfals. That was also what he recorded in his brewery log book. Since the last batch was made with Centennial and had a higher alpha acid content, Andy increased his boil amount from 6 to 8 handfals. Having the logs from his previous batch available and knowing how that turned out, it was easy for him to decide on how much he should up his bittering addition. That's a lesson we can all use. To be consistent and to tweak recipes, it good to keep accurate logs of how your beers are brewed and how they come out. You can then either do it the same as before or adjust to make it better.

Our November meeting means officer elections for 2013. I would like to see more nominees than what we have already. Recently, I spoke to **Jennifer Hermann** about how her former Cincinnati club managed its business. The Bloatarian Brewing League has regular board meetings. I think that besides our officer transition meeting in December, we should hold meetings with the current officers and some of the former officers we have had. Other club members would be allowed to attend. We will use these meetings to plan upcoming club events and discuss club business. If we want to build the events we have and add a group trip to Philadelphia for the National Homebrewers Conference, we need to have more people involved than the officers and a few usual suspects. Even if you don't think you can put in the effort to be a club officer, we're going to need plenty of help next year. There's always room for someone to step up and help out.

For our November topic, **Matt Cole** will be giving the presentation he gave this year in Yakima, Washington during Hop Selection. He has told me that most of the information is in **Mitch Steele's** new book on IPA. Not only is it

one of the area's most award-winning IPAs, Fat Heads Headhunter has won multiple awards on the national stage. Matt has given talks to us before about IPA. This should be the most in-depth. Matt plans to bring some Fat Heads beer to share. I plan to bring some IPA I recently brewed, too. I split this batch so half is American IPA and half a Belgian IPA. I overshot my original gravity, so these should probably be considered double IPAs. Look forward to this month's presentation on IPAs and expect some hoppy beers available.

We do not have a meeting in December. Instead, we try to get together on the first Friday of December to hold a Christmas Party. The SNOB Christmas Party will be Friday, December 7th at Sachsenheim Hall. This will be catered by Grumpy. We should have a few open jockey box connections for ball lock kegs. Bring some beer to share. This event is free to paid members and will be \$15 for guests. We will have an RSVP list so that we know how many people to order the catering for. We do have a wrapped beer exchange. **Jon Close** tried to explain how he wanted to organize it this year in the October meeting. My feelings on it are that I will wrap up something nice and sort of rare that I have. I don't mind if my investment doesn't pay off. Bring up to three beers per person for the gift exchange. As most SNOB events, this is a fun one you'd rather not miss.

Just as we host Son of Brewzilla the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) host Wizard of SAAZ early next year. This is the other competition where SNOB and SAAZ compete against each other for The Cuyahoga Cup. The date hasn't been finalized. Expect the competition to be held in Late January or February in Akron. We'll send out a notice when registration opens.

As I've said before, I would like to organize a group next year to participate in NHC Club Night. The AHA's [National Homebrewers Conference](#) will be in Philadelphia June 27th – 29th. Registration will open February 5th. For those of you that haven't gone, the NHC has seminars during the day on homebrewing topics and beer fests in the evenings. The Friday Night fest is Club Night, a beer fest where every table is a different homebrew club. Clubs go all out in building their Club Night booths. With Philadelphia a drivable distance, I feel we can put together a large enough group that can man a club booth next year.

Cheers,
Mike Ontolchik



Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

11/10: Judges needed for [Beer for Boobs](#)
@ Weasel Boy Brewing (126 Muskingum
Ave, Suite E. Zanesville, OH 43701);
judging starts at 9:30am.

Congratulations Greg Irving!

He placed second overall in the Bottle My
Brew Competition at the West Point Market
with his IPA.

[Read Rick Armon's writeup about the
competition here.](#)

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SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

November 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall
Elections!
Christma Party Planning

TBD: SNOBs Night Out – Great Lakes Brewing

December 2012

7th - SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

2013 Officer Candidates

Librarian: Brad Lipinski

Secretary: Jeff Bradbury

Vice President: Greg Irving

President: Mark Rames

Please email additional nominations to Jeff
Bradbury. You may nominate yourself.

SNOBwear

Look good. Feel better. Brew best.

Our treasurer, Ace, has taken the time to test drive some fine pieces of clothing to spruce up your casual wardrobe. There are some favorites, such as ball caps, Ts, and shop shirts, but also some goodies to wear beyond the brew kettle. At every group meeting Ace will have a binder full of women's and men's wear for you to order from, plus a few pieces on hand for immediate purchase. He will rotate selections based on seasonal needs and will take requests for future items. Ask Ace what it'll take for you to look and brew your best!

Ball cap \$12

Beanie winter cap \$10

Fidel style cap \$14

Fleece vest \$20

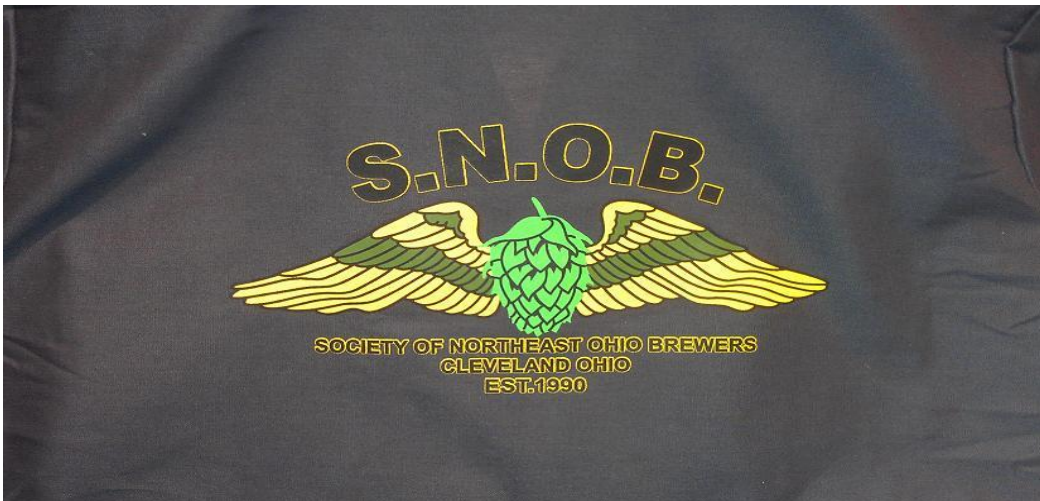
Long sleeve sport shirt \$17

Hoodie \$25

*All prices are for members only and include small, embroidered SNOB logo. Prices and items subject to availability and can change based on our vendor.

Red Kap brand Shop Shirts are here!

Pictured below is the new, HiDef logo with an 11" wingspan. This is the back of a Charcoal shirt, but there are over 2 dozen colors to pick from (most common are Khaki, Dark Blue and Black). You can personalize it with a SNOB logo for the chest and/or back, and your name can be stitched too. Prices start at \$25. Ask Ace for a quote on your customized shirt.



This big logo can also be added to spruce up most any garment you already own. The "smoother" materials are better, so no fuzzy pajama tops, please! For only \$12 each (includes labor)! Give Ace your (clean) clothing to be "SNOB'd" on a hanger or in a plastic bag and write your name, phone #, and logo placement on a piece of paper so we know it is yours.

All items paid in cash, check payable to "SNOB" or PayPal to Danish.ace(at)sbcglobal.net

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
Kyle Roth*

April 2012

*Lance Todd
Mark St. John*

July 2012

Neil Mentzer

August 2012

*Mike Samec
Dan Hoelter*

September 2012

*Amy Cain
David & Jennifer Holy*

October 2012

*Jake Johnson
Paul & Carolyn Benner
Nathan Rutz*

SNOBs Nights Out – November TBD

Great Lakes Brewing

2516 Market Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113 * (216) 771-4404

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
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies (Opening November 13th)

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

October Treasurers Report

October Income		October Expenses	
Membership	\$105.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBwear	\$175.00	SNOBwear	\$330.00
Son of Brewzilla	\$3,756.00	Son of Brewzilla	\$3,296.00
Raffle	\$233.00	OktoBEERfest	\$530.00
		Supplies	\$260.00
Subtotal	\$4,269.00	Subtotal	\$4,491.00

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
2668 Hampton Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

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 _____