

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter

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General Information

Our next meeting

When:

August 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Where:

SACHSENHEIM HALL

7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

What:

Cider 101 with Todd Donnelly

Oktoberfest call for Judges and Stewards!

The 2021 Oktoberfest Microbrew Competition will be held Fri, Sept 3rd, 2021 in the Bier Garten at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. As always, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Check your email for more details. If you are interested in helping out, contact Rick Seibt at 216-255-4727 or rick@bierstein.com.



August Meeting: Cider 101

With harvest season approaching, we're going to look at cider making. Todd Donnelly is going to lead us through making a one gallon batch of cider. There will be commercial

examples for sampling and discussing. The goal will be for cider novices to make a one gallon batch, age it and bring it back to share, blend and discuss at the January meeting.

We should have a lot of fun learning, tasting, and sharing. Hope to see you there!

Son of Brewzilla

Ohio's premier Homebrew Competition is back! The 2021 Son of Brewzilla will be held at Fat Heads Beer Hall in Middleburg Heights on November 5th & 6th. Volunteer Judges and Stewards are needed. With a maximum of 300 entries, it's going to be a little smaller in size than previous years. Be sure to get your account established so that you can register your entries as soon as that opens.

Important Dates

- Account Registration and Volunteer sign up is currently open.
- Entry Registration opens on August 3rd.
- \$10 per Entry. Entries must be paid by October 9th
- Entry Drop Off is at Fat Heads October 22nd through 30th

Complete details are on the website [Son of Brewzilla](#)



Upcoming Dates

August 2
August Meeting
Sachsenheim

August 28
King of the Mountain
The Cleveland Brewery
<https://www.kotmlmhba.org>

August 30
September Meeting
Pairing Beer and Food
Sachsenheim

September 17-19
SNOBtoberfest
Brooklyn Exchange Cabin

October 4
October Meeting
Fermentation and Yeast Handling with Erik Fowler of White Labs
Sachsenheim and Zoom

October 24
Beer for Boobs
Columbus, OH
<https://beerforboobs.sodz.org/>

November 1
November Meeting
Dark Beer Round Up
Sachsenheim

November 6
Son of Brewzilla
Fat Heads
<http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/>

December 3
Christmas Party
Sachsenheim

President's Krausening

I've never met a homebrewer who brewed simply to save money on beer. Homebrewing is time-consuming and when factoring in the cost of ingredients and equipment it is a break-even proposition at best. No, most of us brew for a variety of other more fun personal reasons. We enjoy the challenge, the learning, sharing the fruits of our labors with friends, competing for awards, being a part of the beer community, etc.

One thing that is also universal among the homebrewers I know is that we all seek to improve our craft. We're always trying to improve on the last batch. If we have a recipe for a style we like, we want to brew it again and tweak it a little to make each iteration just a little bit better. In order to do that we rely upon our own sense of what we like as well as the feedback we get from friends and those we share with.

I've found that the best way to get feedback on my brews is from certified beer judges in a sanctioned homebrew competition. So I am especially pleased that Son of Brewzilla will be returning this fall. I've found that there is no better way to improve my craft than to submit entries to a competition and to receive unbiased feedback on the aroma, appearance, flavor, mouthfeel, and overall impression. Often the more experienced judges will include helpful comments on how the beer might be improved. The icing on the cake is that when we are successful, we are recognized by our peers for our successes.

It takes a lot of work on the part of organizers, volunteers and brewers to put on one of these events so I want to urge club members to participate by getting your entries reserved and brewed and to volunteer to help make it run smoothly. I'd also like to thank the organizing committee for getting this off the ground this year. Thanks to Todd Donnelly, Registrar; Greg Irving, Competition Organizer; Jim Jadwisiak, Sponsorship Organizer; and Mike Ontolchik, Judge Coordinator for their hard work.

Cheers,

Jay

A Call for Beer!

In November we're going to focus on dark, rich winter styles. Do you have a favorite you want to brew, share and discuss? Let Jay know what you can bring. Thanks!

Let Jay know if you would like to participate by sending an email to president@beersnobs.org

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Get Involved!

We know this seems early to be talking about this. But we want to ask if anyone has an interest in getting a little more involved in the club this year and becoming an officer next year. This year you could help plan a meeting or two, a night out or an activity or event. We'd especially like to recruit some of our younger members to get involved in running the club and to keep the club moving forward. Let any officer know if you are interested.

General Info

[SNOB Meeting Location](#)

[Recipes and Tools](#)

[Web Links of Interest](#)

[SNOB Web Page](#)

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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