



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*November 2016 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



October has been a pretty busy month for us SNOBs. Sunday was the final day of what proved to be another fantastic Cleveland Beer week. I hope everyone was able to make it around town, meet brewery representatives, and enjoy the beer pairings and collaborations. If you haven't had a chance to try SNOB member Greg Irving's competition-winning collaboration beer with Platform Beer Company yet, I recommend getting out to a Heinen's to pick up some "Tropical Nor'easter" soon before they're gone.

Our November meeting is right around the corner on 11/7 @7:30pm at the Sachsenheim Hall on Denison Ave. This month we will be electing our 2017 officers, so I highly recommend attending and casting your ballot. If you don't and I'm elected for a second term you'll have nobody to blame but yourself. Instead of a technical presentation we will be hosting local professional brewers for an open panel discussion. Please come prepared with questions and discussion topics. The list may grow, but as of right now the brewers will be Vaughn Stewart of Portside Distillery & Brewery, Karl Spiesman of Brick & Barrel, and Corey Miller of Hansa Haus. These brewmasters have all homebrewed in the past, so this will be a great opportunity to pick the brains of people who have experience in both commercial & home brewing.

Please remember, we do not have a regular monthly meeting in December. Our meeting is replaced by the Christmas Party, which is much more casual than a typical meeting. The party will be on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @6pm at Sachsenheim hall, in the upstairs ballroom. An amazing dinner will once again be catered by Grumpy. Please bring your homebrews, meads, and ciders. Kegs are of course welcome, as well as bottles and growlers. If you have access to a jockey box, please bring it and offer to share empty taps with your fellow home brewers. In years past Jon Close & Donna have run a X-Mas bottle exchange (commercial beers only). This year they are instead hoping to spend the party socializing. If anyone



would like to take over for Jon and Donna they would be happy to give you some guidance from their past experience. Please contact me & Mark Rames (so we can promote it), as well as Jon ([microbeerlover@yahoo.com](mailto:microbeerlover@yahoo.com)) if you'd like to step up and take over the exchange.

Congratulations are in order for a couple recent SNOB competition winners. As you may have already heard, Dave Cousino's "Barnstorm Saison" was one of the 3 winning homebrews for the 2016 Samuel Adams Longshot competition. His recipe will be brewed at Samuel Adams and distributed nationally this spring. Congrats Dave! Fellow SNOB member Steve Rapko also won big at a recent competition. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year, Steve took home a Best of Show award. This time he won with his "Buckle Up Buckeroo" Double IPA at the HAZtoberfest competition on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Erie, PA. Congrats Steve! The fall homebrew competition circuit is winding down, but there are still a few more local competitions accepting entries if you're interested:

-11/1 Rhinegeist Homebrewers Challenge (Cincinnati, OH). [rhinegeist.com/homebrew-competition](http://rhinegeist.com/homebrew-competition)

-11/12 Beer for Boobs (Zanesville, OH) Entry deadline 10/30. [beerforboobs.sodz.org](http://beerforboobs.sodz.org)

-12/10 Brewster's Cup (Dayton, OH). No website available.

Cheers, Andrew

## SNOBs Night Out

November 19th at 12:00 Noon

[Frontier Cider Company](http://FrontierCiderCompany.com), 4473 Blake Road, Seville 330-769-1353

### Excerpt from the February 1993 Newsletter

"Drinking two or three cans of beer every day can add years to your life - and melt pounds from your waistline! That's the exciting new word from doctors who've discovered that beer contains important chemicals that fight high blood pressure and heart disease." Further on it claims, "In a new series of laboratory studies, rats given a daily ration of beer lived an incredible SIX TIMES AS LONG as other rats."

So let's see, if I drink three pints of I ***Want to Be Sedated Barley Wine*** after dinner every night, can I live to be 450 years old?

**SNOB Web Page Changes.** We are currently looking for help modernizing the [beersnobs.org](http://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](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) if interested.



**SURPRISE!!!** It's that time of year again to vote in next year's officers. People were nominated at the last meeting but we are still taking nominations. You can nominate another person or yourself and the votes will be taken at the November meeting. Following are the nominee's thus far, most of whom are present or past officers.



- **President Nominee's**
  - Andrew Mitchell (incumbent)
- **Vice-President Nominee's**
  - John Majetic (past officer)
  - Jim Jadwisiak (incumbent)
  - Greg Irving (past officer)
- **Treasurer Nominee's**
  - Mark "Ace" Knapp (incumbent)
- **Librarian Nominee's**
  - Peter Campen (incumbent)
  - Paul Klammer
- **Secretary Nominee's**
  - Mark Rames (incompetent)
  - John Majetic (past officer)

So what are the officers responsibilities? Great question. I've put the SNOB By-Laws at the end of the newsletter. Do we necessarily follow this to the letter? No, close, but no, I mean, takes notes at each meeting and transcribes said notes into the next newsletter? The only ones who do as stated are really, the President, VP, Treasurer and Librarian, the rest are a bunch of impeachable bums.

**If YOU wish to nominate or self-nominate, send info to [president@beersnobs.org](mailto:president@beersnobs.org)**

**Brew Boot Camp**, put on by Brew Your Own Magazine is November 3 in Vermont and will include 16 in-depth, full-day sessions over 2 days. Learn hands-on from experts including Ashton Lewis, Steve Parks, Dr. Chris White, Gordon Strong, Sean Lawson, Brad Smith, Michael Tonsmeire, Aaron Hyde and more. Costs range from \$250-\$450 depending on your choices. They have sent me detailed brochures for signing up or you can visit [www.byobootcamp.com](http://www.byobootcamp.com). There will be another in Santa Rosa February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

**The SNOB Bulk Cider buy** will take place sometime towards the end of November when the best mix of apples will be pressed. The cider will be \$4 per gallon, UV treated and acid balanced. Presently we are at 280 gallons ordered. Emails will be sent to all whom have ordered when we have firm dates and times for pickup.

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

### **Nov 2016**

- 1: Rhinegeist Homebrewers Challenge
- 4-5: BYO Brew Boot Camp, Vermont
- 7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 7: SNOB Officers Voted In for 2017
- 10: Brewster's Cup
- 12: Beer for Boobs (Zanesville, OH)
- 12: Home Brew Program at Elyria Public Library, presented by Robin Repas
- 19: SNOB Night Out, Frontier Cider Company

### **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

### **April 2016**

Rodger Brane  
Ryan Zubal & Jennifer Ray

### **July 2016**

Andy Morales

### **October 2016**

Spencer Weeks  
Chris Mrugacz  
Martin Mrugacz  
Martin Mrugacz Jr  
Mike Silla  
Keith Skok  
Michelle & Franz Atschreiter

### **February 2016**

Kate Eckroate  
Mark & Rachel Haborak  
Todd Tolford

### **May 2016**

Larry Szczepanski  
Steve Winkelman  
Michelle Kish  
Mary Wunderle  
Neal Repko

### **August 2016**

Paul Hartsel  
Charles O'Malley  
Jeff Marks

### **March 2016**

Dan & Debbie Lackey  
Ryan Thomas & Ross Stafirski  
Michael Weiner

### **June 2016**

Eugene Ivancic  
David Lash

### **September 2016**

Corwin Graves  
Kyle Kovach  
John and Emily Lowery  
William Overko & Maria  
Gentile



## 2016 Officers and Chairpersons

**President:** Andrew Mitchell  
[president@beersnobs.org](mailto:president@beersnobs.org)

**Secretary:** Mark Rames  
[secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)

**Librarian:** Peter Campden  
[librarian@beersnobs.org](mailto:librarian@beersnobs.org)

**Vice President:** Jim Jadwisiak  
[vicepresident@beersnobs.org](mailto:vicepresident@beersnobs.org)

**Treasurer:** Mark 'Ace' Knapp  
[treasurer@beersnobs.org](mailto:treasurer@beersnobs.org)

**Web Admin:** Dan Kromke  
[snob@beersnobs.org](mailto:snob@beersnobs.org)

**Beer No Sweat Planning:** John Majetic  
[kingsnob@gmail.com](mailto:kingsnob@gmail.com)

**NHC Lead Planning:** Mike Ontolchik  
[montolchik@gmail.com](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)

## 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](http://beersnobs.org).

## SNOB Supporters

Membership also comes with discounts (**bring your membership card with you**) at local craft beer places and homebrew shops:

- ✓ [Griffin Cider House](#): "Industry Night" Monday nights. Discounts on ciders, beers and bar drinks for SNOBs and those in the beverage industry.
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [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**
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO<sub>2</sub> tank refills plus other CO<sub>2</sub> services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card



## **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. There is always great food and beer available before the meeting.

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

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

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

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# ***SNOB BYLAWS***

## **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

*Section 1.* The name of the club shall be the Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (S.N.O.B.s).

*Section 2.* The purpose of SNOBs is:

- a)* To promote the awareness and appreciation of the quality, style, and varieties of good beer, both commercially brewed and home brewed.
- b)* To educate its members in the art and science of brewing through lectures, tastings, judging's, and the collection and dissemination of technical information.
- c)* To serve as a means of helping home brewers improve the quality of their brews.
- d)* To encourage the responsible use of beer as an alcohol-containing beverage.

## **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1.* Membership is open to any individual of legal drinking age who is interested in beer and brewing.

*Section 2.* There shall be two classes of membership: individual and household. Household memberships are available to those members who reside at the same address.

*Section 3.* Dues are set at \$25 per year for individual members and \$40 for household memberships.

*Section 4.* Each member in good standing, regardless of type of membership, is entitled to one vote. All members are entitled to attend any functions and utilize club educational materials.

*Section 5.* Because the tasting of beer is integral to the club's educational purpose, it is important that members are aware that they are solely responsible for their own consumption of beer. SNOBs encourages the responsible consumption of beer and ride-sharing using a non-drinking designated driver.

## **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

*Section 1.* Officers of the Society shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary/Newsletter Editor. General duties of officers are as follows:



- a) The President shall preside over meetings, act as ex-officio member of all outstanding committees, organize committees and appoint their chairs, and provide overall direction and leadership.
- b) The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President, shall act as interclub liaison and as the contact with the American Homebrewers Association.
- c) The Treasurer shall collect and disburse club funds, keep financial records (including maintaining a club checking account), maintain membership records, and act as contact for new members.
- d) The Secretary/Newsletter Editor shall record the minutes of the meetings, and edit, publish, and distribute the newsletter.

*Section 2.* Terms of all officers shall be from January 1 through December 31. Nomination for officers shall take place at the November meeting, with brief statements from each nominee for a contested office being published in the November newsletter. Elections for officers will take place at the December meeting with terms commencing the following January 1.

*Section 3.* Vacancies for any office will be filled by a member chosen by a majority vote of Board of Advisors, to fulfill the remainder of the term. The exception to this is the office of President which, if vacated, shall be filled by the Vice-President, subject to approval by the membership.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

*Section 1.* Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of each month at a time and place published in the newsletter. Meetings of the Officers will be held one (1) hour prior to the start the general meeting. All Officer meetings are open to any members who wish to participate in them. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, the meeting will take place the following Monday. The President may also call special meetings should the need arise.

*Section 2.* A quorum for voting on SNOBs business shall consist of not less than 2 elected officers and at least 50% of the members in good standing. A motion will carry if a simple majority approves, and if a quorum is present.

*Section 3.* Meetings will be run in a manner consistent with common sense and courtesy. If in the President's opinion, this manner is ineffective, Robert's Rules of Order will prevail.

## **ARTICLE V: BOARD OF ADVISORS**



*Section 1.* SNOBs will have a Board of Advisors that will help with the guidance of the club and shall meet at least quarterly.

*Section 2.* The Board of Advisors will consist of the Officers and not more than seven (7) other members appointed by the officers and approved by the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

*Section 1.* The Officers may appoint standing or special committees to carry out specific tasks on behalf of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VII: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

*Section 1.* The Society must maintain a positive net worth.

*Section 2.* Expenses

- a)* Only officers and designated members are authorized to incur expenses on behalf of the Society.
- b)* No officer or member may authorize any expenditures which exceed the net worth of the Society.
- c)* At least two officers shall sign all checks. Expenditures for amounts greater than \$200 must be approved by a majority of the officers. Expenditures greater than \$500 must be approved by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

*Section 3.* The officers of the Society shall submit a budget to the Board of Advisors in December for the following calendar year.

*Section 4.* Financial statements shall be submitted to the Board of Advisors at least quarterly and shall be published in the newsletter at least annually.

## **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

*Section 1.* The Officers shall review the SNOBS BYLAWS annually and present any revisions to the membership for approval.

*Section 2.* Any member may offer revisions or amendments to the Constitution.

*Section 3.* Proposed amendments may not be voted upon until announced at a general meeting and in the newsletter. Members will be informed of the meeting time and date when action will be taken on the proposed amendment.

*Section 4.* Any revision or amendment to the BY-LAWS requires that a quorum be



present. A two-thirds majority is required for passage of amendments.

## **ARTICLE IX: SOCIETY DISSOLUTION**

*Section 1.* Property or equipment acquired by, or donated to SNOBs shall become SNOBs property.

*Section 2.* In the event that SNOBs disbands, any property or funds shall be offered back to the members in a manner to be decided upon by the Board of Advisors.