



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*September 2016 Newsletter*

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## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



Our annual homebrew competition, **Son of Brewzilla**, is right around the corner and I hope you've all been brewing as much as I have in preparation. I have 4 batches currently fermenting and a few more lagering. Individual recognition is nice, but this competition is one of two that hold a special place in my heart as the Cuyahoga Cup will be on the line once again. The Cuyahoga Cup is a friendly competition that our club holds with the Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) to see which club can win the most medals (weighted by

placing) at each of our club's annual homebrew competitions. After several consecutive SNOB victories, SAAZ was able to defeat us this past March and claim the Cup at their Wizard of SAAZ competition. To say that I am desperate to reclaim the Cuyahoga Cup would be an understatement. Son of Brewzilla is on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are still looking for judge and steward volunteers. If you're interested in helping out please register here:

<http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/>. The competition and drop-off location is Fat Heads production, 18741 Sheldon Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH. The drop off window is 9/9 – 9/23 during Fat Heads Tap House & Store hours only. We are also in need of volunteer help on 9/25 for the entry unboxing. We begin unboxing and organizing at 11am. If we can muster enough help it should only take a few hours. If you volunteer to help unbox you will also be allowed to bring your entries with you, giving you a few extra days beyond the official entry window to condition and bottle your brews.

Son of Brewzilla is over a month away but there are plenty of other SNOB & beer-related events to tide you over until then. At the very least you should consider spending some time drinking award-winning beer from fellow SNOB members brewed at local breweries. The 2015 Son of Brewzilla winner "**You Dropped the Hops on Me, Baby – Belgian IPA**" (Jim Jadwisiak & Cara Baker) is currently on tap (at least I think it still is) at Fat Heads Saloon in North Olmstead. The 2016 King of the Mountain winner "**Perseids Pale Ale**" (Steve Rapko) was just tapped this week at the Willoughby Brewing Company. Both of these winners will be



entered into the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, CO this fall. Congrats and Good luck!

This Saturday (8/27) is the Platform/Heinens “**Bragging Rights**” homebrew competition. Entries are due at the Cleveland Brew Shop by this Friday, 8/26 at 7pm. The winner will have their recipe brewed and canned by Platform Brewing Company and will be sold at Heinens Grocery stores during Cleveland Beer Week this October. If you are interested in helping judge the competition, please contact Paul Benner.

Once you have finished helping out at platform, please also consider attending **New Belgium’s 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash** at 2215-2219 W11th St, Cleveland, OH from 3-7pm this Saturday, 8/27. This event is similar to the Lost in the Woods party they threw last winter. Ian Gregory (he spoke to us at our January meeting) has graciously offered a \$5 discount to all SNOB members. To receive the discount use promo code “SNOBS” when purchasing your tickets at [www.newbelgium25thbdy.eventbrite.com](http://www.newbelgium25thbdy.eventbrite.com).

This Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> is our “September” monthly meeting. It was pulled back into August because the first Monday of September lands on Labor Day. At the meeting I will introduce the new **Cleveland Beer Week** Organizer, Kim Bihler, who will give us the run down on the upcoming CBW schedule & volunteer opportunities. In addition to Kim’s short talk, SNOB librarian Pete Campen will provide us with a technical presentation on avoiding oxygen ingress during transfers.

Our night out for the month of September is our annual **SNOBtoberfest**, which will once again be at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin at the Hinckley Reservation. The dates are Friday 9/16 through Sunday 9/18. Many of us will be sleeping over the entire weekend, but you are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you’d like. The cabin itself has wooden bunk beds but you’ll want to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and bed roll/mat if you want to be comfortable. Many club members also chose to bring tents and campers. The club will provide the meat, but please bring a side to share as well as your best homebrew. We usually have at least 5 or 6 jockey boxes hooked up to a couple dozen kegs at a time. Bottles and growlers are also very much encouraged. This is our biggest camping event of the year!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **FREE Hingetown Hoedown** will take place on September 10 and they are looking for a few more volunteers to help. The Hoedown is a free, all-day festival in Ohio City’s Hingetown neighborhood with folk/bluegrass/newgrass music, Great Lakes beer, food trucks, art vendors, and activities for the whole family. If you or someone you know (doesn’t have to be a SNOB member) is interested in helping out please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hingetown-hoedown-tickets-26523405219>

In addition to Son of Brewzilla and Bragging Rights, there are a few other homebrew competitions coming up in the next few months that you should keep your eye on:

-9/10 DRAFT homebrew club of Dayton Ohio are hosting their **DRAFT Brewfest Competition**. The entry deadline is 9/3 and the entry submission window is 9/2 – 9/7 at Brewtensils on 2617 Smithville Rd, Dayton. <http://brewfest.daytondraft.org/>



-10/8 HAZARD homebrewing club of Erie Pennsylvania are hosting their **HAZtoberfest Homebrew Competition**. I will be submitting entries and driving up to Erie to judge this one, so let me know if you would like me to transport your entries or if you'd like to volunteer and carpool with me. The entry deadline is 9/12 and the entry drop-off window is open now - 9/23. They have several drop off locations throughout greater Erie. This is a relatively small competition (200 entry cap compared to Son of Brewzilla's 450), but they accept all 2015 BJCP beer styles and their prizes have been fantastic in years past.

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

-11/1 **Rhinegeist Homebrewers Challenge** is another competition that gives the winner the opportunity to brew their beer alongside an accomplished commercial brewer. Jim Matt, head brewer of Rhinegeist will brew the winning recipe with the homebrewer on their commercial system and package & distribute it in 22oz bombers where Rhinegeist products are sold. Entries must follow 2015 BJCP guidelines, and will be grouped into the following categories: Hoppy, Malty, Light, and Dark. Not every style is allowed in this competition; please visit their website for a full competition description. <http://www.rhinegeist.com/homebrew-competition/>

Cheers, Andrew

## **SNOBs Night Out**

**Due to a busy month including our SNOBtoberfest Campout, there will be no night out this month.**

### **Excerpt from the September 1992 Newsletter**

It was with deep regret and alarm that we members of SNOBS learned of the abduction of the FOSSILS beloved mascot, FARQUAR F.FOSSIL. The SNOBS, being pillars of the Cleveland community, certainly do not condone such inhuman acts, nor would we tolerate such unscrupulous behaviour among our members.

The SNOBS are deeply wounded that the FOSSILS could even entertain the ludicrous theory that the SNOBS would be involved in such a monstrous plot against a group of fellow homebrewers.

**The SNOB Bulk Honey Buy** was a huge success, maybe to successful. A ton and a half of honey will be arriving this week and we will begin filling gallon jugs for those who ordered in that quantity. As soon as we are in possession of the honey, I will send out an email letting all know how to pay and when and where it can be picked up. Here's hoping my kitchen doesn't turn into a hopeless sweet sticky mess. I do have jugs so you do not need to bring anything to put the honey in.



**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.

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<http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/>. This is a popular competition, having sold out 450 entries in 4 days. The competition and drop-off location is Fat Heads production, 18741 Sheldon Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH. The drop off window is 9/9 thru 9/23 during Fat Heads Tap House & Store hours only.

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**SNOBtober Fest Campout** is right around the corner, September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Pack up your tent and kegs and come on out to the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley for a weekend of great beer and food. Please go to the [Sign-up Link](#) and let us know if you are coming, how many guests you are bringing and what nourishments such as food and beer you will bring. [Here is a link](#) of who is coming and what they are bringing to help your planning.

If you've never been to this campout, it's a great time. The club pays for the property and buys all the meats that get BBQ'd or smoked and you bring side dishes to pass and hopefully a keg of homebrew or bottle shares. We usually have enough jockey boxes for 20+ kegs. If you wish, you can camp in a tent, tee-pee, RV or bring air mattress and sleeping bags and stay in the bunkhouse. If you can't stay the weekend, come for the day or evening and sit around the ever present fire.



I'm not sure what the firewood situation is but I think John Majetic might have a lot to offer, we will just need help to transport it to Hinckley on Thursday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mark Rames or John Majetic if you can help out, we could use it.



It is a lot of work and effort to put all this together so pitch in a help out however you can.

**THIS WEEKEND!** Platform Beer Co. & Heinen's Grocery Store are teaming up to bring you the inaugural *Bragging Rights Homebrewing Competition*. Home brewers will showcase their best representation of a hop forward ale (any style) where the winner takes all. His/her batch will be brewed on an industrial scale, canned and distributed at all Heinen's locations for this year's Cleveland Beer Week (October 14-23, 2016). The beer is not to exceed 7% alcohol by volume and must be an ale. Entries must be submitted to The Cleveland Brew Shop by August 26, 2016 at 7:00pm. Limit one entry per competitor. To reserve a spot in the competition, you can get more details and [register through Eventbrite](#). Following are more granular details based on newly acquired information.

When:

August 27, 10:00 am Round 1 and Round 2

August 28, Noon Round 3 and Round 4

Where:

Platform Beer Co. Tasting Room

Who:

12 Judges split into four groups of three. More may be needed if over 75 entries.

Judges do not have to commit to Sunday session. Sunday will be a hand selected panel.

Since we are unsure of the number of entries until closing date, format is tentative.

- Judging will be based on BJCP score sheets.
- Since all beers are hoppy, but of no particular style, numerical values will be assigned for each essential category of a BJCP Score sheet (Aroma, Appearance, Flavor, Mouth feel, Overall Impression, and Descriptor Definition) See hyperlink for full score sheet. [http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP\\_BeerScoreSheet.pdf](http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BeerScoreSheet.pdf)
- Each beer will be assigned an overall numerical value for evaluation purposes of judges and contestants. \*A higher score is not always indicative of a better beer due to normalizing amongst judging groups\*
- **\*\*THIS IS NOT A BJCP SANCTIONED COMPETITION\*\***

**1<sup>st</sup> Round** – each group judges 4 beer flights with the option of passing a maximum of one beer onto the next round from each flight (A passing number of zero may occur in the instance that all beers of a particular flight are unsatisfactory).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round** – each group judges 4 beer flights with the option of passing a maximum of one beer onto the next round from each flight (A passing number of zero may occur in the instance that all beers of a particular flight are unsatisfactory).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round** – once the majority of beers have been cut from the pool, smaller flights (dependent on total number of passing entries) will be judged accordingly in flights with the option of passing a maximum of one beer onto the next round from each flight (A passing



number of zero may occur in the instance that all beers of a particular flight are unsatisfactory).

**4<sup>th</sup> Round** – Final round, this round will consist of Mini Best Of Show knock out style judging. Beers will be placed up one another and overall impressions will dictate the advancement of each beer. This knock out style will proceed until a majority consensus has been reached amongst judges for the 1<sup>st</sup> place beer.

**Berea Fair Octoberfest Microbrewery Competition** will be held on September 2 and as usual will be held in the Beer Garden at the Berea Fairgrounds. Paul Shick is once again organizing the competition for them and is looking for judges and stewards. Paul has sent out a group email to people who have helped in the past so look for it and let him know if you can help out again. Judges and stewards should be there by 6:30PM.

**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 experts including Ashton Lewis, Steve Parks, Dr. Chris White, 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>.

**Hingedown Hoedown #2** is back and will be at Hingetown, W 29th St and Church St, Cleveland. Bluegrass, newgrass, folk fans unite! This free, family-friendly music festival is back on Sept. 10th, 2016 featuring performances by: Honeybucket, The Gage Brothers, The Wayfarers, Hocking River String Band, The Rubber Knife Gang, Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle, Lost Bob and the Ozone Ramblers, Oak Island Skunk Jumpers, TriHearn and more!

*Great Lakes Brewing Company* will be providing the beer, and we'll have food trucks, art vendors, and more.

And they may still need more volunteers, sign up at this [volunteer link](#).

**The Cleveland Garlic Festival** is taking place on August 27th and 28th. There are still volunteer positions if you or anyone from Beer SNOBS would be interested in helping out at the Beer Tent and Drink Trucks. [Here is the link to volunteer](#). The festival is free to attend and is put on by the North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Square in Shaker Hts.

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

### **Aug 2016**

- 1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 16: SNOB Night Out Goldhorn Brewery 1361 E 55th St, Cleveland
- 19-20: Inaugural CLEVELAND SUMMER BEERFEST
- 20: Beer & Sweat (keg-only), Cincinnati, OH
- 26: Bragging Rights Homebrewing Competition, Platform



27-28: Cleveland Garlic Festival

29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm **(note date change)**

### **Sep 2016**

2: Berea Fair Microbrewery Octoberfest Competition, 6:30PM

10: Hingetown Hoedown

10: DRAFT Brewfest Competition

16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

### **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

### **Nov 2016**

1: Rhinegeist Homebrewers Challenge

4-5: BYO Brew Boot Camp, Vermont

7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

### **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



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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**  
**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)**

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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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