

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for October 2012

President's Krausening

by Mike Ontolchik

September is a busy month for our club. Once again, we had very nice weather for camping at Brooklyn Exchange for Octobeerfest in Hinckley, OH. Sure the nights were cool and it rained Friday evening till about 6:00, but Saturday and Sunday were beautiful weather to sit by the fire and enjoy a few beers.

We had about fifty people Saturday evening for dinner and half that number Friday evening. For those few newcomers to Octobeerfest like **Mark Rames** and **Brad Lipinski**, I know they can attest that this is an event that every SNOB member should mark on their calendars and plan to attend every year. Some members, like **Paul Shick** or **Rich Capiccioni**, just come out for Saturday's dinner. Others, like **Jon Close** and **Donna Hannah** are there before almost everyone and leave after everyone else late Sunday afternoon. Whatever amount of time you can make; this is an event that most SNOB members should look forward to next year. As always, big thanks go out to **John Majetic** and **Tim McDonnell** for all that they do to make Octobeerfest possible.

For those of you that weren't there, the club smoked a lamb Saturday and also roasted chickens. On Friday night, the club roasted bacon-wrapped beef filets. These main dishes were enjoyed with potato soup, sausage and tortellini soup, smoked mac n cheese, homemade coleslaws, broccoli salad and so many other countless dishes. Thanks everyone for bringing out your best, whether it be food or homebrewed beers.

Through the weekend, we had several multiple-tap jockey boxes. I may talk about this event a lot, but I think about it like a party that I help host with John and Tim. It's one of my favorite moments in the club's annual calendar and I want to continue to see this event grow.

I'm writing this before the Son of Brewzilla results. Being president of the club and a competition organizer for Son of Brewzilla is a lot of work. It seems like even more work when we have our camp out two weeks prior to the competition. For those of us that are active in homebrew competitions, this is a fun event for the club. Our entries may be close to where they were last year, but I was hoping for more. I think I'd like to spend more time than I did this time promoting our competition next year.

Matt Cole is a gracious host. I know he wants to see the competition grow larger, too. Besides having a great host brewery, our competition shares a homebrew club points trophy in The Cuyahoga Cup. This is our friendly competition between our club and SAAZ. I hope to be hoisting this trophy as we open our October meeting. If you get this before the competition, thank you and good luck, else thanks for all of your contributions.

Greg Irving will be giving our October presentation. His American Amber won two Best of Show awards this year. It scored poorly at Wizard of SAAZ and then won Best of Show in both Cincinnati and Chicago. We'll hear about what an American Amber is and how Greg brews his award-winning recipe.

Our October meeting is also when we take nominations for our 2013 club officers. As several of you have asked, I would not like to be president next year. There are projects for

the club I would like to take on where being president is just too much work for one person to do. As president, it is your duty to plan the meeting content every month. You are also asked to pick nights out and write this column. Officers should also be involved in our club's major events. It's a lot of effort for a club officer. I've been president three times and secretary once since joining the club in 2008.

Guys like John Majetic and Tim McDonnell are always active in the club and they don't necessarily have to be officers to do so. I'd like to have a year off from being an officer so I can focus on these projects. I really want to rebuild the club's website so that we can have an easier system to edit that incorporates some newer features. I want to organize a large group of club members to go to the National Homebrewers Conference in Philadelphia next year. We have a few newer, active members and I believe any one of them will do a fine job running the club so I can spend my time supporting this club differently than how most of you see me do it now.

October is also when [Cleveland Beer Week](#) happens. This is our holiday week. I'm looking forward to taking the week off again so I can enjoy our celebration to craft beer and our local breweries. I'm looking forward to the [Rogue Ales Oysterfest at Beer Engine](#) Saturday, October 20th. That evening, [Stampers Grill Pub will have the Bell's Jazz Series](#). Monday, October 22nd, [Willoughby Brewing will be providing a beer sensory class](#) to teach how to smell and taste common off flavors in beer. Thursday, October 25th Beer Engine will hold a Mead tasting. SNOB will be there to demo how to make mead. There are many more events. We will be asked to help volunteer Brewzilla on Saturday, October 27th and there may be a need for volunteers on Sunday, October 21st. Stay tuned for the volunteer requests.

There is a lot going on between now and our Christmas Party, December 7th. I'll try to keep you abreast.

Cheers,
Mike



Competition Corner

Please use the following club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

10/20: CMI's Oktobersbest Zinzinnati 2012 edition

Off Flavor Class at Willoughby Brewing

Rick Seibt <rick@willoughbybrewing.com>
Wanted to let the clubs know that I am putting on the Off Flavor class again this year with Paul Shick during Cleveland Beer Week. Cost is \$20 + the \$1.69 ticket fee. Date is Monday, October 22, 2012.

Info is here:

<http://willoughbybrewing.com/2012/09/652/>

Tickets can be had here:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/272615->

CMI's Oktobersbest Zinzinnati 2012 edition

Hello all it is that time again for CMI's Oktobersbest Zinzinnati 2012 edition on October 20, 2012. Registration is now open. Please enter your Homebrew for the chance to win Best of Show. The Best of Show winner this year, just like last year, will get to brew his or her beer on the Professional Brewing System at Rivertown Brewing . That beer will then be presented at the next upcoming Cincy Beer Festival Event.

This years competition is being held at the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront. We have a very special room rate at the hotel for both Friday and Saturday.

Just mention Cincinnati Malt Infusers, "Oktobersbest". For reservations contact: Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront
668 West Fifth Street
Covington, KY 41011
1-800-395-7046

Do not forget to register. Judges and Stewards are always welcome and needed. Sign up to judge or steward, www.maltinfusers.org or www.oktobersbest.org.

Thank you,

Dave Dixon and Conan Crofoot

Local Hops Available

It has been a strange year for growing hops this year in Oberlin. Most fruits and berries were killed by late frosts and drought conditions. Last year I supplied Hoppin' Frog Brewery with 40 pounds of fresh hops for their annual wet brew. This year I have close to the same amount of hops but every other local grower without irrigation had near complete crop failures. Even Seattle has gone 40 days without rain. I have Cascade, Nugget and Centennial that should mature in the next 2 weeks. If anyone is interested in pick your own or freshly picked local hops to dry, please contact me at jpech@oberlin.net or 440-574-9160. I am 25 miles west on I-480 of CLE airport.

Jim Pechaitis
Copper Goose Farms
13262 Quarry Rd
Oberlin, OH 44074

SNOB's 2012 Calendar of Events

September 2012

28: Son of Brewzilla Kickoff

29: Son of Brewzilla Judging

October 2012

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

19 – 27: Cleveland Beer Week

22 – Off Flavor Class – Willoughby Brewing

November 2012

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

December 2012

SNOBs Christmas Party Sachsenheim Hall

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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*

SNOBs Nights Out – October 19th – 27th

Cleveland Beer Week

**Attend as many events as possible and talk up
the SNOBs!**

[Cleveland Beer Week Website](#)

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

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

September Treasurers Report

September Income		September Expenses	
Membership	\$70.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBwear	\$20.00	Supplies	\$250.00
		Insurance	\$500.00
		OktoBEERfest	\$1,302.00
Subtotal	\$90.00	Subtotal	\$2,127.00

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)

(Prorated for NEW members if you join after June. Contact Mark Knapp for the current rate.)

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 _____