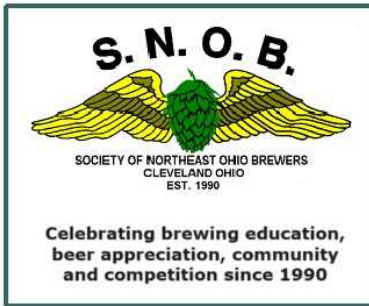


May, 2024

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



Our Next Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Upcoming Events

Big Brew Pickup

Saturday, May 4th,
1:00—2:00 p.m.

Terrestrial Brewing

May Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

Andy Tveekrem will be here to discuss his beer journey.

Akron Beer Crawl

Saturday, May 18th, 11:00 a.m.

Hoppin' Frog Brewery Start

June Meeting

Monday, June 3rd,
7:30 p.m.

Sachsenheim Hall

Electric Brew Systems

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

President's Krausening

- Mike Ontolchik

Hi SNOBs,

Our weather has finally started to change towards Spring and Summer here in Northeast Ohio. I transferred a couple of beers that will be ready soon. I brewed 10 gallons of Czech Pale Lager at the end of March and that is now in kegs lagering away in my fermentation chest freezer until I need that space for my next beer. I also transferred 7 gallons of a Graf Lambic-style beer to a five gallon keg and a 2.5 gallon keg. The 5 gallon keg is keg conditioning / carbonating using some corn sugar. The rest is being force carbonated so that I can bring it to our May meeting. I aged year old lambic on cider that I had naturally fermented. I believe that [Graf](#) is the term for Cider - Beer hybrid beverages. It's an experimental, rare or unique drink that I'll enjoy later this year.



Speaking of our May meeting, Market Garden Brewery's Andy Tveekrem will be joining us to go over his thoughts and observations about beer and brewing over his career. Andy is a founding SNOB member and I have been told the first person to bring homemade alcohol (a mead?) to a SNOB meeting. He started his professional brewing career at Great Lakes Brewing Company after he was already a SNOB member. After working his way up to being the GLBC Brewmaster, he left Cleveland to brew in the Fredrick, MD area and then Dogfish Head Brewing. Andy returned to Cleveland to open Market Garden Brewery. I first met Andy after he returned to Cleveland. Before that point, I had heard several stories about him from fellow club members. One of those stories was about a time that he threw a handful of hops into the boil without using a scale. With some homebrewer panic, a second Andy handful was weighed to be exactly 4 oz. He and I brewed once together at Nano Brew where I was able to witness his calibrated handful for hoppings. I'm looking forward to seeing Andy at our May meeting.

Big Brew wort pickup is the Saturday before our meeting. May the Wort be With You. We're at capacity for wort from Terrestrial Brewing with 162 gallons requested by 27 different brewers. We'll host a people's choice competition at our "July" meeting, Friday, June 28th at Sachsenheim Hall. Terrestrial Brewing will also select a beer to be their Pro-Am Collaboration.

If you are planning to brew soon please look at the [list of hops](#) that Fat Heads gave us in April. I'll be happy to give anyone brewing any of these hops that haven't been already taken. Good times for me to give you these hops would be the Big Brew wort pickup on Saturday, May 4th or our upcoming meetings.

See you at the May meeting and bring your favorite Andy Tveekrem story to share with the club.

Cheers,

Mike

April Meeting



Many thanks to Matt Cole for coming to our April Meeting and bringing along Julie and lots and lots of hops to share. Everyone in attendance got a sensory overload. We learned what to observe, what to feel, and what to smell when evaluating fresh hops. Matt had lots of great stories to share too. It was a great meeting and many of us got to take home hops to brew with.



Akron Brewery Crawl Approaching

Katie Melnick & Paul Klammer have been working on an Akron area brewery crawl for the club. This is a self-drive tour. We have brewery visits scheduled at four Akron Area breweries. Come to one or come to all tour stops. We expect to be joined by members of SAAZ at the stops.

When: **Saturday, May 18th**

Schedule:

11am-1:00pm - Hoppin' Frog: 1680 E Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH 44306
We'll start the crawl at Hoppin' Frog to have lunch and sample some of their amazing (and strong beers). Everyone is encouraged to try beer and have lunch so they're fueled up for the rest of our crawl. The owner is a founding officer of SAAZ.



1:15-2:30pm - Eighty-Three Brewery: 1201 E Market St, Suite 110, Akron, OH 44305
Great beers; check the tap list. Often has SAAZ homebrewer collabs on tap.

2:45-4pm - Akronym Brewing: Akronym Brewing, 58 E Market St, Akron, OH 44308
Great beers (lagers, dark ales, cream ale, etc.) The food is a limited menu but very good. Brewer is a former SAAZ member.

4:15-5:15pm - Missing Mountain, 2811 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
Great patio, beer and food.

Mai Tag Beerfest

Jim Kasper reports that volunteers are being sought for this year's beer fest being held on May 11th from Noon until 5 pm. The festival is a fund-raiser to support the Ben Franklin Community Garden! and proceeds will go towards maintaining and improving the garden for everyone in the neighborhood to enjoy.

Volunteers are needed to pour on May 11 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM. There will be 9 breweries so would like 2 folks per booth. Volunteers would be required around 11:30 AM for set up and assignments. The venue is the same as last year at the Ben Franklin Community Garden 1905 Spring Road, Cleveland, OH, United States, Ohio. Contact Jim Kasper at philistinejim57@gmail.com or text to 216-645-1959. Jim will be organizing to set up the volunteers but due to a family event will not be at MaiTag. Contact at the venue will be Greg Noeth the Garden Coordinator. Jim will be at our May meeting with more details and to answer any questions.

SECOND ANNUAL
Mai Tag BEER FEST

SAVE THE DATE FOR

SCABITZ ALE BREWERY

At Ben Franklin Community Garden
1905 Spring Rd,
Cleveland, OH 44109

Food & Live Music
Cleveland Mennerchor
The Shotakis
Austin Walkin' Cane
and More!

Enjoy local craft beer, a cask competition, food trucks, desserts, coffee, games, and so much more!

The early bird sale ends on March 31st!

MAY 11 1-5PM

\$40 EARLY BIRD GENERAL ADMISSION
\$60 EARLY BIRD VIP
\$10 DESIGNATED DRIVER

Ben Franklin Community Garden

Big Brew

The sign up for Big Brew is now closed. That’s no reason that you can’t come down to Terrestrial this Saturday afternoon and hang out with the brewers who are picking up their wort. It’s always a fun afternoon on pickup day.



We appreciate all that Terrestrial does for our club throughout the year and especially at Big Brew time. Come on down and show them some love. Big Brew pickup is from 1-2 pm.

SNOBs and Golf

Cleveland Beer Week has a golf outing this year. It will be taking place on Saturday June 22nd at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina. There will be beer tastings on the course and an after-party at Planted Flag Brewing. The cost is \$135 if paid by June 15th, \$150 after that.

It would be fun to have a foursome or two of SNOB golfers. Let me know soon if you have interest in participating and I’ll get us signed up. Jay, secretary@beersnobs.org



Competitions



Congratulation to Todd Donnelly who picked up three medals at the recent British Beer Competition in Columbus. He picked up Gold and Bronze medals in Meads and a Silver medal in Ciders. Jay O’Neill got honorable mention in Irish Beers.

There are several regional and national competitions listed on the BJCP website that should be on your radar:

Fermentation Frenzy. Hamilton, OH 7/27. Entry Deadline is 7/7. <https://frenzy.butlercountybrewing.org/>

Beer & Sweat. Cincinnati, OH 8/10. Entry Deadline is 8/2. <https://beerawardsplatform.com/36th-annual-beer-sweat>

King of the Mountain. Euclid, OH 9/7. Entry Deadline is 9/7 <http://kotm.lmbrews.beer/>

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Beetle Bailey | Mort Walker



2024 Meeting Dates

January 8th, Monthly Meeting
 February 5th, Monthly Meeting
 March 4th, Monthly Meeting
 April 1st, , Monthly Meeting
 May 6th, Monthly Meeting
 June 3rd, Monthly Meeting

June 28th, Big Brew Cookout
 August 5th, Monthly Meeting
 August 26th, September Meeting
 October 7th, Monthly Meeting
 November 4th, Monthly Meeting
 December 6th, Christmas Party

Request for Homebrew

Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to share at monthly meetings. Let Mike know in advance, he 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”.



Collaboration Opportunities

Would you like to be part of a SNOB collaboration team and help brew at a local craft brewery? Join a SNOB Collab. People interested should let Mike Ontolchik know of your interest. president@beersnobs.org



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

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



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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 \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

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.

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

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>

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