

# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

## Club Newsletter for November 2013

### President's Krausening

By Todd Donnelly

Greetings fellow SNOBs!

October was a great month - hope you had your chance to take advantage of the amazing beer-centric events that dominated the month. Cleveland Beer Week is a great chance to try craft beers, go to bars you've never been to, participate in awesome beer and food pairings, and in general have a blast.

The whole week ends with Cleveland's version of the GABF - Brewzilla! Lots of beers to taste in one suds filled evening. Much thanks to all the SNOBs who helped as volunteers throughout the week and for Brewzilla, these events couldn't happen without you! To say thanks, Beer Week organizer Christine Montague has donated a lot of their 'left over beer' to the SNOBs - you'll see a lot of it used in our raffle this week and at our upcoming competition and as a special thank you to our Brewzilla volunteers - a much appreciated gesture!

This is our last formal meeting for the year and I think you will enjoy it! We will wrap up our elections for 2014 Officers and be able to get the process started for a great transition into next year's agenda and events. We'll have an introductory lesson to electric brewing with **Jeff Bradbury** - not an all-encompassing lesson as that would be an entire meeting itself, but enough to get you intrigued about this option to traditional stovetop or propane burners. I've

seen Jeff's setup and I've tasted his awesome homebrew, so I know it works quite well.

The majority of the meeting will be dedicated to a custom Beer & Food Pairing session brought to us by our very own **Bob Wright!** Your taste buds will be lead down a wonderful path of several pairings and Bob will go into detail on what makes a pairing successful and what to look for. This should be a real treat for everyone who can make it. I've been saving this topic for last to make sure we end the year with a bang!

We have our annual Christmas Party scheduled for Friday Dec 6th, details to be discussed at the meeting but this is the one event per year that you do NOT want to miss. We'll need a head count so we can plan for seating and the food so expect a sign-up sheet and email RSVP. Dust off your ugliest Xmas sweater, bring a few bottles of extra special beer or homebrew to share, and participate in the bottle exchange if you are interested - it's a fantastic time.

The weekend of November 22-23 is our last big event of the year - Son of Brewzilla - the SNOBs annual homebrewing competition. Hopefully you have all been brewing up a storm to get entries ready. Now we need your help as judges, stewards, cellar helpers, and scanning/data entry assistance. We'll discuss details at the meeting, but the general flow of events will start off with a social event on Friday night at the Fatheads Production



facility at 18741 Sheldon Rd near the airport. We'll finish the drop off of entries, enjoy some of Matt's fine suds and food with special SNOBs discounts, we'll have an awesome raffle with lots of swag and beer, and get ready for Saturday!

This is going to be a BIG competition - we capped the event at 600 entries and it looks like we'll hit that number. That's bigger than any competition the area has seen in a long time so we're looking for you to help out! We can still use sponsorships, judges and volunteers so see co-Organizers **Mike Ontolchik** and **Greg Irving** to offer your assistance. See you there!

I mentioned to the club at the September meeting that something special was in the works with Great Lakes Brewing Co. I attended their "Summerian Beer Event" back in August where they have replicated a 4000 year old recipe based on what brewing beer was like back in the cradle of civilisation. They provided a great historical review of beer history and their process to replicate it, and then provided several samples of what they are making - using very old-school methods all the way up to their modern equipment.

I talked to GLBC owner **Pat Conway** afterwards and asked if they'd be interested in doing a similar event for SNOBs. The answer is YES. We will discuss some dates in November where this event will be held in their tasting room just for us. Lots of GLBC regular beers, the history lessons, and the tasting panel of these ancient beers will all be on tap for us. Dates are limited as we're coming into the holidays so we'll nail down one and see if it will work. If not, we can look into the new year for this special session.

I'll send out one more "year end" newsletter before the Xmas party. I hope to see everyone at the meeting Monday and at the competition. It's been a great year and I can't wait to end it in style!

Thanks

Todd

### SNOB 2013 Calendar of Events

[Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

#### November 2013

**4:**SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

**8-10:** IX International Beer Fest

**14:** [AHA Rally – Great Lakes Brewing](#)

**23:**[Son of Brewzilla](#)

#### December 2013

**6:**SNOBs Christmas Party 6:00PM Sachsenheim Hall (Dinner at 7:00PM)

### Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)**

**11/23:**[Son of Brewzilla – Enter Now!](#)

**March/April 2014 – Club Only Competition – Strong Belgian Ale**

**May 2014 – Club Only Competition – All Things Porter**



## **Submit Your Proposal for a National Homebrewers Conference Seminar**

The 2014 AHA [National Homebrewers Conference](#) will take place June 12-14 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Proposals for seminars are now being accepted and will be reviewed by the American Homebrewers Association Governing Committee Conference Subcommittee, Local Conference Committee, and AHA staff. This year's conference theme, Mashing in Michigan, will cover a broad range of educational seminars focused on a variety of topics. Suggested topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Homebrewing, cidermaking or meadmaking processes
- Homebrewing equipment
- Ingredients (such as malted barley, hops, water, yeast, honey, apples, alternative ingredients, spices, etc.)
- Going Pro (professional brewers, brewery owners, homebrew shop owners, etc.)
- Beer styles
- Homebrew retail
- Tasting and judging beer
- Forming and maintaining a club

Interested parties are asked to review the [Presentation Guidelines & Requirements](#) and [Submit a Proposal for a Seminar or Poster](#). Please have a head shot (photo) and brief bio ready for each presenter when submitting the proposal form. **Proposals will be collected until December 13, 2013.**

For more information, contact [Matt Bolling](#).

## **AHA Rally – Great Lakes Brewing**

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Address: [2701 Carroll Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113](#)

Web: [Great Lakes](#)

Space is limited, please [RSVP](#).

## **Congratulations Tom Bullock!**

Congratulations to Tom becoming a finalist in the West Point Market's 2013 Bottle My Brew Homebrew Challenge with his Dry Irish Stout!

Ten finalists were chosen for for this year, as judged by a team from Thirsty Dog Brewing, Winking Lizard Tavern and the Akron Beacon Journal.



## Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

### December 2012

Dan & Kathy Orchard  
Jimmy Smith & Tania Radovic

### January 2013

Kevin Mauser  
Rick Wisniewski

### February 2013

ZechLaughbaum  
Lee Browning  
Andrew Bonamer  
CavanVannice  
Christina Ely

### March 2013

Andy Carr  
Andy & TarynGress  
Casey Divoky  
Scott Masony  
Brian Stewart  
Todd Dennis  
Eric Phipps

### April 2013

Jeff Cassano  
Carlin & Rory Culbertson  
Rich Frederick & Carol Wisniewski  
Matt Bender  
Mathew Vann

### July 2013

Joe and Margie Puchalski  
Jeff Truelson  
Lowell Morris

### August 2013

Jim & Krislynn McCombs  
Scott Eckroate  
Bob and Shelle Campbell

### September 2013

David Reed  
Adam and Amy Kelly  
Mark & Margaret Schneider

### October 2013

Ralph Sgro & Drew Lang

## Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers 2013 Officers and Chairpersons

### **President:** Todd Donnelly

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## SNOBs Night Out November 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Lakes Brewing

### 2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 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!!**

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
- ✓ [Tripps Bar and Grill \(<https://www.facebook.com/trippsinbroadview>\)](#) 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ Arby's: \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.) 7687 Broadview Rd, Seven Hills, 216-901-1737 and 683 E Aurora Rd, Macedonia, 330-467-6022
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc \(<http://abcfireinc.net/>\)](#) 20% off all co2 tank refills plus other co2 services. [Click here for price sheet](#)

*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

<b>October Income</b>		<b>October Expenses</b>	
Membership	\$25.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Raffle	\$193.00	OktoBEERfest	\$330.00
SNOBwear	\$150.00	SNOBwear	\$311.50
		Insurance	\$500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$368.00</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,216.50</b>



## Web Links of Interest

**SNOB**

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

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

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/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.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)**

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

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

