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Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



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President's Krausening - Mike Ontolchik

Hi SNOBs,

2024 is quickly coming to an end. Barring a colossal surprise, I will be club president for 2025. I am looking forward to having Michal Dunn join our club officers as Secretary. Katie Melnick will continue to be Vice President. Erica Anton has volunteered to take over as club Treasurer from Jessica Ihms. So there will be some consistency along with a couple of changes for the club. I would like



more input from the club as to what we do in 2025. It is obvious that our club membership is shrinking and those that continue to be members are participating less. I would like to reverse that trend and I believe that we will need input from our membership to see what we can do to increase club participation.

For our November meeting, I would like to spend some time planning our next year with those in attendance. Let's start talking about what we should be doing as a club next year. What meeting topics would we like to see? What club events would we like to continue? Any events we should start or bring back?

After club business, I will present on Nuremberg Rotbier. It is a traditional style I am learning about through my travels and brewing a Rotbier this summer. Rotbier may be the first step towards pale beers in Bavaria from the brown Dunkel beers. It is distinct from Marzen or Bock but has some similarities. My guess is that Rotbier has had some influence on Franconian kellerbier. I will talk about what I have learned about Rotbier and how I brewed the example that I will have at our meeting. Hope to see everyone at our November meeting.

Looking ahead, we will have an online sign-up form for our Christmas Party. There will also be links to our PayPal account for paying for guests.

Cheers,

Mike

Our Next Meeting

Monday, November 4th, 7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

7001 Denison Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Officer elections, general discussion, Style discussion—Rotbier

Upcoming Events

November Night Out

Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00 p.m. Schnitz Ale Brewery, Parma

Christmas Party

Friday, December 6th, 6:00 p.m. Sachsenheim Hall

January Meeting

Monday, January 6th, 7:30 p.m. Sachsenheim Hall

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

Night Out

On Tuesday November 19th we'll be at the Schnitz Ale Brewery in Parma for our night out. It's located at 5729 Pearl Rd., Cleveland 44129.

Schnitz Ale Brewery, a brewery, gastropub, and modern European restaurant that opened in November 2021, offers a unique dining experience in Parma, Ohio. Guests can enjoy a variety of craft beers brewed on-premises, as well as a menu of delicious dishes that combine traditional German flavors with modern culinary techniques.



See the menu and beer list at https://schnitzalebrewery.com

Christmas Party

Put the annual Christmas Party on your calendar if you haven't already done so. It's on Friday December 6th at the Sachsenheim. Wear your festive holiday attire and bring some fun beers to share. Expect an exceptional buffet feast. Festivities begin at 6pm.

Further details and a sign up form will be sent soon in a separate email.



Competition Results



Congratulations to **Todd Donnelly** for earning a Silver Medal at the **National Homebrewers Competition.** He won with his entry in the Berry Mead category.

Jay O'Neill picked up two Bronze Medals at the **SODZ Beer for Boobs** competition in Columbus. They were for his Imperial Stout and Baltic Porter.



2024 Meeting Dates

January 8th, Monthly Meeting February 5th, Monthly Meeting March 4th, Monthly Meeting April 1st, , Monthly Meeting May 6th, Monthly Meeting June 3rd, Monthly Meeting June 28th, Big Brew Cookout August 5th, Monthly Meeting August 26th, September Meeting October 7th, Monthly Meeting November 4th, Monthly Meeting December 6th, Christmas Party

Request for Homebrew

Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to share at monthly meetings. Let Mike know in advance, he can add it to the meeting slides. Bringing your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from the members and judges in attendance. Also as Mr. Rogers liked to say "It's nice to share".

Collaboration Opportunities

Would you like to be part of a SNOB collaboration team and help brew at a local craft brewery? Join a SNOB Collab. People interested should let Mike Ontolchik know of your interest. <u>president@beersnobs.org</u>



<u>Newsletter</u>

Have any ideas for the newsletter? Is there anything you'd like to see here occasionally or on a regular basis. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Let me know! Cheers, Jay

SNOBwear T-Shirts

We still have a good selection of sizes of the SNOB T-Shirts available. \$10 for sizes S—XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Jay if you want one — secretary@beersnobs.org







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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 <u>Sachsenheim Hall</u> 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: <u>SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio (beersnobs.org)</u>

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 <u>treasurer@beersnobs.org</u> or using the paypal link found on our website, <u>https://</u> 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.

Plus, use your SNOB membership to gain discounts on all things brewing and beer-related at:

Cleveland Brew Shop - 10% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SNOBs10 when filling out the online order form. <u>https://www.clevelandbrewshop.com</u>

Grape & Granery - 5% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SAAZ1819 when filling out the online order form or show your card at checkout. <u>https://www.grapeandgranery.com</u>



2024 Officers

Mike Ontolchik—President, president@beersnobs.org

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Jessica Ihms—Treasurer, treasurer@beersnobs.org

Jay O'Neill—Secretary, secretary@beersnobs.org





