



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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September 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



The kids are heading back to school and the temperatures are starting to cool off. If your home brewery has been quiet this summer, now is the perfect time to start ramping up production. The drop-off window for our annual Son of Brewzilla homebrew competition will close in only 9 weeks. If you're entering a beer that requires a little aging or lagering you'd better get brewing! If you aren't entering SoB, you should still consider firing up the kettle to get your spiced fall and big ABV holiday beers ready in time to share with family and friends a few months from now. This past weekend Mike and I brewed a barleywine using a reiterated mash technique that should be ready just in time for the cooler fall and winter months.

Our September meeting has been moved to August 28th in order to avoid conflict with the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will be loaded with upcoming event details, a very hoppy presentation by Greg Irving, and a short promotion by Shelly Kramer from MadTree Brewing Company out of Cincinnati. MadTree is distributing to Northeast Ohio starting on Monday and Shelly asked if she could come say a few words about their brewery and bring some swag for our raffle. If you haven't had MadTree yet you won't be disappointed. They make fantastic brews. I'm not just saying that because she bribed me with raffle swag!

For those of you who aspire to be nationally ranked BJCP judges, Paul Shick is offering a weekly study course starting on September 6th. A complete listing of dates and locations (most are at Market Garden) can be found further down the newsletter. Paul is administering a BJCP written exam for those interested and qualified on Sunday, November 5th. To be qualified to take this exam you must have scored a minimum of 80% on a previous BJCP tasting exam. Many people who attend Paul's study course will not be eligible to take the exam, as this is not required for the weekly study sessions. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by emailing Paul at shick@jcu.edu.

The great annual SNOB fall campout known as SNOBtoberfest will be held once again at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin at Hinckley Reservation. The event will run from Friday evening September 22nd through Sunday morning the 24th. Bring a tent, camper, or

sleeping bag for one of the bunks in the cabin. Your dues pay for the cabin rental and meats for the dinners, so we require all attendees to be up to date on yearly dues (it's only \$30 you cheapskates!). Guests of paid members are welcome as well. Our meal plan for Friday night will be thin crust, flash-cooked pizzas. Special thanks to Bob Wright of the Buckeye Beer Engine for letting us borrow his pizza oven and for sourcing our dough and sauce! If you plan on coming Friday night, please bring a pizza topping or two to share. Saturday night's main meat course is yet to be determined, as we'll probably wait to see what animal parts are on sale that week. It will most likely be slow cooked in a SNOB-sized BBQ trailer. If you plan on attending Saturday night please bring a side dish to share. Regardless of when you come, please bring some homebrew, commercial beer, or even a bottle of fine liquor to share if that's your fancy. If you have a jockey box, please consider bringing it. We should have several dozen taps available to plug into if you're bringing a keg regardless.

The annual Beer Women Rock event is coming up fast this year. If you identify as a woman and love to brew please consider joining fellow SNOB Jessica Ihms on September 10th at Brick and Barrel brewing company for a collaboration brew day with brewmaster Karl Spiesman. Regardless of your gender, please consider attending the unveiling of the collaboration on September 30th at Jukebox (across from Saucy Brew Works on W 29th). A portion of the sales will go to charity (details are still being ironed out) and you'll be supporting women in the industry & hobby. Brewing is not an all-boys club! Some of the best SNOB brewers & judges are women. If you're interested in joining the brew team please shoot Jessica an email at jihms@morangroup.org.

As mentioned earlier, the annual SNOB homebrew competition Son of Brewzilla will be held this year on October 28th at Fat Heads Production in Middleburg Heights. Our entry cap of 450 was reached within a few days of the registration opening this year. All registered entries must be paid by Friday, October 13th. If you were unable to register your beers before the cap was reached you may have another opportunity after we purge the unpaid entries. Keep an eye on the SoB website and in SNOB emails for a notification when/if this happens. The Cuyahoga Cup is awarded twice a year at the annual SNOB and SAAZ (our neighboring Akron club) competitions to the club who aggregates the most medals through a weighted points system. I've been SNOB president for one Son of Brewzilla and two Wizard of SAAZ's and have yet to see our club win the coveted Cuyahoga Cup. Let's bring our best effort this year! Even if you don't have beers entered, please consider volunteering to help as a judge, steward, or during our unboxing day (October 22nd). The drop-off window technically closes on 10/20, but if you help unbox you are welcome to bring your entries in on 10/22.

Cleveland Beer Week will take place this year from October 13th – 22nd. They are expanding the number of events and are actively recruiting beer-savvy volunteers. There are too many events to list here, but I recommend perusing the events calendar on their website: <http://www.clevelandbeerweek.org>. They will add more events as the week approaches, so be sure to check back periodically. If you are interested in volunteering please send Kim an email (kimb@clevelandbeerweek.org) and let her know! Many of the events run out of volunteer space, so don't wait if you have a particular event in mind.

Platform Brewing Company has partnered with Heinen's Grocery Store to bring back their "Bragging Rights" homebrew competition for a second year. Last year our very own Greg Irving won with his "Tropical Nor'easter" New England-style IPA. This year the only restriction is that your entry can be no greater than 7% ABV. The winner will have the opportunity to have their recipe brewed and canned on an industrial scale and sold in Heinen's stores during Cleveland Beer Week. Judging takes place on August 31st and entries



are due by August 30th. Information on how to enter can be found on the competition's [Eventbrite page here](#):

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

September ?? 6:30PM

[TBD, Cleveland, OH](#)

Son of Brewzilla sold out all 450 entry slots within a few days! Bad for those of you who weren't able to get in but best of luck to all who did.

Heinen's and Platform Beer Co. are teaming up for the Second Annual Bragging Rights, a home-brew competition. Last year, SNOB Greg Irving was the winner. For info on the competition and how to enter [click here](#). Drop off deadline is August 30th.

The Cleveland Oktoberfest (from Paul Shick) is once again holding its Microbrew Competition on the Friday of Labor Day weekend, **September 1st**, starting at about 6:30PM at the Berea Fairgrounds. I hope that you'll be able to help us out again.

We're expecting about 80+ entries this year from roughly 20 breweries around the region, so my hope is to run about 10 panels of judges. As in years past, we'll be using "mixed" judging panels of experienced judges (BJCP and/or professionals) with local media celebrities. This makes for a more relaxed atmosphere than we get at most competitions. I'll be registering the competition with the BJCP shortly, so those of you who care about such things will get points.

I can promise you some good beer, good food and good music – all together, it should be a very fun and relaxed evening.

I have no idea if Paul still needs more volunteers but feel free to approach him if you'd like to help out.

Beer Women Rock is on the brew! Jessica Ihms is brewing with Karl at Brick and Barrel on **September 10th** for the upcoming Beer Women Rock event on September 30th. Cara's stepping away this year because she has bigger fish to fry, obviously. Any ladies who want to help brew that day can show up at the brick and Barrel. Contact [Jessica Ihms](#) for more detail.

A BJCP Study Group has been organized by Paul Schick to prepare for taking the written exam. "I envision the sessions having a technical discussion/presentation for the first half, followed by a shorter tasting session (structured around the usual "compare/contrast these 3 styles" questions). The sessions should be of interest to lots of folks who don't plan to take the exam this time around." Dates are as follows.

Sept 6th, 20th, 27th, October 11th, 18th and 25th at the Market Garden Brew Pub
September 13th at the SAAZ Church where they hold their meetings
October 4th at the Market Garden Tasting Room in the production Brewery



Mark your CALENDARS!!
SNOBtoberfest Campout in Hinckley is on the horizon!
September 22nd-23rd is only a heat wave or two away. If you've never been, you should come on out to the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin in Hinckley for the day or all weekend.



An Upcoming Homebrew Competition Schedule can be viewed at the end of the newsletter that should help you plan your brewing schedules. Thanks to Paul Klammer for keeping it updated. [Take me to the competitions!!](#)

Recipes from the Contest Winners 2.0

I'd like to revive a section called "Recipes from the Contest Winners". **Recipes from the Contest Winners** was a part of our newsletters in the beginning and I think it might be nice to bring it back so we can share our knowledge and success with our members and help all to be better brewers. **If you wish to contribute**, please send an email to secretary@beersnobs.org with your vitals such as brewer(s) name, the competition, date and medal, batch size, ingredients, yeast, OG, FG, anticipated ABV, mash and boil schedule, water treatment, anything you wish include to help another brewer. [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

Aug 2017

- 28: SNOB September Meeting, date change
- 30: Platform Bragging Rights drop-off deadline

Sep 2017

- 6: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
- 13: BJCP Study Group at SAAZ Church
- 20: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
- 22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley
- 27: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
- 30: HAZtoberfest Competition



Oct 2017

2: SNOB Meeting
4: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Tasting Room at Production Brewery
5-7: GABF
11: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
13-22: Cleveland Beer Week
15-20: Son of Brewzilla Drop Off Window
18: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
22: **Son of Brewzilla Unboxing**
25: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub
28: **Son of Brewzilla Competition**
30: Beer Women Rock Brewing
30: HAZtoberfest

Nov 2017

5: BJCP Certification Written Exam
6: SNOB Meeting

Dec 2017

1: SNOB Annual Christmas Party
4: **NO SNOB meeting in December**

Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs and invite them over for a beer or brew session.

December 2016

Eli Urban
Brad Voldrich

March 2017

Robert Schroeder

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky
Tod Hulse

April 2017

July 2017

Jim Young & Mary Rose

February 2017

Stephen Jira, Louie West,
Levi Hume, Mike Gallagher
Stephen Fagerhaug

May 2017

Calvin Frye

August 2017

Jonathan Henning



NEW!-Brewing and Brew Related Stuff for Sale

Have some un-needed or surplus equipment for sale? List it here by sending a description and photos to secretary@beersnobs.org. Your listing will run for one month only unless you request it stays in the next newsletter. Interested folks will contact you via email.

FOR SALE: 2-Burner Star natural gas countertop stove, 25,000 BTU. I used this for 5 years until I got a much larger one, has been sandblasted, repainted. Asking \$100. [Email Mark Rames](mailto:Mark.Rames@beersnobs.org)



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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](#): (**new discount**) 15% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO₂ tank refills plus other CO₂ services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [AAA Gas Supply](#): On demand fills, \$1 off propane, \$2 off co₂, M-F 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1

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
A.A.A. Gas Supply

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>
aaagassupply@yahoo.com, 216-228-4800

2017 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 Ace at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.



Membership Form
Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

- **Single member dues are \$30 annually**
- **Couples (dual) are \$50 annually**
 - **A dual membership is only for people living at the same address as stated in the by-laws**

Dues can be paid in:

- Cash
- Check made payable to "SNOB"
- PayPal to [Treasurer Ace](#)
- Credit cards (only in person, fee applies)
- Snail mail to our Treasurer

Mark Knapp, Treasurer
2668 Hampton Ave
Rocky River, OH 44116

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

Recipe's From The Contest Winners



Ingredients

Beer Name: Barnstorm Saison
Beer Style/Category: Saison
Brewer(s): Dave Cousino
Brewer(s): _____
Competition: 2016 Sam Adams Longshot Winner

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
9 lb	Belgian Pilsner		
1 lb	Belgian Wheat Malt		
.5 lb	Munich Malt		

Specifications:

Batch Volume: <u>5.5 Gallon</u>	Anticip. ABV: _____
Anticipated OG: _____	IBU: <u>31</u>
Anticipated FG: _____	SRM: <u>4</u>
Actual OG: <u>1.061</u>	Actual FG: <u>1.002</u>
Efficiency: _____	Actual ABV: <u>7.8%</u>
Pre-Boil Vol: _____	Boil Duration: <u>90 min</u>
Pre-Boil Gravity: _____	Post-Boil Vol: _____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	60	Fuggles**	4.1%	

Mash:

Mash Type: Infusion*
Total Grain Weight: 10.5 pounds
Grain/Water Ratio: ? gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.: ? gal/?F
Mash Temp./Duration: *45 minutes @ 145°
Additional Step *30 minutes @ 155°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Additional Step *10 minutes @ 168°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Actual Efficiency: _____

Yeast:

Type	Amount
WYeast 3711, 1.5L starter, stirplate, decanted	1 pkg

Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	10 days	75°		
Secondary:				
Crashed:	5 days	35°		

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount

Bottle/Keg

Date: _____
Carbonation Level: _____
Priming Method: Forced co2

Notes:

Original name was *A Saison Has No Name*

* Since winning, I have consolidated the mash schedule to one step at 143°.

** Have also gone back to all SAAZ hops (original recipe I subbed because that's what I had at the time)

Miscellaneous Ingredients: (Adjuncts, Priming Sugar, Fruits & Vegetables., Spices, Finings, Uniques)

Weight	Description	Time

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrew Club)	3/1/17 - 7/7/17	7/15/2017	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	5/30/17 - 6/18/17	July 7 & 8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards banquet included.
Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing contest XXI	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d.	no	Private and employee mail in contest w/winners comped to travel to award ceremony.
Beer and Sweat XXIX (Bloatarians)	t.b.d. September/August	8/19/2017	Cincinatti, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner. Overnight accomodations available at venue.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	08/01/2017 - 09/29/2017	09/30/2017 at 9:00 AM, EDT	The Brewerie, Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	10/28/2017	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competiton, included for date awareness
Beer for Boobs (S.O.D.Z.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Zanesville, Ohio	yes	Beer for Boobs is a national charity event that raises money for breast cancer. Awards after judging.
Minnesota Mashout	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	Summit Brewing, St. Paul, Minnestoa	Yes	At over 1000 homebrew entries, the second largest homebrew competition in the U.S. (after NHC). Event includes educational presentations and speakers.
Oktoberbest Homebrew Competition	t.b.d. Winter	t.b.d. winter	Cincinatti	Yes	
WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.)	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh)	yes	Uncertain that this will happen this year
Midwest HomeBrewer of the Year	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	13 midwestern states including Ohio	t.b.d.	The Minnesota Mashout is sponsored by the Minnesota Home Brewers Association and the St. Paul Home Brewers Club. This is a 13 state cumulative awards competition.

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
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Nearest BJCP Exams	
See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams	
Beer	6/24, Cincinatti
Beer	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	9/2/2017, Beijing, China, contact Le Meng
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA (east of Pittsburgh)
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	11/5, Detroit
Beer	11/11 Cincinatti
Beer	11/25 Toronto
Beer	1/13/18, Cincinatti
Beer	4/18/18 Toronto
Beer	5/5/18, Columbus, Ohio
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinatti