

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for September 2013

President's Krausening

By Todd Donnelly

Greetings fellow SNOBs!

The August meeting was packed with beer info, beer experiments, and some great craft beer – hope you were there to enjoy it. **Victory Brewing Co.** had 3 of their favorites on hand to taste, we heard about some of their big expansion plans, and were the first to hear about changes to their regular lineup. Stay tuned to taste what is coming on the market in the next few months.

Vice President **Greg Irving** told us about the 3 beers in the American Ale category and the focused on his key competition winners – his Amber and Brown and gave everyone his recipe and tips on how to make a killer version on your own system.

We had two of the club experiments to taste – **John Majetic** and his Hefeweizen ‘two ways’ experiment, and the **Chris/Pat Cain** Stout ‘two ways’ experiment where we tasted the original and oak aged versions of their American stout. Much thanks to the members who have volunteered to undertake these fun experiments.

Our meeting on Aug 26th will have 3 big topics on the agenda with a little different twist on topics:

- Have you ever wondered how the ingredients you brew with get from wherever they come from to your local homebrew shop shelves? **Brian Wright** is going to give us an overview of the industry

from his perspective as a sales manager for a major homebrew supply firm (LD Carlson), and then we’re going to here from two fellow SNOBs who opened up their own local homebrew shops (LHBS) in town: **Paul Benner** from Cleveland Brew Shop and **Brian Seelinger** from The BrewMentor are going to give us their perspective on what it’s like to ‘go pro’ in a slightly different way.

- **Rick Seibt** from **Willoughby Brewing** will present a brief background on cask conditioned ales, and then show us how we can make our versions of a cask ale on the homebrew scale. If you’ve ever enjoyed a beer from a cask/firkin you’ll want to pay attention on how to make one yourself!
- **Andy Tveekrum** from **Market Garden/Nano Brew** is going to reprise the talk he gave twice at the National Homebrewers Conference about process improvement and their experience in opening up Nano Brewing right next door to their existing brewery Market Garden. I thoroughly enjoyed his talk and was quite happy that he agreed to do it again for the entire club. If you were at Nano for the July SNOBs Night Out, or have been there for any other reason you’ll agree they make great beer there and you’ll enjoy this behind the scenes view.

We’re coming in to the varsity season of local SNOBs and beer events that always take place



in the Fall. Make sure you get these on your calendar now:

- 1) **SNOBs Fall campout / SNOBtoberfest / OktoBEERfest** – remember to sign up for the big fall event, this is the weekend of Sept 13-15. Handouts and sign-up sheets were passed around at the July meeting and we'll pass them around again on Monday night. Don't miss out on a lot of food, a lot of homebrew (and other potent potables), and lot of camaraderie with your fellow SNOBs. If you can't make the whole weekend, try for one night, or even just for the day/evening. You'll enjoy yourself!
- 2) Cleveland **BEER WEEK!** Get ready for the biggest week of beer related fun this town sees all year. Take advantage of some local events, or go for the gusto and get in with some of the marquee events. The week ends with an amazing beer tasting that's very GABF like experience – **Brewzilla** which is Saturday Oct 26th. As always, as a SNOB you'll have a number of opportunities to volunteer for events to pour and to enjoy the event for free. Watch for details and look forward to some local beer events you won't want to miss.
- 3) **Son of Brewzilla** – our annual mega homebrew contest has been rescheduled to November 23rd. There were some initial issues for our first few dates with conflicting events but not anymore! Nothing else beer related is scheduled within 2 weeks, and it's a week before Thanksgiving so that's not an issue, and it gives us some extra time to plan (and brew) for the big day. What do we need

from our membership? Two things – your entries into our big event, and your assistance in the planning and execution of the contest so please sign up to volunteer – you can list 'steward' on the SoB website and we'll get you involved with a fun role. Why get involved? It's fun, it's educational, it's amazingly social, and it's BEER! See me or contest co-organizers **Mike Ontolchik** and **Greg Irving** for more info.

Lots to do, lots to taste, lots of fun to be had! Enjoy your experience as a SNOB by participating in as many of these events as you have time. Cheers!

Todd

AHA Survey

Dear Homebrewer,
The AHA is looking for ways to better serve the homebrewing community via a survey of home beer and wine makers. Your club members' input will provide information that we can use to promote the hobby of homebrewing.

The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.
Those who complete the survey can enter into a drawing for a chance to **win one \$1,000 gift certificate or one of five \$200 gift certificates to the homebrew supply shop of their choice.**

Please click the link to take our survey now:
https://www.research.net/s/AHA_Affiliated

Surveys must be completed by August 30.
Thank you for supporting the AHA. We look forward to your input.

Regards,
Gary Glass
American Homebrewers Association Director



SNOB 2013 Calendar of Events

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

August 2013

26: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Note: this is the 2nd Meeting of August***

30: Berea Oktoberfest (8/30 – 9/2)

September 2013

13-15: SNOBs OktoBEERfest

*** Note: September Meeting is 8/26 ***

October 2013

7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

10: Great American Beer Festival (10/10 – 10/12)

18: Cleveland Beer Week (10/18 – 10/26)

November 2013

2: AHA Teach a Friend to Brew

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

8-10: IX International Beer Fest

14: [AHA Rally – Great Lakes Brewing](#)

23: Son of Brewzilla

December 2013

6: SNOBs Christmas Party 6:00PM Sachsenheim Hall (Dinner at 7:00PM)

Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:
Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

11/23: [Son of Brewzilla – Enter Now!](#)

March/April 2014 – [Club Only Competition – Strong Belgian Ale](#)

May 2014 – [Club Only Competition – All Things Porter](#)

Reference Material:

- [Shipping Beer for Competition](#)
- [Make Your Beer Competition Ready](#)

<http://amog.com/lifestyle/155665-10-american-cities-brew-beer/>



SNOB Oktoberfest

Sept. 13-15, 2013
Brooklyn Exchange Cabin
2400 State Rd., Hinckley, OH

- Camp out / Stop in for dinner
- Bring a friend / spouse
- Private camping area surrounded by Hinckley Reservation
 - Bunkhouse cabin with dining area
 - Plenty of tent space
 - RV space
 - parking lot
 - New bathroom built 2012
 - Fire Pit
 - Plenty of rain cover (cabin veranda, pavilion)
- Near I-71 and I-271
 - On State Road between Rte 303 and I-271
 - < 30 minutes from Sachsenheim Hall
 - 45 minutes from Mentor
 - 30 minutes from Rocky River
 - South of Hinckley Lake & Whipps Ledges
- Our club buys / cooks main dish Friday and Saturday
 - Bring a side dish for each day you're there
 - Club-owned smoker
 - Charcoal grills on site
 - Full kitchen
- Bring homebrew / craft beer to share
 - Jockey box space available

Current list of SNOBs planning to attend: [Sign up through this survey link](#)

Hop Head Farms Presale

As we prepare for the 2013 harvest, we are putting a sale on the last of our guest hops. All have been refrigerated at below freezing temperatures, properly packaged, and retested by an independent lab using American brewing chemist standards.

Bravo (US) 2011, \$1.00/oz

Golding (US) 2011, \$1.00/oz

HallertauerMittelfrueh (Germany) 2011, \$1.25/oz

Mount Hood (US) 2011, \$1.00/ oz

Warrier 2012, \$1.50/oz

Details and compositions can be found on our online store at: <http://hop-head-farms.myshopify.com/collections/hops>

Our presale on our farm's 2013 crop begins August 15th! We are offering a presale discount of \$0.25/ounce! We are expecting to sell out completely in presale, so stick by a computer at Noon on August 15th.

Look to HHF for new German Flavor hops in home brew sizes as well: Polaris, Mandarina, Melon, and Blanc. Hop Head farms will be one of the only sources for these hops in the U.S. Pre-sale will also begin at Noon on August 15th.

Visit our homepage at:
<http://www.hopheadfarms.com/> and our Hoptacular store at: <http://hop-head-farms.myshopify.com/collections/hops> .

Please drop us an email and inquire at Nunzino@hopheadfarms.com

Nunzino Pizza
Bonnie Steinman



HAZARD Homebrew Contest

My name is Brian Salapek and I am the VP of the Erie, PA based homebrew club, HAZARD Homebrewing. We have organized our first annual BJCP/AHA sanctioned homebrew competition and want to invite you and your club to enter your beers. Here is all the information for the event:

Register Here:

<http://brewcompetition.hazardhomebrewing.org/>

Facebook Page for the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Haztoberfest-2013/523407114377140>

Info:

\$7 entry fee

All 23 styles of beer (no meads of ciders)

Registration runs 8/1 - 9/14

Judging 9/21

Medals will be awarded as well as great prizes. The Best of Show winner will have the opportunity to brew their beer commercially with the BrewErie in Erie, PA!

We have many drop off locations in North Eastern PA and South Eastern NY:

The BrewErie At Union Square

123 W 14th St Erie, PA 16501

(814) 454-2200

Hickory Creek Brewing & Supply

129 Penn. Ave East. Warren, PA 16365

(814) 230-1515

Windy Hill Wine Making

10998 Perry Hwy, Meadville, PA 16335

(814) 337-6871

Mean's Cork and Cap

246 W Main St Clarion, PA 16214

(814) 227-2404

Dunkirk Homebrew Supply

3375 E Main Rd Fredonia, NY 14063

(716) 679-7977

Lee's Wine and Beer Supplies

134 N. Union Street, Olean, New York - (716)

307-4911

If there is enough interest and entries from your club, we could arrange either a local drop off location or a meeting to keep from having to mail in entries.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Have a great day!

Brian Salapek



Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

December 2012

Dan & Kathy Orchard
Jimmy Smith & Tania Radovic

January 2013

Kevin Mauser
Rick Wisniewski

February 2013

ZechLaughbaum
Lee Browning
Andrew Bonamer
CavanVannice
Christina Ely

March 2013

Andy Carr
Andy & Taryn Gress
Casey Divoky
Scott Masony
Brian Stewart
Todd Dennis
Eric Phipps

April 2013

Jeff Cassano
Carlin & Rory Culbertson
Rich Frederick & Carol Wisniewski
Matt Bender
Mathew Vann

July 2013

Joe and Margie Puchalski
Jeff Truelson
Lowell Morris

August 2012

Jim & Krislynn McCombs
Scott Eckroate
Bob and Shelle Campbell

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SNOBs NightsOut– Sept. 13-15, 2013

Brooklyn Exchange Cabin * 2400 State Rd., Hinckley, OH

SNOBs Oktoberfest



24581 Lorain Road * North Olmstead, OH

2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 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!!**

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
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Jocko's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ [Arby's](#): 7687 Broadview - \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.)

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

July Treasurers Report (August report will be in the next newsletter)

July Income		July Expenses	
Membership	\$190.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
Raffle	\$144.00	Brew & Canoe	\$469.00
		SNOBwear	\$46.00
Subtotal	\$334.00	Subtotal	\$590.00



Web Links of Interest

SNOB

website: <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Facebook: <http://groups.to/snob/>

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/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.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)

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 _____

