

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter

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OUR NEXT MEETING

When:
February 7 at 7:30 PM

Where:
Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102

What:
Brewing with
Charlie Papazian

PLEASE KEEP ALL 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.

This Month's Meeting

Brewing With Charlie Papazian

Charles N. Papazian (born January 23 ca. 1949) is a nuclear engineer, brewer and author. He founded the Association of Brewers and the Great American Beer Festival. He also wrote *The Complete Joy of Home Brewing* (1984). He is the longtime former president (1979-2016) of the Brewers Association. Throughout *The Complete Joy of Home Brewing*, Papazian reminds the novice brewer to "Relax. Don't worry. And have a homebrew." Papazian has since written five more books.

Many of you know Larry Reuter. He is an accomplished brewer, beer judge, and brewing educator. He is a member of SAAZ. Last summer he had an opportunity to travel to an island off the coast of Maine and spend some time brewing with Charlie.

At the February meeting Larry will share stories of that trip.

Upcoming Club Events

Here is some of the fun that is happening soon. If you would like to include an event on this page, just let us know!

February, 2022

7th - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs
22nd - Chili Cook Off @ Forrest City
Bring a crock pot of your best recipe and a good appetite! Who will we crown as the winner this year?

March 2022

7th - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs

April 2022

4th - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs

May 2022

2nd - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs

7th - Big Brew

Request for Homebrew

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 every meeting.

In 2022, we will get back to Reinheitsgebot basics with style meetings focused on the basic ingredients of beer.

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!

Competitions

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

Bockfest

February 26th, Hamilton, Ohio.

Entry deadline is 2/19

www.bockfest.brewcomp.com

SheBrew National

February 27th, Clackamas, OR

Entry Deadline is 2/18

www.shebrew.beer

All-American Homebrew

April 2nd, Cincinnati, Ohio

Entry Deadline is 3/26

www.maltinfusers.brewcompetition.com

BJCP 2021 Style Guidelines

www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/

President's Krausening

Hello SNOBs,

I have been racking my brain to really think about how I want to use these krausenings. Honestly, I am not 100% sure that anyone even reads them. When I was secretary, it was pretty easy. A bit about the meeting, a bit about other upcoming activities, and you're done. This feels oddly more personal, like a diary. I guess that's not such a bad thing. After all, part of what makes this club great is getting to know people who share our passion for beer.

All that being said, most of the time I think I will probably end up blathering on about what I am excited about, at least in the world of fermented beverages. Right now, I am most excited to be returning to our chili cook off at Forest City again. This is always one of my favorite events, and I am especially looking forward to experiencing it with new beers brewed by Matt Smedley. I can't wait to try our very first collaboration with them. It should be terrific.

I am also feeling hopeful that many of you will participate in our semi-quarterly style meetings. We had good participation last year, and this year I wanted to experiment by expanding the types of beers people can brew while really focusing in on three of the ingredients that we are all so familiar with. If all goes well, we can try things like a Cashmere-heavy IPA against a more traditional Citra affair or a hefeweizen with WLP300 vs. one with OYL-021. The upcoming dates (just so you have them) are hoppy beers in April, yeasty beers in June, and malty beers in October.

That's it for now. I'm going to crack open a beer. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting with Larry!

Cheers,

Erica

Beer Needed for Style Meetings

For our April meeting, we need homebrews that are focused on hops as an ingredient. The idea will be for us to try different beers while really getting an impression how different hops present themselves. At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to talk briefly about your beer and the hop that you chose. We would love to include pictures of your brew day, any custom labels you might make, or any other fun details.

Here are some suggested styles. Please let me know what you would like to sign up for. For any of the below, please specify the hop/s you are focusing on.

- 5D German Pils
- 11A-C Ordinary / Best / Strong Bitter
- 18B American Pale Ale
- 21A American IPA
- 21B Specialty IPA (any)
- 21C Hazy IPA
- 22A Double IPA

If you would like to brew something not in the list, just let me know what you want to do.

Please let me know if you will be brewing something for this meeting by replying to the newsletter or messaging president@beersnobs.org

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

HomebrewCon & NHC – by Mike Ontolchik

After two years, HomebrewCon is returning to an in-person event this summer in Pittsburgh, PA. The homebrew conference put on by the American Homebrewers Association will be Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th. Expect the event to have plenty of educational seminars and a vendor space to peruse equipment and ingredients. What sets this conference apart from a typical trade show is that you can expect to sample homebrew and craft beers while in seminars or wandering the vendor space.

Some of that homebrew could be coming from you and I. Although the schedule has not been posted, traditionally the conference has a craft beer fest for attendees on Thursday evening and then uses the same space for Club Night on Friday. Club Night is a beer fest / party where every booth is run by a different homebrew club. SNOB has a 12 tap booth bar Mark Rames created for HomebrewCon. I expect to use that with those of you willing to attend, bring kegs and pour at our booth. For those of you that brew and volunteer at beer fests, this is what you've been training for. What I would like to do is be able to serve 12-14 kegs throughout the evening. Expect to bring 2-3 gallons at most per keg.

Only AHA members may sign up for the conference so, you may want to become a member or renew before registration opens. National Homebrew Competition will be fully 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.

Some links:

[American Homebrewers Association](#): Become a member.

[HomebrewCon](#): Event Website with hotel registration open

[2019 HomebrewCon Club Night](#): YouTube video

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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, or by using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>