



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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October 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome, New Members!

We are so happy to have you. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have. If you're not sure who to approach, talk to one of the [officers](#).

September

Kirby Weldon

Ryan and Katie Sinclair

President's Krausening

Paul Klammer



The beer aisle at my local Heinen's is glowing orange so it must be fall spice beer time, also known as late September. Fortunately for my preferences there are also many Bavarian blue and white Oktoberfest beers offsetting the orange. If you like your fall beers on tap Cleveland has many good options some of which SNOB judges got a taste of at the Cleveland Oktoberfest contest. [Check out the list of winners here](#) for top beers entered in the Cleveland Oktoberfest competition and make a plan to visit and sample them.

There were also many great entries that just missed the cut for top 3 so don't stop with this list I visited a lot in and out of state breweries this year, many with national reputations and others that are locally renowned in their area. I am learning that various areas have distinct takes on things and some focus on beer types that are less common here (fresh fruit and botanicals in the northwest and cherries in Michigan for example). This said, we can find breweries here in Ohio making beer that stands head to head to with breweries all over the country. Look at the results of this year's GABF where Ohio notched up our record for total medals and breweries from 10 to 14 this year. This is all good news for the many people I am seeing out there with their Cleveland Brewery Passports. I picked one up myself and am using it to remind me about to stop by breweries that I have not been to for a while.

Another sure sign of impending fall is that Snobttoberfest has come and gone. We had another set of days with excellent weather perfect for just hanging out, or getting beat at croquet during the day, plus evenings were just cool enough for a nice bonfires and comfortable camping. As always there were a great assortment of beers on tap and great smorgasbord of food. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to get wood, make food, bring food, bring beer, share beer, taste beer, clean up afterwards, etc. It's all a lot of work and fun too.

Officer nominations are this month and voting will be next month. If you are interested in any of the roles, please ask a current officer about what is involved. Much as I would hate to relinquish the many perks included as president, I would still consider it an honor to have the opportunity to see another SNOB enjoy them in my place. But seriously, taking on an officer role will let you really get to know our members and have some input on how and what the club does.

October Meeting

October 1 7:30 PM

[Sachsenheim Hall - 7001 Denison Avenue,
Cleveland, OH 44102](#)

Zach Laughbaum, Fathead's QC manager (and fellow SNOB) will be presenting on how he works with tasting panels to manage consistency of Fat Head's beer.

We will also be nominating officers for the 2019 year. Voting will be in November. If you would like to be an officer and have any questions, please let us know. It's a great way to stay in touch with what is going on with the club and helps you get to know the rest of the members a little more.

SNOBs Night Out

October 18

[Winking Lizard Bedford
25380 Miles Rd, Bedford, OH 44146](#)

The October SNOBs night out is going to be epic. On Thursday of [Cleveland Beer Week](#), [Winking Lizard in Bedford](#) will be hosting a tasting of all of the beers we have made so far in the 2018 collaborations - including the yet-to-be-released Willoughby collaboration. What a great way to highlight the connection between the SNOBs and the local beer industry. Hope to see you there in your SNOBs gear!

Upcoming Dates

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

SNOB Meetings and Events

Oct 1 – [SNOB Meeting at Sachsenheim](#)

Oct 18 - [SNOBS Night Out](#)

The 2018 meeting dates will continue to be the first Monday of the month, with the following exceptions: January 8 August 27 (September meeting), No December meeting due to Christmas party.

Upcoming Competitions

Oct 20 - [Beer for Boobs](#) - entry registration is still open.

Oct 28, 2, 3 - [Son of Brewzilla](#) - details below

Other Events

Oct 12-21 - [Cleveland Beer Week](#)



Son of Brewzilla

October 28, November 2-3

Fat Heads NEW Production Facility

17450 Engle Lake Dr, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Son of Brewzilla entries are currently full, but don't despair! Entries must be paid for by October 10. Those that are not paid for will be purged from the system and opened back up on October 11. If you have entries in, make sure that you pay for them by October 10 lest someone else snatch up your spots.

This year, we are excited to be at the new Fat Head's facility. If you haven't signed up to be a judge or a steward yet, I implore you to do so. If you have never helped out at a competition, stewarding is a great way to see how things go and to learn a few things along the way. If you have any questions about stewarding or judging, hit up one of the officers at the next meeting.

There is one change this year. We will be adding a judging session, either on Sunday the 28th after unboxing or on Friday, November 2. We have 450 (!) entries to get through, and this will help make Saturday less hectic. Speaking of unboxing, we could always use some help there, too. That will be Sunday the 28th.

September Recap

September was a busy month. We started off with the Cleveland Oktoberfest microbrew competition, where many of the judges were SNOB and SAAZ members. This is always a really good time (I, personally, love the jealous stares of the passers by), and [we picked some great beers](#). Thank you to everyone who helped out.

GABF has wrapped up, and the Cleveland area did great! Congratulations to Fat Heads, MAsthead, Market Garden, and Brew Kettle for taking home metals. [Check out the full winners list here](#).

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to SNOBtoberfest, and who helped out or who brought beer, food, or supplies. Thanks, too, for those who brought their good company.



Our 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

				
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Links and Other Items of Interest

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2018 Membership Dues

Single member dues are \$30. Couples are \$50 and as is stated in the by-laws, *dual memberships are only for people living at the same address*. PAY UP YOU CHEAPSKATES! The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Jessica at the next meeting, mailed to her at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at [beersnobs.org](https://www.beersnobs.org)

