



# Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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*July 2016 Newsletter*

## **President's Krausening**

By Andrew Mitchell



What an incredible month it's been! SNOBs are winning competition medals everywhere. SNOBs once again served the best homebrew at the National Homebrewers Conference (HomebrewCon). The campfire roared as large as ever at the annual SNOB "Brew & Canoe" campout. Someone told me a few local sports teams & figures have won national championships recently too. In the 11 years since I've moved to Northeast Ohio I have never seen this much joy, celebration, and optimism in the air.

Firstly, I'd like to once again thank Jennifer Hermann for sharing her kombucha knowledge and SCOBY children with us during the June Meeting. I have yet to pitch her child into a tea to build up my own SCOBY, but I will be within the next few weeks. I'm still waiting for my mail-ordered fermentation jar, warmer, and temp controller to arrive.

For those of you who were too foolish or too broke to attend HomebrewCon in Baltimore the month, shame on you! You missed enlightening seminars, fresh seafood, bargains & free stuff on the vendor floor, and an opportunity to mingle with like-minded homebrewers from all over the country. I saved \$100 on an Exact iDip photometer water testing kit, and brought back lots of goodies for the July SNOB raffle. During the conference it was announced that HomebrewCon2017 will be in Minneapolis next summer. If you weren't able to make it to Baltimore, I strongly recommend attending next year.

Congratulations to Steve Rapko and Tom Tucker. Two of their beers medaled in the final round of the National Homebrew Competition, which was judged and announced at HomebrewCon. Steve won a bronze medal for his American pale ale and Tom won a bronze medal for his English pale ale. The NHC is the largest international beer competition in the world, eclipsing commercial competitions like the Great American Beer Festival, World Beer Cup, and even Son of Brewzilla (I know, crazy, right?). I cannot understate how proud I am to say that I am part of a club that had 2 medal winners in this competition.



Speaking of Steve Rapko, has everyone seen the results of the King of the Mountain Homebrew competition from June 18th? Steve won 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall Best of Show for his Session IPA and his Pale Ale. In addition to Steve's huge day, I'd also like to give a shout-out to Pete Campen (SNOB librarian!) whose Cream Ale won honorable mention in the Best of Show (4<sup>th</sup> place overall) and Tim McDonnell and Mark Rames for winning Best of Show for their ABC in the Mead category. Many other SNOBs won medals as well. It was great day at the Willoughby Brewing Company (host of the competition) for SNOBs. I look forward to trying Steve's beer, which will be scaled up and brewed on Willoughby's commercial system.

2 weeks ago a couple dozen SNOBs spent a few nights on the Huron River drinking homebrew and feeding mosquitos. The annual SNOB Brew and Canoe went off without a hitch. Special thanks to Tim McDonnell for providing the venue and John Majetic for smoking the brisket for our feast on Saturday night. This year our campout also coincided with Small City Taphouse 2 years Anniversary party in neighboring Sandusky. SNOBs were of course well represented at this party. If you haven't made the trek out to Small City yet, you are missing out on one of the best craft beer restaurants in Ohio. Their sushi and Vietnamese cuisine is Pho King good.

Our next meeting will be held at Sachsensheim Hall on July 11th. The crux of the meeting will be Mike Ontolchik's technical presentation on sour beer off-flavors. Sour beers are one of the most sought after styles for beer nerds, but most (including myself) have a lot to learn about what a great sour beer is supposed to taste like. Mike will be going into detail all of the ugly bugs and flavors that sour brewers try to avoid. If you have or are planning on homebrewing a sour beer, this presentation will provide invaluable information on how to prevent these unwanted flavors in your brews.

The summer homebrew competition lull is upon us, but there are still a few relatively local comps coming up if you have something that you'd like expert feedback on:

7/8 – 7/9: Indiana Brewer's Cup / Indiana State Fair (Indianapolis, IN)

7/16: Ohio Brew Week Competition (Athens, OH)

8/20: Beer & Sweat (Cincinnati, OH)

8/26: "Bragging Rights" / Platform + Heinens (Cleveland, OH)

10/1: Son of Brewzilla (Cleveland, OH)

This month's night out is still a work in progress. Jim was holding out for a special invitation to Goldhorn Brewing, the new brewery that is opening on East 55<sup>th</sup> across the street/associated with Sterle's Country House. We're still going to make it to Goldhorn, but it looks like that will be in August now. Keep an eye on your emails, the SNOB Facebook page, and the upcoming monthly meeting for more info on where the July Night Out will be held.

Cheers, Andrew



## SNOBs Night Out

July 27th, 6:30pm

The Bottlehouse Brewery | 13368 Madison Ave | Lakewood, OH 44107

### Excerpt from the August 1991 Newsletter

"Beer yeast, when dispersed in water, breaks down into an infinite number of small spheres. If these spheres are transferred to an aqueous solution of sugar they develop into small animals. They are endowed with a sort of suction trunk with which they gulp up the sugar from the solution. Digestion is immediately and clearly recognizable because of the discharge of excrements. These animals evacuate ethyl alcohol from their bowels and carbon dioxide from their urinary organs. Thus one can observe how a specifically lighter fluid is exuded from the anus and rises vertically whereas a stream of carbon dioxide is ejected at very short intervals from their enormously large genitals." By Friedrich Woehler and Justus von Liebig.

**Big Brew** beers were moved around on Saturday by a group of 6-8 SNOBs. 50 gallons of Brett Barleywine was vacuumed from the oak barrel into 5 10-gallon cornies furnished by Chris Smith. These are now sitting in Tim's walk-in cooler to settle and at some point will need to be transferred to some of our 5-gallon cornies for aging, care, dry-hopping and bringing to SNOB events. 50 gallons of the Saison we brewed this year was then put into the oak barrel with the remainder going into cornies. Hopefully you all are ready to drink a lot of Barleywine and Saison.

**SNOB Web Page Changes.** We are currently looking for help modernizing the [beersnobs.org](http://beersnobs.org) website. If you are a web engineer with Joomla experience, please consider volunteering some time to help rebuild the website. Please contact Mike Ontolchik ([montolchik@gmail.com](mailto:montolchik@gmail.com)) if interested.

### **Help Wanted** - Brewer, Lucky Owl Brewing

Lucky Owl Brewing in Bainbridge Township is looking for a brewer to brew at minimum one day per week and up to three days. Days and hours are flexible. Contact Jeff Bradbury [jlb922@gmail.com](mailto:jlb922@gmail.com) or call 440-836-3440.

**Ohio Hop Growers Guild** is having their 2016 Hop Yard Open House on July 23 from 10AM till 4PM. See the participating hop farms in the map at the end of the newsletter. [Click here to reserve a place.](#)

**Platform Beer Co. & Heinen's Grocery Store** are teaming up to bring you the inaugural [Bragging Rights Homebrewing Competition](#). Home brewers will showcase their best representation of a hop forward ale (any style) where the winner takes all. His/her batch will be brewed on an industrial scale, canned and distributed at all Heinen's locations for this year's Cleveland Beer Week (October 14-23, 2016). The beer is not to exceed 7% alcohol by



volume and must be an ale. Entries must be submitted to The Cleveland Brew Shop by August 26, 2016 at 7:00pm. Limit one entry per competitor. This is not a BJCP Sanctioned Competition. To reserve a spot in the competition, you can get more details and [register through Eventbrite](#).

**The 2016 Ohio Brew Week Competition** folks are still in need of judges. If you can help them out, click the following link. <http://www.obw.brewcomp.com/>

## The Medal Corner

**WOW!!!** SNOB members have been bringing home some medals with their great brewing this month of June! I'm sure I'll be missing some but here are what I can find and mind you, this is all in JUNE!.

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| <b>NHC-3rd</b> , Tom Tucker, English Pale Ale                                   | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Andrew Mitchell, Eng. Brown Ale                   |
| <b>NHC-3rd</b> , Steve Rapko, Amer. Pale Ale                                    | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Steve Rapko, American Pale Ale                    |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , David Cousino, Rauchbier                            | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, California Common                   |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Mark Rames, English IPA                             | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Mark Sheppa, American IPA                         |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Steven Rapko, Amer. Pale Ale                        | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Todd Donnelly, Specialty Cider                    |
| <b>OSF-3rd</b> , Jim Jadwisiak, Amer. Pale Ale                                  | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Erica Vulpes, New World Cider                     |
| <b>OSF-1st</b> , Greg Irving, Amer. Amber Ale                                   | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Todd Donnelly, Cherry Cider                       |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Greg Irving, American IPA                           | <b>KOTM-HM</b> , Andrew Mitchell, Old Ale                                      |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Greg Irving, Double IPA                             | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Steve Rapko, American Brown Ale                   |
| <b>OSF-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Steven Rapko, Double IPA                            | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Mark Sheppa, American Porter                      |
| <b>OSF-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Mike Ontolchik, Gueuze                              | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Steve Rapko, Speciality IPA                       |
| <b>OSF-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Mike Ontolchik, Be. Dark Strong                     | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , David Cousino, Saison                             |
| <b>OSF-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, American Pre-Prohibition Pilsner      | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Jim Jadwisiak/& Big Crew, American Pale Ale       |
| <b>OSF-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Mark Rames, Apple Strawberry Cider on Vanilla Beans | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Cory Krammer/Brian Dunson, Imperial Stout         |
| <b>KOTM BOS-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Steve Rapko, Speciality IPA                    | <b>KOTM-HM</b> , Mark Rames, Imperial Stout                                    |
| <b>KOTM BOS-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Steve Rapko/Rachel Ritz, Amer. Pale Ale        | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Jim Jadwisiak/Cara Baker/Jim Young, Specialty IPA |
| <b>KOTM BOS-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Erica Anton, New World Cider                   | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Jessica Ihms, Historical Beer                     |
| <b>KOTM BOS-4<sup>th</sup></b> , Peter Campen, Cream Ale                        | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Neal Repko/Steve Jira, Hist. Beer                 |
| <b>KOTM BOS-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Todd Donnelly, Cherry Cider                    | <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Mark Rames/Tim McDonnell, Apple-Butter Cyser      |
| <b>KOTM BOS-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Erica Anton, New World Cider                   | <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Todd Donnelly, Semi-Sweet Mead                    |
| <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Peter Campen, Cream Ale                            | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Todd Donnelly, Stone Fruit Mead                   |
| <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, Amer. Lager                          | <b>KOTM-HM</b> , Jessica Ihms, Spice Herb Veg Beer                             |
| <b>KOTM-1<sup>st</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, Rauchbier                            | <b>KOTM-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , Jim Jadwisiak/& Big Crew, Trappist Single         |
| <b>KOTM-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Anthony Fazio/Todd Lisy, Weizenbock                | <b>KOTM FC-2<sup>nd</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, Lager                            |
|   | <b>KOTM FC-4<sup>th</sup></b> , Paul Klammer, Snow is Gone                     |



## **SNOB 2016 Calendar of Events** [Click here for the SNOBs Gmail Calendar](#)

### **July 2016**

- 8-9: Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup, Indianapolis, IN
- 11: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)
- 16: Ohio Brew Week Competition, Athens, Ohio
- 15-23: Ohio Beer Week
- 23: OHGG 2016 Hop Yard Open House

### **Aug 2016**

- 1: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 20: Beer & Sweat (keg-only), Cincinnati, OH
- 26: Bragging Rights Homebrewing Competition, Platform
- 29: September SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm (**note date change**)

### **Sep 2016**

- 16-18: SNOBtober Fest Campout in Hinckley

### **Oct 2016**

- 1: Son of Brewzilla; our annual competition, (Cleveland, OH)
- 3: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm
- 6-8: Great American Beer Festival
- 14-23: Cleveland Beer Week

### **Nov 2016**

- 7: SNOBs meeting at Sacshenheim Hall, 7:30pm

### **Dec 2016**

- 2: SNOBs Christmas Party

## **Welcome New SNOBs**

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

### **January 2016**

Bill Schmidt  
Anthony Fazio  
Chris & Sandy Bender  
Jan & Janine Jurgensen

### **April 2016**

Rodger Brane  
Ryan Zubal & Jennifer Ray

### **February 2016**

Kate Eckroate  
Mark & Rachel Haborak  
Todd Tolford

### **May 2016**

Larry Szczepanski  
Steve Winkelman  
Michelle Kish  
Mary Wunderle  
Neal Repko

### **March 2016**

Dan & Debbie Lackey  
Ryan Thomas & Ross Stafirski  
Michael Weiner

### **June 2016**

Eugene Ivancic  
David Lash



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## 2016 Membership Dues

Single member dues are \$25. Couples are \$40. 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](http://beersnobs.org).

## 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 (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [The Tapstack](#): \$1 off drafts (per Brendan) **EVERYDAY** until further notice
- ✓ [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](#): 10% off
- ✓ [ABC Fire Inc](http://abcfireinc.net/) (<http://abcfireinc.net/>) 20% off all CO<sub>2</sub> tank refills plus other CO<sub>2</sub> services. [Click here for price sheet](#)
- ✓ [Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop](#): 35% off any size propane fill with your SNOB card

## 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

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

**SNOB** Facebook

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

### **Brewing Resources**

American Homebrewers Association

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

National Homebrewers Conference

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

The Brewing Network

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

Brewing TV

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

Basic Brewing

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

Brew Your Own (Magazine)

<http://byo.com/>

Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)

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

### **Brewing Supplies and Equipment**

Cleveland Brew Shop

<http://clevelandbrewshop.com/>

Grape and Granary

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

J.W. Dover

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

Leener's

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

The Brew Mentor

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

### **Gases, co2, Oxygen, Propane**

ABC Fire Inc

<http://abcfireinc.net>

Landmark Lawn and Garden Shop

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



**Membership Form**  
**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOB)**

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Dues can be paid in cash, check to "SNOB", PayPal to Danish.ace (at) [sbcglobal.net](http://sbcglobal.net), and credit cards (only in person, fee applies)

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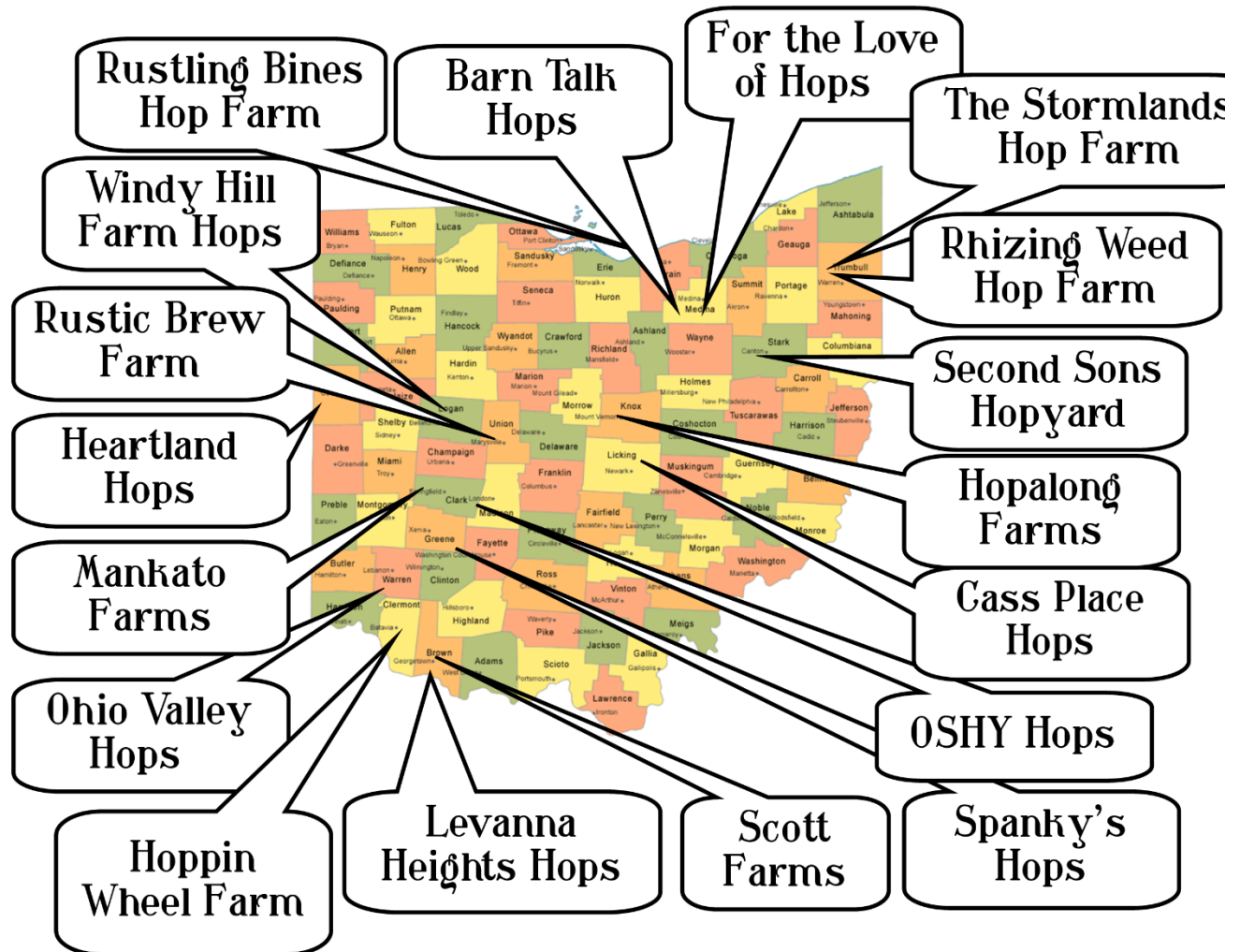
# OHIO HOP GROWERS GUILD

## 2016 HOP YARD OPEN HOUSE

Brewing? Growing? Thinking of growing?  
 Visit commercial Ohio hop yards and talk to the growers.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 10 AM ~ 4 PM**

Please give us a heads up that you're coming by clicking on the RSVP form on the Ohio Hop Growers Guild Facebook page or at <https://goo.gl/Vuvi5p>



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