

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for April 2013

President's Krausening

by Todd Donnelly

Greetings fellow SNOBs!

March Meeting Recap -

March was another well attended meeting, we're bursting at the seams these days and that's a wonderful problem to have. Based on a current count of active members, we're over the 150 mark and well into record setting territory for an all-time high for membership. Each month sees a number of new faces who join us, various friends of friends, and other hobbyist and beer lovers who have found our little corner of homebrewing paradise. Welcome all! Let's keep up the momentum and have the best club in the Midwest.

Our "Celtic Fest" saw a number of homebrewed samplings from members – in fact the jockey box was maxed out. THIS is a trend we should all endeavor to sustain. We had some local pro beers from Willoughby Brewing and Market Garden and had a great tour of 3 beers from Bells Brewing. We topped it off with Jeff's amazing description of his recently built cold-room. Jealousy abounds. ☺ We had some friends from SAAZ join us and President **Mike Malinowski** presented SNOBs with the Cuyahoga Cup trophy we won back at Wizard of SAAZ. A good day indeed. I just wish I hadn't been so miserably ill that night, all that beer and I could barely sip water. However, I intend to rally this month...

April meeting itinerary –

We swept the Best of Show round at WoS, so we'll be hearing from the brewers of those beers this month. **Paul Shick** and his Belgian Blonde, **Greg Irving** and his Dortmunder, and

Tom Tucker's Best Bitter will be highlighted with a description of the styles and their recipes from the brewers themselves. Bring a pencil and take notes. If we're lucky there might be samples to taste!

Speaking of something to taste – please bring in your homebrew to share!

We will have a very special craft brew session with **Lee Hill** from Sierra Nevada with 3 specially chosen samplings: *Torpedo*, *Ovila Abbey Quad* with estate grown plums, and *BruX* - the collaboration with Russian River featuring brettanomyces. Each has a fantastic story and certainly interesting flavors, this is one you won't want to miss.

Sign up for Club Only Comp: we'll be signing up brewers for the May AHA CoC, which is extract beers so everyone can participate. We'll judge and taste the entries at the May meeting and send the SNOBs champ to the comp the next day. I am hoping for great participation, so come ready to sign up and tell us what you'll be brewing, that way we can determine how to run the judging in advance.

The return of Iron Brewer! It's been at least 4 years, but due to popular demand we're bringing this club favorite back. I will have 40 ingredients in a hat and we'll take up to 20 "Iron Brewers" who will draw their random ingredient that they'll have to showcase in their brew. Some will be very tasty, some more 'challenging'. The entire July meeting will be dedicated to a club tasting/judging and we'll crown our 2013 Iron Brewer champion! More details about how we'll run this at the meeting.



Upcoming events – check out the calendar later in the newsletter for our club’s upcoming events, a lot of great events and opportunities to get involved are coming up. I am working on solidifying the programming for the rest of the year and will publish that soon so you will be able to see what is coming up so you can plan to brew something to share that matches the theme, or just for fun.

Special thanks to **Matt Cole** from Fat Heads. The Snobs Night Out was a special evening as Matt opened up his 99% finished tasting room to the club and treated close to 60 of us to free beer all evenings and a special VIP tour of the

brewery. The club bought a bunch of pizzas and everyone had a great time. Matt is a fantastic supporter of the club and we’re very glad to have been part of this ‘unveiling’. Make sure to say thanks by enjoying a pint at the brew-pub or stop by the tasting room when it’s officially open to the public.

Cheers!
Todd

March, 2013 SNOBs Night Out



Photo by Mark Rames



SNOB's 2013 Calendar of Events

[Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

April 2013

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

19 – 27: Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week

22: SNOBs Night Out: Buckeye Brewing

May 2013

4/5: AHA Big Brew & NHC Historic Belgian Brewing
(Location TBD)

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

15: SNOBs Night Out: Willoughby Brewing

June 2013

10: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Note: this is the 2nd Monday of June**

14-15: Brew and Canoe with Rib Cook Off

21 – 29: Ohio Brew Week; Athens, OH

27 – 29: NHC; Philadelphia, PA

July 2013

8: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

*** Note: this is the 2nd Monday of July***

August 2013

5: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

TBD: Beer and Sweat

30: Berea Oktoberfest (8/30 – 9/2)

September 2013

13-15: SNOBs OktoBEERfest

23: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

October 2013

5: Son of Brewzilla

7: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

10: Great American Beer Festival (10/10 – 10/12)

18: Cleveland Beer Week (10/18 – 10/26)

November 2013

2: AHA Teach a Friend to Brew

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

8-10: IX International Beer Fest

December 2013

6: SNOBs Christmas Party 6:00PM Sachsenheim Hall
(Dinner at 7:00PM)

Competition Corner

Please use our club name when you enter competitions:

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

3/29 – 4/21: NHC First Round Judging (Entries Due
3/18 – 3/27)

5/11: [LMHBA Competition](#) – Willoughby Brewing

5/6: AHA [CoC Extract Beer](#) Judging @ SNOB
Meeting

5/13: AHA [CoC Extract Beers](#) due

6/15: [Ohio State Fair Judging](#) (entry deadline 5/28)

7/13: [Bottle My Brew](#) – bottles due

Reference Material:

- [Shipping Beer for Competition](#)
- [Make Your Beer Competition Ready](#)

<http://amog.com/lifestyle/155665-10-american-cities-brew-beer/>



Andy Tveekrem featured in Fresh Water



[Click here to read the story](#)

King of the Mountain Homebrew Competition

Judging will be at 9:00am and 1:30pm on May 11, 2013 at Willoughby Brewing Company, 9:00am

Registration is open until April 28, 2013

Entries will be accepted April 5, 2013 through May 3, 2013.

Judges and stewards are needed.

To register your beer, or to volunteer as a judge or steward, please visit this link: <http://kotm-lmhba.us/>

2013 Bottle My Brew Homebrew

Challenge

We are pleased to announce that the dates and details for entering your best beer in the West Point Market Homebrew Challenge have been finalized. Click the link below to view the Homebrew Challenge webpage, which has a link for this year's entry form. Hope you will be participating this year!

[Click here for full information](#)

2013 Dates to Remember

- Bottled entries due July 13th
- Finalists announced appx. Sept. 2nd
- Winners announced November 1st

SODZ British Beer Festival results are available at <http://bbf.sodz.org/>

Todd Donnelly represented SNOBs with a **1st** (Irish Red), **2nd** (Old Ale), **3rd** (New England Cider) and **HM** (Wee Heavy)



Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition – Information Now Online

Click on this link <http://bit.ly/XXMVWr> for complete details on this year's competition.

You have the choice of entering online or by mail. Be sure to look over the Information Packet as it contains all the information you need, including helpful hints for entering online. This year's competition will be held June 15th, with an entry deadline of May 28 (this is no longer a postmark deadline, so if you are mailing your entry form and fees, they must be RECEIVED by May 28.)

The winners of each category will receive a \$25 gift certificate from one of our generous sponsors and Best of Show will receive \$100 in gift certificates. Our sponsors are listed on pages 7 & 8 of the Information Packet and I want to thank them very much for their support. I also want to thank Jeff Berry for all his hard work in coordinating the sponsorships!

Best of luck - I look forward to receiving your entries!
Brett

Ohio Brew Week BJCP Judges Needed

Dear BJCP member,

Feel like taking a summer road trip and stocking up on experience points – maybe even getting your hotel room paid for? Make plans to come to Athens, Ohio, and help us judge the **2013 Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition** on Saturday, June 22. If you've judged with us before, you know our contest here in the Hocking Hills is special.

As contest organizer, I need BJCP-certified judges and can offer a limited number of complimentary rooms for a two-night stay (Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22). If you want one of these double rooms, you need to be willing to share it with another BJCP judge (or bring a buddy or fellow club member who's BJCP-certified and I can put you in a room together). I'm awarding rooms on a first-come, first-served basis – I just need a firm commitment that you'll be here.

Interested? Here's what to do:

- (1.) Register to be a judge at the competition link below.
- (2.) Shoot me an email letting me know you'd like to be put on the list for a complimentary room.
- (3.) In your email, let me know if you have a preferred roommate (a BJCP-certified buddy from your club, perhaps? Or a significant other willing to steward?)
- (4.) In your email, let me know if you plan to walk in some of your own beer entries on the morning of the competition. (You'll still need to register them at the competition link below by the June 7 deadline.)

And please spread the word to anyone in your homebrew club or brewing circle who might be interested in judging or stewarding. We're capping the entries this year at 320, so register soon if you're entering beers.

For competition registration and registration, go to www.obw.brewcompetition.com. For information about all the other Ohio Brew Week activities, go to www.ohiobrewweek.com.

Cheers,

Jody Grenert, organizer
2013 Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition
jody.grenert@gmail.com



SNOBwear

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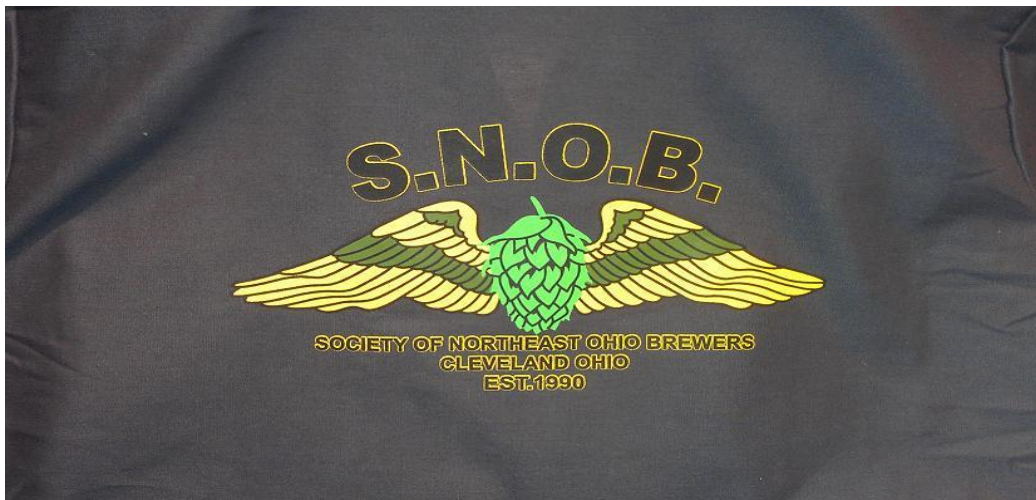
Our treasurer, Ace, has taken the time to test drive some fine pieces of clothing to spruce up your casual wardrobe. There are some favorites, such as ball caps, Ts, and shop shirts, but also some goodies to wear beyond the brew kettle. At every group meeting Ace will have a binder full of women's and men's wear for you to order from, plus a few pieces on hand for immediate purchase. He will rotate selections based on seasonal needs and will take requests for future items. Ask Ace what it'll take for you to look and brew your best!

Ball cap	\$12	Beanie winter cap	\$10	Fidel style cap	\$14
Fleece vest	\$20	Long sleeve sport shirt	\$17	Hoodie	\$25

*All prices are for members only and include small, embroidered SNOB logo. Prices and items subject to availability and can change based on our vendor.

Red Kap brand Shop Shirts are here!

Pictured below is the new, HiDef logo with an 11" wingspan. This is the back of a Charcoal shirt, but there are over 2 dozen colors to pick from (most common are Khaki, Dark Blue and Black). You can personalize it with a SNOB logo for the chest and/or back, and your name can be stitched too. Prices start at \$25. Ask Ace for a quote on your customized shirt.



This big logo can also be added to spruce up most any garment you already own. The "smoother" materials are better, so no fuzzy pajama tops, please! For only \$12 each (includes labor)! Give Ace your (clean) clothing to be "SNOB'd" on a hanger or in a plastic bag and write your name, phone #, and logo placement on a piece of paper so we know it is yours.

All items paid in cash, check payable to "SNOB" or PayPal to Danish.ace(at)sbcglobal.net



Welcome New SNOB Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs

December 2012

Dan & Kathy Orchard
Jimmy Smith & Tania Radovic
Rob Yates

January 2013

Kevin Mauser
Rick Wisniewski

February 2013

ZechLaughbaum
Lee Browning
Andrew Bonamer
CavanVannice
Christina Ely

March 2013

Andy Carr
Andy & TarynGress
Casey Divoky
Scott Masony
Brian Stewart
Todd Dennis
Eric Phipps

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SNOBs NightOut– Monday April 22nd

Buckeye Beer Engine 420 Hops Festival

Help the beer engine kick the remaining hoppy kegs for \$1.00 per pint

15315 Madison Ave Lakewood, OH 44107 * (216) 226-2337



2013 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 are now being collected by Mark Knapp, treasurer. The price of a SNOBs membership remains the same, still a bargain at only \$30 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Dual membership, so **pay up you cheapskates!!**

Membership also comes with discounts (bring your membership card with you) at local craft beer places and homebrew shops:

- ✓ [Stamper's Grill Pub](#): \$1 off drafts
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#) \$1 off drafts on Mondays
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Rozi's Wine House](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Jocko's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Erie Supply House](#): 10% off merchandise in our store with your SNOBs card.
- ✓ Arby's: 7687 Broadview - \$1.00 for a 10# bag of cubed ice; (Call ahead if you need more than 5 bags so they can get it ready for you.)

The Membership form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Mark at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.



S.N.O.B.'s Meeting Location

Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102 (216) 651-0888

Located on the south side of Denison Avenue one block east of Ridge Road

March Treasurers Report

March Income		March Expenses	
Membership	\$485.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBWear	\$87.00	SNOBWear	\$67.00
BYO Subs.	\$60.00	Snob Night Out	\$110.00
Bus Trip	\$680.00	BYO Subs	\$231.00
Raffle	\$281.00		
Subtotal	\$1,593.00	Subtotal	\$483.00



Web Links of Interest

SNOB

website: <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Facebook: <http://groups.to/snob/>

American Homebrewers Association

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>

National Homebrewers Conference

<http://www.ahaconference.org/>

Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>

Grape and Granary

<http://www.grapeandgranary.com/>

The Brew Mentor

<http://www.thebrewmentor.com/>

J.W. Dover

<http://www.jwdover.com/catalog/>

Leener's

<http://www.leeners.com/>

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>

Brew Your Own (Magazine)

<http://byo.com/>

Basic Brewing

<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>

The Brewing Network

<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>

Brewing TV

<http://www.brewingtv.com/>



Membership Form

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

c/o Mark Knapp
2668 Hampton Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Your name and address may be released to beer related business or groups **unless** you initial here _____.

Today's date _____

