

## President's Krausening

- Erica Anton

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Hello SNOBs,

Hoppy spring everyone! Speaking of hops, don't forget to send me details on your brew if you will be bringing something to the next meeting (details further along in the newsletter) .

Now that the begging is out of the way, I wanted to say WOW about the month of March. SNOBs were seriously REPRESENTING! Mike Ontolchik at Brick and Barrel, Andy Morales at Terrestrial, Greg Irving at Platform, not to mention the many SNOBs that helped Cara at Brick and Barrel for International Women's BReW Day (should be out March 31!) and don't forget that Fat Heads re-

brewed the anniversary IPA. It's great to see the club so well represented in the brewing community!



Speaking of community, both entry registration and attendee registration are open for HomebrewCon. The former might be full by the time this newsletter comes out, but even if you don't have a beer to send I'm sure we would love to see all of you in Pittsburgh.

Cheers,

## This Month's Meeting

For our April meeting, you will have an opportunity to explore the wonderful world of hops. Erica is going to do a super brief overview of the ingredient, and then you will get the chance to hear from different brewers about what they made.

If you are bringing something to this meeting, and we hope you are! Let Erica know so that she can have a slide ready for you. Please send your info to [president@beersnobs.org](mailto:president@beersnobs.org) at minimum, I'd like the style of beer and the types of hops that you used, you can also send your recipe, photos of your brew day, the name of your beer, even the label.

While you're at it, mark your calendars for yeasty beers in June and malty beers in October

### Our Next Meeting

**When:**

April 4th at 7:30 pm

**Where:**

Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**What:**

Style Meeting  
Hoppy Beers

**PLEASE KEEP OUR MEMBERS HEALTHY**

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19, HAVE SYMPTOMS, OR THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE COVID-19, PLEASE FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES FOR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION.**

## Upcoming Events



### April, 2022

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

Monthly Meeting @ Sachs - Hoppy Styles

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

SNOB Night Out @ Fat Head's Brewery in Middleburgh Heights.

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

SNOB Beers on tap at both Platform and Brick & Barrel. See SNOBs On Tap Page 3 for details.

### May, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs— Clark Benson from **Masthead** will be out to talk about their barrel ageing program

7<sup>th</sup> - Big Brew

### June, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs— Style Meeting, **Yeasty Beers**

13rd-25th—HomebrewCon, Pittsburgh, PA

### July, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs. *Friday evening* **Big Brew Tasting** and party.

## Beer, No Sweat Returns in 2022!

After a two year Covid-forced hiatus, John Majetic has put together another fantastic SNOB bus tour with eleven hand-picked brewery stops over 2 days.

On **Saturday May 21st**. We will Leave Baron's Bus at 10:10 AM.

**Bell Tower**, Arrive 11:00 AM, Leave 12:30

**Akronym**, Arrive 1:00 PM Leave at 2:00

**Wooly Pig**, Arrive 3:10 PM Leave at 4:00

**Dankhouse Brewing**, Arrive 5:00 PM Leave at 6

**Three Tigers**, Arrive 6:10 PM Leave at 7:40

**Gemut Biergarten**, Arrive at 8:20 PM Leave at 9:20

We will most likely be staying at the Drury Inns and Suites in Polaris Columbus. John is awaiting confirmation on the hotel.

Then on Sunday, we will hit the following breweries:

**Antiques on High**, Arrive at noon leave at 1:30

**Pretentious Barrel House**, Arrive at 1:45 PM Leave at 2:45

**Noctera**, Arrive at 3:15 PM Leave at 4:15

**The Phoenix**, Arrive at 5:20 PM Leave at 6:50

**Medina Brewing Co.**, Arrive at 7:40 PM Leave at 9:00 PM

Arrive back at Barons at 9:30 PM



**Cost** for bus portion of the trip is \$116 per person. Sign up here—

<https://forms.gle/UF6qPXqANegPwWZN7>

## SNOBs On Tap



On tap currently at **Terrestrial Brewing** is Rich's Red. It's a Double Irish Red recipe by SNOB **Andy Morales**, This beer honors firefighter, Rich Petras, who passed away in 2020. Rich was a great friend and fellow fireman of Andy Morales. According to Andy, "He loved red ales, so when he passed my friend and I brewed this to give to his wife and twin daughters. We decided to make our recipe reflect him, big, sweet, and red. We aged the original recipe on Makers Mark oak chunks so at Terrestrial we put Makers Mark oak chunks in the infusion tower." There was an event on 3/24, the same night as our Night Out, to introduce the beer and raise funds in Rich's name for charity.

SNOB Member **Greg Irving** took top prize in **Platform Beer's IPA Homebrew Competition** on February 12th. Greg's American IPA was the best out of 23 entries. It's currently on tap at Platform. Greg oversaw the brewing of a 10 bbl batch which was tapped and featured at the brewery's IPA Fest last weekend.

Though it's not our monthly Night Out, SNOBs are encouraged to gather at Platform Beer on April 13th to hoist a pint with Greg. We will meet at 6:30 p.m.



**Brick and Barrel** will be releasing their 2022 Pink Boots Beer on April 13th. At press time, I'm a little short on beer style details, but I do know at least 3 SNOBs were involved in brew day. **Cara Baker, Jessica Ihms & Jim Kasper.**

Though it's not our monthly Night Out, SNOBs are encouraged to gather stop by Brick & Barrel on April 13th to celebrate the release. It's the same night as the Platform event, so perhaps a Pub Crawl is in order!



# SNOBs On Tap continued . . .



**SNOBs Giving Back.** Blake Beharry reports that many SNOBs were among his 64 volunteers at the recent Cleveland Winter BeerFest. This effort netted the **Trinity Clothing Ministry** over \$1600. The money helps fund the distribution of used clothing and personal hygiene supplies to the needy on Cleveland’s Near West Side. Blake says “Thank You!” to all the beer aficionados' who pitched in.



Party like it’s 2020. **Fat Head’s** has re-issued the SNOB 30th Anniversary IPA beer. They decided to do another small run of our super-popular beer that was brewed to celebrate the club’s 30th anniversary. Cans and draft are available at the brewery .

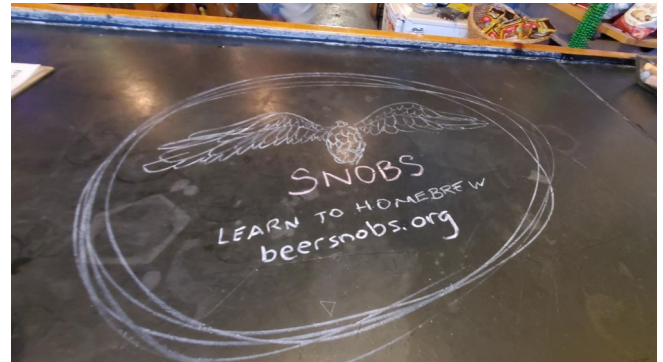


**We’ll be having our April Night Out on April 12th at Fat Head’s to celebrate.**



## SNOBs On Tap continued . . . / March Night Out

The Club's March Night Out took place on Thursday the 24th at the **Brick & Barrel** brewery. SNOBs in attendance got to sample **Mike Ontolchik's** Luna Oscura recipe. It's an English Porter with a 5.1% ABV. He brewed it together with SNOB **Cara Baker** who is now Head Brewer at Brick & Barrel. This dark ale was fermented under a new moon, a dark moon, the luna oscura. Pouring a gorgeous brown color with deep copper highlights, all of the enticing aromas of rustic bread, coffee, dried fruits, nuts and chocolate carry through into the flavor. UK malts, East Kent Golding and Challenger hops and an English ale yeast give this classic style it's depth without being too rich or heavy. A very approachable, complex and refreshing ale. It's still on tap. If you missed the Night Out, please stop by and give it a try. Many thanks to Erica for the



## HomebrewCon & NHC

After two years, HomebrewCon is returning to an in-person event this summer. Better yet, it will be only a short two hour drive away in Pittsburgh, PA. The national conference will be Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th. There will be educational seminars, club events, vendor spaces and of course the NHC competition.



**Club Night** — SNOB has asked for a Club Night booth space. If I include the current Maybe's that I know about, we have about 8 club members that will be at HomebrewCon and are willing to work the SNOB booth. The plan is to divide the night up so that everyone has ample time behind our faux bar and visiting the other club booths. I'd like to know when everyone has their registration and knows what they want to bring in kegs for the event. If you are planning on going and would like to be involved in our Club Night Booth, please fill out my form at <https://forms.gle/VJZGrbKzkeDeRdAT6>.

**National Homebrew Competition** will be judged June 21st through June 23rd at the same location. Judges volunteering for all three days will be given a full pass to the conference. The lead for those of you wishing to compete in NHC is that it will be judged in June and in Pittsburgh. The NHC awards will close out the conference Saturday afternoon. ~ Mike Ontolchik

Conference registration and hotel reservations can be made at <https://www.homebrewcon.org/> Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of HomebrewCon week will be National Homebrew Competition Judging. NHC is looking for experienced stewards and judges to volunteer. Stewards and Staff volunteering for all three days will get a free Social ticket to HomebrewCon and additional swag. Judges volunteering for all three days will get a full conference ticket. Social tickets can be upgraded to full passes for \$99. You can volunteer to be a steward at <https://brewersassociation.wufoo.com/forms/ztw7bh616wnnij/>. Judges should have received an email from John Moorhead, the NHC Organizer.

Some links: [American Homebrewers Association](#): Become a member.— [HomebrewCon](#): Event Website with hotel registration open — [2019 HomebrewCon Club Night](#): YouTube



## HomebrewCon & NHC, Continued

Mike received the following email from Fred Mullner who is from Pittsburgh and is also the AHA Mid-Atlantic Regional representative. They really could use some extra hands there and are offering up a nice package of freebies for pitching in:



Mike,

First off, thanks for considering helping out with NHC. We are in desperate need of stewards and staff for the event. I know judging is the thing that most people focus on, but the "back of the house" stuff is really crucial for having a successful competition. What we are looking for is people who have judged and stewarded competitions before and who know how things work. This year, NHC is being modeled after GABF and the World Beer Cup. The stewards and staff are solely responsible for making sure that the beers that get advanced are the correct beers with the correct scoresheets (called comment cards because there won't actually be a score) and then shepherding those beers that advance to the final rounds. The stewards are really the ones who make this competition work.

To compensate the stewards and staff, NHC is offering a package of a whole bunch of great swag plus they're compensating anyone who can commit to all three days (Tuesday morning to Thursday afternoon) with a free social package. If you want to upgrade and attend the panels, it's only \$99 to do that. So basically, if you can steward for three day you can get into Homebrewcom for \$99. It's a great deal. The swag package is below. If you are interested, please sign up at <https://brewersassociation.wufoo.com/forms/ztw7bh616wnnij/>

As an added bonus, if you've ever wanted to judge at GABF or WBC, this is a great way to get your name up to the top of the list. Obviously I can't promise anything, but this is a great way to distinguish yourself amongst all the others.

Hope to see you at NHC in June. If you have any questions please email me or call me.

Fred Mullner, NHC Volunteer Coordinator

- 2022 Commemorative Beer
- Swag Bag
- Homebrew Expo
- Social Club
- Welcome Toast
- National Homebrew Competition & Annual Awards Ceremony
- Keynote Address
- Kick-Off Reception
- AHA Member Gathering
- Club Night
- Knockout Party



## Big Brew

Mark your calendars for **May 7th** for BIG BREW DAY! We are still banging out details such as the exact malt bill and whether or not we can help **Terrestrial Brewing** with the brew, so more on that later. What we can tell you is that Terrestrial will be creating wort for us, and members will have the opportunity to take 5 gallons home to be finished any way you would like. The wort should be fairly neutral (think pale ale) and you will have lots of freedom to make it your own by adding specialty malts, hops, yeasts, flavors, or even sour cultures. Then, you will bring the wort to our July meeting/party where we will crown a winner!



## BJCP Class



Our beer community needs more beer judges. Up your beer game and become one. If you are interested, please respond to the following survey of community interest — <https://forms.gle/GuDJn89GPbtzZfxx5>

Responses to this survey will be used to determine scheduling and location of classes and to communicate with folks who are interested. A \$30 fee for the class is required to cover expenses including sample beers and supplies. Additional fees will be required by the BJCP for the exam. The class schedule and locations will be based on your survey response. Contact Paul for additional information [pklammerspam@hotmail.com](mailto:pklammerspam@hotmail.com)

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## Ohio Mead Group (OMG)

The Ohio Mead Group (OMG) has resumed monthly meetings. We are working to prepare interested members to take the BJCP Mead Judging exam which Paul Klammer is working on scheduling this summer. Follow the OMG Facebook page or watch this newsletter for announcements.



**BJCP 2021 Style Guideines**

[www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/](http://www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/)

## Competitions

*Following is a select list of upcoming regional and national competitions you might be interested in entering:*

### **2022 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition**

I received sad news from Brett Chance who coordinated this competition for 25 years that he is retired and no longer able to run it. With out an organizer and due to other factors, the competition will no longer take place.

### **National Homebrew Competition**

Register March 22nd through April 4th

June 21-23rd Judging.

Details at

### **King of the Mountain**

August 27th, Cleveland, OH



# Request for Homebrew

## Monthly Meetings

Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to share at monthly meetings. Let Erica know in advance, she can add it to the meeting slides. Bringing your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from the members and judges in attendance. Also as Mr. Rogers liked to say "It's nice to share".

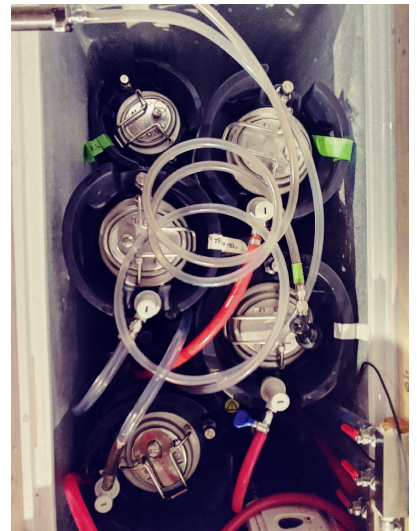
## Style Focus Meetings

This year, we will be continuing the style focus meetings. We wanted to let you know the themes ahead of time to give everyone a chance to get the ideas (and the wort) going! Please let us know if you plan on participating. We would like at least 4 samples at each of the planned style meetings

**Spring 2022 – Hoppy Beers** - We will focus on hoppy styles of all kinds (pilsner, IPA, ESB, and more). Pick a hop varietal to highlight and a style to show it off (extra points for single hop!).

**Summer 2022 – Yeasty Beers** — Witbiers, Saisons, and Hefes, oh my! Show off your favorite yeast strain (or just one that you find interesting) in a beer style that lets those yeast-derived flavors shine!

**Fall 2022 – Malty Beers** — Brew some seasonal Octoberfest, Marzen, pumpkin spice or others featuring those roasty, bready malt flavors to share with the club.



## Newsletter

Have any ideas for the newsletter? Is there anything you'd like to see here occasionally or on a regular basis. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Let me know! Cheers, Jay

## SNOBwear T-Shirts

Summer is coming. We still have a good selection of sizes of the SNOB T-Shirts available.

\$10 for sizes S—XL, \$15 for larger sizes

Contact Jay if you want one — [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org)



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## Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

### Membership Dues



As always, non-members are welcome at meetings, but some activities (parties, bus trip, collaboration brews) are members only. Please consider joining today! Single member dues are \$30. Couples (living in same household) are \$50

Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting [treasurer@beersnobs.org](mailto:treasurer@beersnobs.org) or using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

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### Membership Benefits

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Plus, use your SNOB membership card to gain discounts on all things brewing and beer-related at the following merchants:

**Cleveland Brew Shop** - 10% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SNOBs10 when filling out the online order form. <https://www.clevelandbrewshop.com>

**Grape & Granery** - 5% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SAAZ1819 when filling out the online order form or show your card at checkout. <https://www.grapeandgranery.com>

**Bookhouse Brewing** — \$1 off drafts for AHA members EVERYDAY <https://bookhouse.beer>

**Buckeye Beer Engine** — \$1 of drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) EVERYDAY <https://buckeyebeerengine.com>

*As many of the long-time members may recall, this used to be a fairly extensive list. Your officers are working to reach out to businesses to expand this list. If you have contacts, please feel free to ask if they would like to participate. Let me know the de-*

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## Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers—The fine print

SNOB are one of Ohio’s oldest clubs for homebrewers. Founded in 1990 and recognized as AHA’s national club of the year in 2020, the club meets the first Monday of each month a 7:30 PM at [Sachsenheim Hall](#) on Cleveland's West Side. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also hosts special evenings at local brewpubs and restaurants, homebrew competitions, a spring bus trip, a summer camping event, our annual Oktoberfest weekend festival in Hinckley, and an extravagant Christmas party. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, where they will find lively presentations on beer and brewing, great conversation, and answers to any brewing questions they might have. [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

### Current Officers



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## 2021 Son of Brewzilla Competition Results

Cleveland’s Premier Homebrew Competition

2021 Results

[Son of Brewzilla? - Brew Competition Online Entry & Management \(beersnobs.org\)](#)



## Extra, Extra

# National Beer Day is April 7th

Shamelessly borrowed from [beerinfo.com](http://beerinfo.com)

National Beer Day is celebrated in the USA every year on April 7, marking the day that the Cullen–Harrison Act was enacted after having been signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 22, 1933. This led to the Eighteenth Amendment being repealed on December 5, 1933, with the ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

### Background

Upon signing the legislation, Roosevelt made his famous remark, "I think this would be a good time for a beer." The law went into effect on April 7 of that year in states that had enacted their own law allowing such sales. The beer could contain up to 3.2% alcohol by weight (or 4.05% by volume) compared to the 0.5% limit of the Volstead Act because 3.2% was considered too low to produce intoxication.

People across the country responded by gathering outside breweries, some beginning the night before. On that first day, 1.5 million barrels of beer were consumed, inspiring the future holiday. Today, April 7 is recognized as National Beer Day, and April 6 is known as New Beer's Eve.



*SNOB Forefathers*

The Cullen-Harrison Act was not the official end of prohibition in the US (that happened on December 5, 1933, when the 21st Amendment was ratified). What the Cullen-Harrison Act did do was redefine an "intoxicating beverage" under the Volstead Act. As such, April 7 is a beer specific holiday and should not be confused with Repeal Day celebrated on December 5.

### Recognition

National Beer Day was first created in 2009 by Justin Smith of Richmond, Virginia. After much prodding from his friend, Mike Connolly, Smith started a Facebook page that was noticed by Colorado Beer Examiner, Eli Shayotovich. Smith's promotion of the new holiday via various social media outlets was rewarded when the beer drinking app Untappd created a badge for National Beer Day that rewarded participants that checked a beer into the app on April 7.



**How are you going to celebrate?**