



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*October 2016 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



September is here and it's finally starting to feel like fall outside. This is a great time of year to gather with friends and collaborate on a batch of homebrew. The tap water is cooling down enough to chill your wort and you no longer have to worry about sweating into your kettles. Two weekends ago we had our annual SNOBtoberfest campout. Thank you to everyone who risked the ominous forecast (it was actually pretty nice most of the weekend!) and joined the festivities. Special thanks to John Majetic for supplying the wood and smoker and to Tim McDonnell for working with John to make sure all of our meats were cooked to perfection and everything else was deep fried. We enjoyed wings on Friday night, smoked meat on Saturday, and Scotch eggs for breakfast both mornings. The side dishes that members brought were amazing and included homemade pretzels, salads, and dips. I didn't get to try one, but I hear the brownies were pretty good too. We had a total of 35 kegs of homebrew flowing including a few of our big brew variants, commercial craft beers, and even a couple of my own brews.

We've got quite a few events coming up in the next few weeks, so recharge your livers and keep your schedules open. This Saturday (10/1) is the return of our club's annual homebrew competition, Son of Brewzilla. Mike has had a difficult time getting steward and judges to volunteer this year, so please sign up to help if you haven't already. You do not have to be an expert, competitive home brewer, or certified Cicerone to steward. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mike ([montolchik@gmail.com](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) or simply register yourself at our competition website ([beersnobs.org/cbwcomp](http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp)). This past Sunday we had a fantastic turnout for our unboxing day. It only took about an hour to unbox and check in almost 400 entries. I planned on spending most of the afternoon unboxing, but luckily there was plenty of fresh Fat Heads beer on at the taproom to keep me from getting too bored later in the day.



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Our October monthly meeting (10/3) is only 2-days after Son of Brewzilla, and I expect many of us will be sharing our medal-winning beers and reveling in the fact that we thoroughly defeated SAAZ to reclaim the Cuyahoga Cup. October is our second to the last formal meeting of the year and we will be holding our annual officer nominations at that time. If you've met someone in our club that you'd think would do a nice job holding a position, please don't hesitate to throw them under the bus and nominate them. The worst thing that can happen is that they will be flattered, but will respectfully decline. Elections will be held during the November meeting. Remember, you don't have to be present to be nominated or elected. Skipping these meetings is not advisable if you do not want to be thrust into a position of SNOB responsibility next year. In addition to celebrating our Son of Brewzilla winners and nominating new officers we will be welcoming Market Garden brewmaster/reigning SNOBtoberfest croquet champion Andy Tveekrem to speak to us on the differences and challenges between commercial and home brewing.

Although it is a few weeks earlier, Son of Brewzilla is a flagship Cleveland Beer Week event. The 2016 Cleveland Beer Week officially runs from 10/14 through 10/23. Please see their website for a complete list of events ([clevelandbeerweek.org/Events](http://clevelandbeerweek.org/Events)). More events are being added as the dates approach so make sure you check the site periodically in the next few weeks. Here are a few events you may be able to find me:

- 10/14 Kick-off bar crawls featuring collaboration beers in 5 neighborhoods (Willoughby, Flats East Bank, Lakewood, Ohio City, & Tremont)
- 10/15 Rogue/Maine Brewing Oyster Fest @Buckeye Beer Engine
- 10/18 Culture Yourself beer & cheese pairing @Great Lakes Brewing Tasting Room
- 10/18 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cask Night @Willoughby Brewing Company
- 10/20 Craft Beer Law Meeting @Market Garden Brewery featuring beer, appetizers, and a jazz trio. Hosted by Reminger Law Firm.
- 10/22 "Rare" beer festival @The Wolstein Center
- 10/23 Stout Brunch @Buckeye Beer Engine
- Many more!

Below I've compiled a list of upcoming/relatively local homebrewing competitions which include key dates and registration links:

- 10/08 Haztoberfest (Erie, PA). Entry window is closed but they're still looking for volunteers. [brewcompetition.hazardhomebrewing.org](http://brewcompetition.hazardhomebrewing.org)
  - 10/15 Steel City Rowing Brewfest (Pittsburgh, PA) Entries close 10/1. [steelcityrowing.org/brewfest](http://steelcityrowing.org/brewfest)
  - 10/15 Oktobersbest Homebrew Competition (Cincinnati, OH). [maltinfusers.brewcompetition.com](http://maltinfusers.brewcompetition.com)
  - 10/21 Proctoberfest (Indianapolis, IN). [proctoberfest.com](http://proctoberfest.com)
  - 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)
- Cheers, Andrew



## SNOBs Night Out

October 25th, 6:30pm

Hansa Brewery, 2717 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH

### Excerpt from the November 1992 Newsletter

Just before the trip (Beer & Sweat '92) we received a letter from the F.O.S.S.I.L.S. club in Indiana. They seem to think we had something to do with the disappearance of their mascot at last year's Beer & Sweat. Upon arrival at Oldenberg we called a press conference to publicly deny any wrongdoing. At last report, this crime is still unsolved.

We wish the F.O.S.S.I.L.S. luck in the quest for the perpetrators

(I wonder if they ever DID find it? mr)

**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.

**Cleveland Beer Week** is almost upon us, people, start excusing your livers. It runs from October 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup> and pretty much covers the city.

As Andrew stated in the Krausen there are around 350 great beer-centric events to take part of and you can visit the [CBW Event Page](#) to set up your schedule.

As many of you know, CBW is a bit different this year, there will be no Brewzilla and it also has a new coordinator in Kim B. Kim does not have any past record of volunteers so she could not reach out to past volunteers to inform you of opportunities. It is therefore important that you reach out to Kim if you wish to volunteer. You can [email Kim](#) to volunteer with the event, your phone number, t-shirt size and any additional information. Below are positions she still needs help in. A new volunteer list is being created.

Friday, October 14, 2016

8 volunteers still needed – please indicate which neighborhood.

Collaboration Kick-off in Flats East Bank, Lakewood, Ohio City, Tremont and Willoughby.

Volunteer Start time 6:00, event starts 7:00 p.m..

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

12 Volunteers still needed



Culture Yourself at Great Lakes Brewing Co.

Volunteer time: Cheese set up 3:30 (filled) 5:00 for the rest, event runs 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 21, 2016

8 Volunteers needed

Cleveland Beer Week's Ales on Rails, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Volunteer Time 5:00, event runs 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 21, 2016

11 volunteers needed

Beer and Chocolate Extravaganza, Heinen's Downtown

Volunteer Time 5:00p.m., events runs 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2016

RARE, CSU Wolstein Conference Center

Event time 6:00 – 9:00

You can put yourself on a wait list for volunteering.

**Son of Brewzilla** is on October 1<sup>st</sup> and ***we are still looking for judge and steward volunteers. Come on SNOBs, step up and help out!*** If you're interested in helping out or even if you're not, please register here: <http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/>.

This is a popular competition, having sold out 450 entries in 4 days. The competition is at the Fat Heads Production Brewery, 18741 Sheldon Rd, Middleburg Heights. The drop off window has closed and the unboxing completed.



- Judging sessions are October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9AM and 1PM.
- Tear down is after the medal presentations, please stay to help.
- Judges and volunteers should arrive in advance of the above start times.

Stop on by and take part in the fun and support our gracious host, Fat Head's Brewery

Now, we just need to win the Cuyahoga Cup back!!

***"Pour & More Happy Hour"*** Join Acacia Perko and Tyler Tarney on Thursday, October 20 from 5:30 PM till 7:30 PM at Market Garden Brewery, 1947 W 25th Street, Cleveland. They



will discuss legal issues brewing in Ohio, safeguards you should know, and how your brewery can protect its most valuable assets.

- Trademarks, Trade Secrets and Non-Competes
- Regulatory Compliance
- Distribution Relationships
- Workplace Safety
- Wage and Hour
- Employment Practices



**SNOBtober Fest Campout** was once again, a fantastic time out at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley. For a while, the 35+ kegs outnumbered the people. We ate very well this weekend if you like deep-fried food, wings, mozzarella cheese sticks, onion rings, Scottish eggs, we even deep-fried sweet corn! Along with all the other food, everyone was well fed and watered..er, beered.

We had a lower turnout than normal, not sure if the weather scared folks off or if many are just getting to old to pull the weekend off. The weather was actually great, the fires were SNOB worthy and the croquet was as usual, lopsided.



It is a lot of work and effort goes into put all this together so thanks to all who helped and attended.

**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 expert including Ashton Lewis, Steve Parks, Dr. Chris Whire, 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>.

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

### **Oct 2016**

- 1: Son of Brewzilla annual competition, (Cleveland, OH)
- 3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 8: HAZtoberfest Homebrew Competition



6-8: Great American Beer Festival  
14-23: Cleveland Beer Week  
15: Oktobersbest Homebrew Competition (Cincinnati, OH)  
21: Proctoberfest (Indianapolis, IN).

### **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  
12: Beer for Boobs (Zanesville, OH)  
12: Home Brew Program at Elyria Public Library, talk by Robin Repas

### **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

### **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

## **2016 Officers and Chairpersons**

**President:** Andrew Mitchell  
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**Secretary:** Mark Rames  
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**NHC Lead Planning:** Mike Ontolchik  
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## **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**  
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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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