



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 26 Years and Going Strong

December 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is now only a few cold weeks away. If you're like me, you're gearing up for this Friday's SNOB Christmas Party and looking forward to all of the holiday festivities thereafter. By "gearing up" I am specifically referring to purchasing bottles of rare beer from far off lands to bring to share at the Christmas Party and bottle exchange. In case you are unfamiliar, the SNOB Christmas party is not only a great opportunity to share your homebrews...but also to share rare commercial beers. Over the years it has become somewhat of a bottle-share towards the end of the night with vertical tastings and uncappings of rare bottles sometimes decades old. Commonly found quaffable house beers will be scoffed at and only the most special beers seem to find their way to our party.

This December Jim has planned one last Night Out before he hangs up his SNOB VP duties to pursue his next brewing challenge at Ironborne Brew Works. Please join us at one of Cleveland's newest breweries, The Jolly Scholar, on December 11th. The Jolly Scholar is located in the Thwing Center of the Case Western Reserve University Campus. With Christmas right around the corner why not get Jolly with some fellow SNOBs on a Monday night?

With so many festivities in December it may be difficult to think about what January has in store. Please mark January 8th on your calendars as the next monthly SNOB meeting. The first Monday of the month falls on New Year's Day in January so we are pushing the meeting date back to the 8th. This will be Paul Klammer's first meeting as the new SNOB president and rumor has it he's bringing in Doug Fry (Euclid Brewing Company brewmaster) to give a chemistry-focused talk on hops in the brewing process.

This being my last opportunity to write a krausen as the SNOB president, I would like to thank all SNOB members who have donated their valuable time to the club, be it as an officer or as an event organizer. Our club is blessed with members that donate their time to plan and participate in many great events throughout the year. Seasoned SNOB veterans like John Majetic, Tim McDonnell, Paul Shick, Mike Ontolchik, and many others helped

behind the scenes and performed often thankless tasks that kept SNOB events running smoothly. The officers get all the credit, but there are many other members that do a lot for this club. Scott Brosius donated our last overhead projector several years ago. When our projector failed at the last meeting he immediately picked up his smartphone and ordered the club a new one, at his own expense. I feel blessed to be surrounded by such dedicated and generous friends.

Your new 2018 SNOB President is Paul Klammer. I've known Paul for several years and have traveled with him to many competitions and beer-related events. I felt a great burden lifted when he confided that he would accept this role. Paul hasn't been brewing as long as some of us and certainly doesn't have as many whizbang gadgets in his homebrewery as most of us. What Paul lacks in brewery capacity is more than made up for with his enthusiasm for the hobby and appreciation for the academic aspects of home brewing. Paul has experience as the competition organizer for the Little Mountain Homebrewers "King of the Mountain" competition and has beaten me on more than one occasion with his entries at homebrew competitions. Paul is highly organized and I'm looking forward to sitting back and relaxing while he plans and executes the 2018 SNOB meetings.

Your not-so new 2018 Vice President is Mike Ontolchik. I say "not-so" because Mike's been around the SNOB block and has held almost every electable and appointed position in our club. We're in great hands with Mike as our new VP. If you haven't already signed up, please visit the link provided later in this newsletter to register your interest in Mike's 2018 pet project: Night Out commercial brewery collaborations. It's an idea so great that I'm surprised we haven't done it before. It's also a plan so daunting that I doubt many others could handle it with the thoroughness and ease that Mike undoubtedly will.

Your new 2018 SNOB Secretary is Erica Anton. I probably know Erica least of all the new officers, but I am ecstatic that she has accepted this new role. After meeting Erica at a SNOB meeting a few years ago and talking at Nights Out I realized that she knows a lot more about beer than she gives herself credit for. In particular, her ability to pick out subtle flavors (good and bad!) is incredible. If you are brave enough to bring your homebrew to a meeting, Erica is one of the opinions you should seek for honest and accurate feedback.

Your new 2018 SNOB Treasurer is Jessica Ihms. Jessica has some seriously big shoes to fill as the replacement for long-time treasurer Ace "Pay up You Cheapskates!" Knapp, but I don't feel like there is anyone else in the club more fit for the position. Jessica has experience in the banking industry and I feel reasonably confident that she possesses the ethical integrity and aptitude to not drain the SNOB bank account and run off to Mexico with our loot. Did I mention she also knows how to brew? In the past year she has acquired medal after medal at homebrew competitions including 1st and 2nd overall best of show at the Erie, PA Haztoberfest competition as well as the Brewer's Choice Award at the Ohio Beer Week Competition in Athens. If you find yourself in Athens in the near-future be sure to stop into Little Fish Brewing to sample her award-winning Sahti beer that was recently scaled-up and brewed on their commercial system.

Your returning 2018 SNOB Librarian is Pete Campen. Pete's a very sociable club member and always shares his homebrews with us at monthly meetings. Pete's humble with his own beer but not afraid to be honest when sampling and providing feedback on your beer. While the librarian position does not hold very much responsibility I am convinced that Pete will perform the role admirably. I'm reasonably certain he has even read a few brewing books during his tenure. He has an approachable, goofy personality and is capable of surprising you with legitimate incite and solid brewing advice. I highly recommend engaging Pete in



conversation in 2018, whether it be for a book recommendation or for a general brewing discussion.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out
December 11, 6:30PM
[The Jolly Scholar, 11111 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland](#)



SNOB Officer Elections were held at the November meeting and we are proud to announce our new crop of SNOB officers for 2018. Thanks to all the outgoing officers and thanks to the officer elects for stepping up and helping the club move forward into a new year.

Our 2018 SNOB Officers

				
President Paul Klammer	Vice President Mike Ontolchik	Treasurer Jessica Ihms	Secretary Erica Anton	Librarian Pete Campen

So, you're asking yourself, who are the past officers of the SNOB. That's a great question and I'm sure there are people who can help answer that question. I've compiled all I can give what I have in old newsletters but that leaves a lot of holes. So if you know who they were and even better have some photos of them during the period they were officers, maybe we can fill some of those holes in [I've merged an officer pdf that you can see here.](#)

A Note From the Secretary. As I create my last newsletter, I'm reflecting on the great times had both as a member and an officer of the SNOB. There are so many things we do as a club that make this a special group of people, from the campouts, to the bus trips, to the many beer events, to the SoB competition, to the parties, to the bulk buys of cider, honey, mead bottles and more. It takes a community to put all these events in place and we are lucky to have such involved folks. We undoubtedly will continue to grow and prosper as a club and who knows, maybe we will even win back the Cuyahoga Cup.

Thank You and Cheers, Mark



The SNOB Annual Christmas Party will be held in the second floor ballroom at the Sachs as it has been in recent years, catered by Chef Grumpy, on December 1. Feel free to arrive around 6 and look for something to help with if needed. We have the bottle exchange to arrange as well as many kegs to tap. If you have a jockey box bring it along as well as any kegs of fermentables or bottles you'd like to share. Signup for the party ended on the 20th and we've pretty maxed out with 180 members and guests.



If you have a guest that needs to pay \$25, please reach out to the treasurer, preferably BEFORE the party so Ace and Jessica can enjoy the party and not spend the night working. Please don't burden them with other duties like paying for membership or obtaining reimbursement's during the party

King of the Stouts Competition, from Rick Armon The King of Ohio is back. The beer competition, organized by beer bloggers and writers in the Buckeye State, is once again looking to crown the best of Ohio. And this year, we are looking for the best stout in the state.

Is it Hoppin' Frog B.O.R.I.S. the Crusher? Or Rhinegeist Ink? How about Maumee Bay Total Eclipse? Or Great American Beer Festival winner JAFB Wooster New Stout? But then again, there is Great Lakes Blackout Stout. And of course, Jackie O's Dark Apparition? Though we can't forget BA Dark App, either. Or coffee vanilla Dark App! Or perhaps it's a gem you've never heard of.

Here's how the King of Ohio competition works: Each Ohio craft brewery is invited to submit one stout for the blind judging, which is being organized this year by the [Ohio Breweries Beer Blog](#) and [BrewMinds.com](#). (Patrick Woodward of [Pat's Pints](#), the other leg of this three-legged stool, is cavorting — he might argue “educating himself” — out of the country.)

The stouts will be broken into sub-styles, depending on how many we receive. The judges, including certified beer judges, will pick the best of each sub-style and then choose a “best of show” – or as we like to call it the King of Ohio.

The winner will be featured on the Ohio Breweries Beer Blog and [BrewMinds.com](#), and highlighted in the Akron Beacon Journal newspaper.

The judging will take place Dec. 9 at [Thirsty Dog Brewing Co.](#) in Akron.

BUT, more judges are needed. If you can help out, [email Rick Armon](#) and volunteer!!



SNOB 2017 Calendar of Events [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

Dec 2017

1: SNOB Annual Christmas Party

4: **NO SNOB meeting in December**

9: King of Ohio Stout Competition

Jan 2018

8: SNOB Meeting at the Sachsenheim, 7:30PM

Welcome New SNOBs

Please welcome the following new members to the SNOBs and invite them over for a beer or brew session.

December 2016

Eli Urban

Brad Voldrich

March 2017

Robert Schroeder

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

September 2017

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky

Tod Hulse

April 2017

July 2017

Jim Young & Mary Rose

October 2017

Kevin Thompson

Jordyn Verkoff

February 2017

Stephen Jira, Louie West,

Levi Hume, Mike Gallagher

Stephen Fagerhaug

May 2017

Calvin Frye

August 2017

Jonathan Henning

November 2017

Tyler Johnson

Collin Szeles



2017 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Andrew Mitchell
president@beersnobs.org

Secretary: Mark Rames
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Librarian: Peter Campen
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Vice President: Jim Jadwisiak
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Treasurer: Mark 'Ace' Knapp
treasurer@beersnobs.org

Web Admin: Mike Ontolchik
snob@beersnobs.org

Beer No Sweat Planning: John Majetic
kingsnob@gmail.com

NHC Lead Planning: Mike Ontolchik
montolchik@gmail.com

SNOB Supporters

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

- ✓ [Griffin Cider House](#): "Industry Night" Monday nights. Discounts on ciders, beers and bar drinks for SNOBs and those in the beverage industry.
- ✓ [Buckeye Beer Engine](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) **EVERYDAY**
- ✓ [Platform Beer Co](#): \$1 off Platform drafts on **Tuesdays**
- ✓ [Butcher and the Brewer](#): \$1 off drafts on **Wednesdays**
- ✓ [Cantine Bar and Bottle Shop](#): \$1 off drafts on **Thursdays**
- ✓ [Warehouse Beverage](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Scoundrel's Bar & Grill](#): 10% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Dive Bar](#): 20% off food and drink bill
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Bus](#): \$55 total per tour for SNOBs
- ✓ [JW Dover](#): 5% off
- ✓ [The Brew Mentor](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Cleveland Brew Shop](#): 10% off homebrew supplies
- ✓ [Grape & Granary](#): 10% off
- ✓ [Leeners](#): (**new discount**) 15% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO₂ tank refills plus other CO₂ services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card
- ✓ [AAA Gas Supply](#): On demand fills, \$1 off propane, \$2 off co2, M-F 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1

SNOB 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. There is always great food and beer available before the meeting.



Web Links of Interest

SNOB Web Page
SNOB Facebook

<http://www.beersnobs.org/>
<http://groups.to/snob/>

Brewing Resources

American Homebrewers Association
National Homebrewers Conference
The Brewing Network
Brewing TV
Basic Brewing
Brew Your Own (Magazine)
Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>
<http://www.ahaconference.org/>
<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/>
<http://www.brewingtv.com/>
<http://www.basicbrewing.com/>
<http://byo.com/>
<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>

Brewing Supplies and Equipment

Cleveland Brew Shop
Grape and Granary
J.W. Dover
Leener's
The Brew Mentor

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>
<http://www.grapeandgranary.com/>
<http://www.jwdover.com/catalog/>
<http://www.leeners.com/>
<http://www.thebrewmentor.com/>

Gases, co2, Oxygen, Propane

ABC Fire Inc
Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop
A.A.A. Gas Supply

<http://abcfireinc.net>
<http://www.landmarkmulch.com/>
aaagassupply@yahoo.com, 216-228-4800

2017 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 Ace at the next meeting, mailed to him at the address on the form or by using our PayPal link at beersnobs.org.



Membership Form
Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)

- **Single member dues are \$30 annually**
- **Couples (dual) are \$50 annually**
 - **A dual membership is only for people living at the same address as stated in the by-laws**

Dues can be paid in:

- Cash
- Check made payable to "SNOB"
- PayPal to [Treasurer Ace](#)
- PayPal to [Treasurer Jessica](#)
- Credit cards (only in person, fee applies)
- Snail mail to our Treasurer
Mark Knapp, Treasurer
2668 Hampton Ave
Rocky River, OH 44116

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

Year	President	Vice-President	Treasurer	Secretary	Librarian	Web Master
2018	 <p>Paul Klammer</p>	 <p>Mike Ontolchik</p>	 <p>Jessica Ihms</p>	 <p>Erica Anton</p>	 <p>Peter Campen</p>	 <p>Mike Ontolchik</p>
2017	 <p>Andrew Mitchell</p>	 <p>Jim Jadwisiak</p>	 <p>Ace Knapp</p>	 <p>Mark Rames</p>	 <p>Peter Campen</p>	 <p>Mike Ontolchik</p>
2016	 <p>Andrew Mitchell</p>	 <p>Jim Jadwisiak</p>	 <p>Ace Knapp</p>	 <p>Mark Rames</p>	 <p>Peter Campen</p>	 <p>Dan Kromke</p>
2015	 <p>Jim Gress</p>	 <p>Nathan Kovach</p>	 <p>Ace Knapp</p>	 <p>Nathan Rutz</p>	 <p>Joe Puchalski</p>	 <p>Dan Kromke</p>

2014



Mark Rames



Nathan Kovach



Ace Knapp



Nathan Rutz



Joe Puchalski



Dan Kromke

2013



Todd Donnelly



Greg Irving



Ace Knapp



Jeff Bradbury



Brad Lipinski



Dan Kromke

2012



Mike Ontolchik



John Majetic



Ace Knapp



Jeff Bradbury

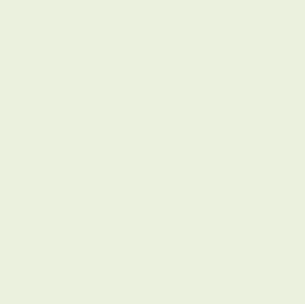


Joel Maldonado



Dan Kromke

2011



Dave Clark



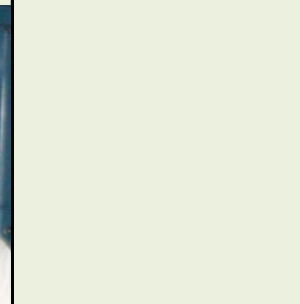
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Ace Knapp



Mike Ontolchik



Tom Roth

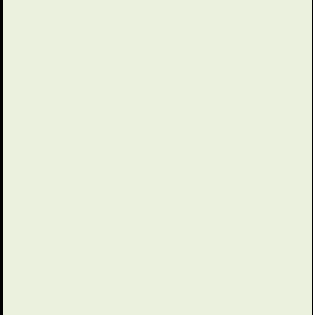



Dan Kromke

2010	 <p>Mike Ontolchik</p>	<p>Brian Wright</p>	 <p>John Majetic</p>	 <p>Tim McDonnell</p>	 <p>Mark Goldfarb Garin Wright</p>	<p>unknown</p>
2009	 <p>Mike Ontolchik</p>	<p>Brian Wright</p>	 <p>Sue Gordon</p>	 <p>Tim McDonnell</p>	 <p>Bob Wright</p>	<p>unknown</p>
2008	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>
2007	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>unknown</p>

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1996	 <p>John Majetic</p>	 <p>Fred Duckus</p>	 <p>Rob Yates</p>	 <p>Robin Repas</p>	 <p>Andy Tveekrem</p>	none
1995	 <p>John Majetic</p>	 <p>Fred Duckus</p>	 <p>Rob Yates</p>	 <p>Gary Wwyrek</p>	 <p>Andy Tveekrem</p>	none

1994	 Andy Tveekrem	unknown	unknown	unknown	 Andy Tveekrem	none
1993	Fred Dockus?	unknown	unknown	unknown	none	none
1992	Mike Rowe	Mike Leigh	John Kocab	Marlisa Leigh	none	none
1991	Jay O'Neill	Rick Seibt	Karl Augenstein	Marlisa Leigh	none	none

1990

Jay O'Neill

Rick Seibt

Karl Augenstein

Marlisa Leigh

none

SNOB first meeting
10/90
Founder: Pat Conway
Assisted: Chris Smith
Assisted: Jay O'Neill
At first meeting: Andy
Tveekrem, Jerry Francis,
Tim Rastetter
Over 80 at first meeting

