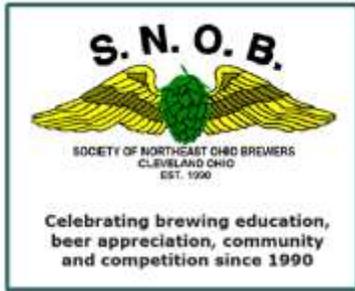


August, 2025



Our Next Meeting

Monday, August 4th

7:30

Sachsenheim Hall

7001 Denison Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Topic:

Upcoming Events

August Night Out

Wednesday, August 20th
at the Jolly Scholar.

6:00 P.M.

September Meeting

Monday, August 25th

Sachsenheim Hall

*See more details on these
and other events inside
this newsletter.*

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



President's Message

I hope that everyone is keeping cool and enjoying refreshing lagers and sessionable beers. Unfortunately, I have seen rumors that Cleveland Beer Week's Lagerland has been cancelled. It was supposed to be held at Collision Bend Euclid in mid-August. It is becoming extremely difficult to get a new craft beer event off the ground. This was a locally organized event centered around beers that have become some of my favorite styles. I personally had a conflict this year as I will be judging in Cincinnati that weekend. There were several SNOBs that volunteered and attended last year's event. I assume it would have been close to the same crowd this year.

I think that we have entered into a new era of disconnection. It's going to be very difficult for the little guy, the small business or independent groups to create and maintain something that gets noticed by a farther reaching audience than word of mouth. When I open social media, I don't see many posts promoting upcoming events as I used to notice. I may see a reaction to something that happened last week. That is if I want to waste my time wading past all of the AI slop and advertisements. I don't know how to combat this. I feel that this is just going to get worse. I think that we are going to have to lower our expectations when we want to grow our events.

What I was able to see on social media is that Sachsenheim Hall will be hosting an Oktoberfest event on Saturday, August 16th. The Cleveland Brew Shop will be hosting their Oktoberfest party and competition in September. Judging will be on the 20th and the party will be Saturday, September 27th. Entries are due by September 19th. The competition covers German beer styles. The Cleveland Brew Shop will be moving in early August. I see that Darren is looking for some moving help on Friday, August 8th.

Our August Night Out will be at Jolly Scholar on Wednesday, August 20th. Not only does the campus-based brewery have a large selection of beer choices, I expect that our own Jessica Ihms will plan to have something special on tap for us.

I do not have a topic for our August meeting. Jay O'Neill will be explaining how he ferments in corny kegs at our August 25th meeting. Let's take some time to plan for our SNOBtoberfest Camp Out. I plan to go to the SAAZ meeting Thursday, August 14th. They would like to be involved with organization and meals as we join our events next year. It would be good to have something they can assist us with this year. Other than maybe some extended club business, I'll open the floor to anyone that may have topics we would like to discuss on homebrewing and craft beer.

Look for information about Son of Brewzilla in the next newsletter. I would like to have our registration for entries and volunteers running before our next meeting. I think we are going to have to abandon the system that we have been using because it is no longer compatible with the host server software. For those of you judging and stewarding, I am leaning towards a system that uses tablets and laptops to record much of the paperwork.

Cheers,

Mike

August Meeting

Date is Monday, August 4th, topic TBD.

Other News

August night out - Wednesday August 20.

With a rotating selection of house-brewed beers, a fantastic patio on Case Western's campus, and a solid food menu, The Jolly Scholar is the perfect spot to gather with fellow SNOBS for some casual pints and conversation.

Whether you're a fan of bold IPAs or crisp lagers, there's something for everyone on tap. Come hang out, share some brewing stories, and enjoy a summer evening on their awesome patio!

SNOBtoberfest

Saves the Date! This year's activities are September 12th and 13th. More detail forthcoming.

Local Upcoming Festivals

There are several area beer fests coming up. They are each a good opportunity to get out and mingle with fellow SNOBs and beer lovers.

The Cleveland Beer Week Organization has scheduled the following events. Some are new!

Thursday October 9 Offshore Pour

Saturday October 25 is Celebration of the Hop at Fat Heads

Saturday November 1 is Barrel Aged Bash 12 - 4 at Butcher and the Brewer

Friday November 14 is Holiday showcase 6 - 9 PM at Forest City

More information and even details can be found here. <https://www.clevelandbeerweek.org/events>

Competitions

Save the Dates.

Fantasy Homebrew League Draft is Friday August 15th.

The Fantasy Homebrew League is a fantasy-football inspired homebrew competition where participants will have to "draft" the ingredients they brew with. Once an ingredient is taken, no one else can use that ingredient.

The competition starts with a Draft Party on August 15th where participants will draft their brewing ingredients. Participants will have ~ 6 weeks to brew the best beer they can with their selected ingredients. The whole competition culminates with a big public tasting event at The Cleveland Brew Shop on October 17th - this is when the champion is crowned!

Anyone in the Cleveland area is welcome to enter this competition.

The Draft Party will take place Friday, August 15 @ 7:00 pm, hosted by Bookhouse Brewing

Beer Submission Window: September 16 thru October 4, Cleveland Brew Shop, new location.

The Brownhoist

4403 St. Clair Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44103

About half the slots for the Fantasy Homebrew League have been filled. As always, this event is open to anyone in the Cleveland area, regardless of how much brewing experience you have or what homebrew club you affiliate

with. Check out the link below for more competition details and to sign up for this year's Fantasy Homebrew League;

[2025 Fantasy Homebrew League](#)

King of the Mountain – presented by Little Mountain Brewers.

KoTM competition is Saturday September 20, 8:30 am at the Collision Bend Euclid production facility. Registration opened June 21 as well as sign up for judges and stewards needed for two sessions.

<https://kotm.lmbrewers.beer/>

Oktoberfest Homebrew Competition – presented by The Cleveland Brew Shop.

The Fourth Annual Oktoberfest Party & Homebrew Competition is a go! Judging on September 20th party on the 27th.

Competition sign up: <https://cbs.brewingcompetitions.com> (in bio on IG)

Party tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8x3wd7> (in bio on IG)

Son of Brewzilla has been Scheduled. November 8th.

This year it will be held at the Brew Kettle production facility on Sheldon Road. Many of us have been there when it was the home of Fatheads.

Request for homebrew



Please consider brings a keg or growler of your homebrew to a meeting. Let Mike know in advance and he can add it to the presentation slides. Bring your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from members and judges in attendance. Plus it's always nice to share and sample what members are brewing.

SNOBwear T-shirts



We still have a good selection of sizes for the SNOB T-shirt available. \$10 for sizes S – XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Michael at secretary@beersnobs.org if you want one.

About SNOB

SNOB is 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 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. Website at: [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](http://SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio (beersnobs.org))

2025 Meeting Dates

	August 4th – Monthly Meeting
	August 25th – September Monthly Meeting
	October 6 th – Monthly Meeting
	November 3rd - Monthly Meeting
	December 5th – Christmas Party

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 \$40. Couples (living in same household) are \$60. Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting treasurer@beersnobs.org or using the PayPal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

Your membership dues are used to pay for club activities throughout the year like the annual Christmas Party and rental at The Brooklyn Exchange Cabin where we hold the annual SNOBtoberfest. They pay for club insurance, food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

2025 Officers



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