

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Club Newsletter for March 2013

President's Krausening

by Todd Donnelly

Greetings SNOBs!

February Recap -

Our February meeting was a lot of fun! We had a Winter Warmer theme with a presentation on the style basics and then two excellent local examples from **Luke Purcell** with his collaboration Baltic Porter, and **Garin Wright's** big Belgian Dark Strong "Nighty Night".

This was a great warm up for our craft beer presentation from Lagunitas Brewing, local brewery rep **Andrew Finsness** brought in 5 different Lagunitas beers with lots of sample beer for the club to taste.

We saw how fellow SNOBs **Tim McDonnell** and **John Majetic** brew big batches on their super-sized homebrew systems. I'm fairly certain more than one member went to sleep that night and had dreams of acres of stainless steel and oceans of homebrew. We'll see if anyone was inspired to get a mega project of their own underway.

March meeting itinerary –

We're going to have a SNOBs style "Celtic Fest" this month. Come dressed in your Irish best and please bring in any homebrew you want to share, especially if it's Irish / Scottish / English in origin or inspiration. I'll be doing a style presentation on one of my favorite styles to brew: Irish Red Ale, and if I can get it packaged in time I'll have some of my own to share that I brewed after last month's meeting. We should have some local pro participation

from **Rick Seibt** (Willoughby Brewing) and **Andy Tveekrum** (Market Garden) with their St Patrick's Day inspired brews.

Our Tech Topic this month will be on building your own cold-room, to continue the theme from last month of 'going big' with this hobby. **Jeff Bradbury** will be showing us how he designed, built, and is enjoying the fruits of his labors. Be prepared to be take notes and dream big.

Our craft topic this month is from one of our club members, **Jacobe Johnson** from Bells Brewing in Michigan who will be telling us about the brewery and sharing some of their brews with us.

Wizard of Saaz update: more details later in the newsletter, but I wanted to highlight a few quick points here. Saaz ran a nice competition (460+ entries) in a new venue and everyone had a great time. I am very happy to say that SNOBs reclaimed the Cuyahoga Cup for most points/medals won in our head to head competition with Saaz. The trophy will be presented at the March meeting by Saaz President **Mike Malinowski**.

We had about 90 entries to their 150 but still pulled it out. I'd love to see us put us a spirited defense come October 5th for our own Son of Brewzilla competition. Start brewing now!

Up & coming events – we have our annual bus trip on Saturday March 30th – please sign up ASAP if you are interested in going. We want to fill the bus, ideally with SNOBs, but with other family and friends if need be, so please consider spending the 30th with us. The



Columbus club SODZ is holding their annual British Beer Festival on March 23rd, if you can help them out with entries or as a judge, see their website for more details at <http://www.sodz.org/bbf-info/>. Jeff will be passing around sign-up sheets for committee volunteers and event participation so come prepared to get involved and help the club grow and prosper. See you at the meeting –

Cheers/Slainte!
Todd

Beer & No Sweat (SNOB Bus Trip)

This year's Beer & No Sweat (SNOBs Bus Trip) is scheduled for **3/30/2013**. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

- Leave Lakefront at 9:30 am; We will have some doughnuts and muffins on the bus, not sure if we will be able to drink on the bus or not yet.
- Arrive at [The Brewerie at Union Station](#) in Erie at 11:30 am for lunch, Leave at 1:00 PM
- Arrive at [Sprague Farm and Brew Works](#) 1:45 pm Leave 2:45 PM
- Arrive at [Voodoo Brewing](#) at 3:10 Leave at 4:10 PM
- Arrive at [North Country Brewing](#) at 5:00 PM For Dinner Leave at 6:30 PM
- Arrive at [Vintage Wine and Beer](#) in Boardman OH at 7:30 PM Leave at 8:30 PM
- Return to Lakefront at 9:45 PM

LAST CALL - BYO Deal for SNOBS

Brew Your Own Magazine is having a subscription drive, offering members of the SNOBs the print edition combined with the new digital edition of Brew Your Own which can be read on PC or Mac computer, Apple devices such as iPad and iPhone, Android tablets, phones and more!

The SNOBs need to sell a minimum of 10 subscriptions (eight print issues & eight digital issues) for \$20.

Sign up by using the online survey (link below) and pay Ace at the March meeting (cash, PayPal or Credit Card). Just make sure to include all of your email addresses for the digital edition.

SNOB Member Survey

[Follow this link](#) to complete a survey indicating your interest in the SNOBs 2013 Bus Trip; Committee Membership and BCJP Review Class/Exam.



SNOBs Retake the Cuyahoga Cup!

Kudos to our club members who medaled at the contest two weeks ago! Hopefully we can build on this momentum and retain the Cuyahoga Cup this fall. Here is a listing of SNOBs that medalled:

Chris Cain

HM Porter 12B: Robust Porter

Chris Hammer-Huber

2nd Belgian and French Ales 16E: Belgian Specialty Ale

Greg Irving

1st Hybrid 6C: Kolsch
3rd India Pale Ale 14C: Imperial IPA
1st Pilsners 2A: German Pilsner (Pils)
1st Smoke and Wood Aged 22A: Classic Rauchbier
3rd **Best in Show** 1E Light Lager: Dortmunder Export
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Jaime Swigart

3rd Specialty Beers 23A: Specialty Beer

Kyle Roth

1st American Ale 10A: American Pale Ale
3rd Belgian and French Ales 16E: Belgian Specialty Ale

Mike Ontolchik

HM Belgian Strong Ales 18E: Belgian Dark Strong Ale
2nd Smoke and Wood Aged 22C: Wood-Aged Beer
3rd Sour Ales 17B: Flanders Red Ale

Paul Shick

1st Belgian Strong Ales 18A: Belgian Blond Ale
1st **Best in Show** 18A Belgian Strong Ale: Belgian Blond Ale
3rd Bocks 5D: Eisbock
2nd European Amber Lagers 3B: Oktoberfest/Marzen
2nd India Pale Ale 14C: Imperial IPA
3rd Pilsners 2C: Classic American Pilsner
3rd Porter 12B: Robust Porter
1st Specialty Beers 23A: Specialty Beer



Todd Donnelly

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| 1st | Belgian and French Ales | 16C: Saison |
| 2nd | Fruit Beers | 20A: Fruit Beer |
| HM | Fruit Beers | 20A: Fruit Beer |
| 1st | Scottish and Irish Ales | 9E: Strong Scotch Ale |
| HM | Best in Show | 9E: Strong Scotch Ale |
| 3rd | Smoke and Wood Aged | 22C: Wood-Aged Beer |
| 2nd | Sour Ales | 17A: Berliner Weisse |
| 1st | Specialty Cider and Peery | 28B: Fruit Cider |
| 3rd | Specialty Cider and Peery | 28D: Other Specialty Cider or Perry |
| HM | Specialty Cider and Peery | 28D: Other Specialty Cider or Perry |

Tom Tucker

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| 2nd | Best in Show | 8B: Special/Best/Premium Bitter |
| 1st | English Pale | 8B: Special/Best/Premium Bitter |



Full results here -><http://saazakron.com/WoS/>



SNOB's 2013 Calendar of Events

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

March 2013

4: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

20: SNOBs Night Out – FatHead's Taproom
(Production Brewery)

22 – 23: Headstrong Strong Ale Fest – FatHead's
Taproom (Production Brewery)

30: Beer and No Sweat (SNOBs Road Trip)

April 2013

1: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

19 – 27: Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week

May 2013

5: AHA Big Brew (Location TBD)

6: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

June 2013

10: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

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

TBD: Brew and Canoe

21 – 29: Ohio Brew Week; Athens, OH

27 – 29: NHC; Philadelphia, PA

July 2013

8: SNOBs Meeting, 7:30PM Sachsenheim Hall

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)

3/23 – [SODZ British Beerfest](#) (Entries Received by
3/15)

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

5/11: LMHBA Competition – Willoughby Brewing

5/3: AHA CoC Extract Beers due

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

Reference Material:

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

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



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

Look good. Feel better. Brew best.

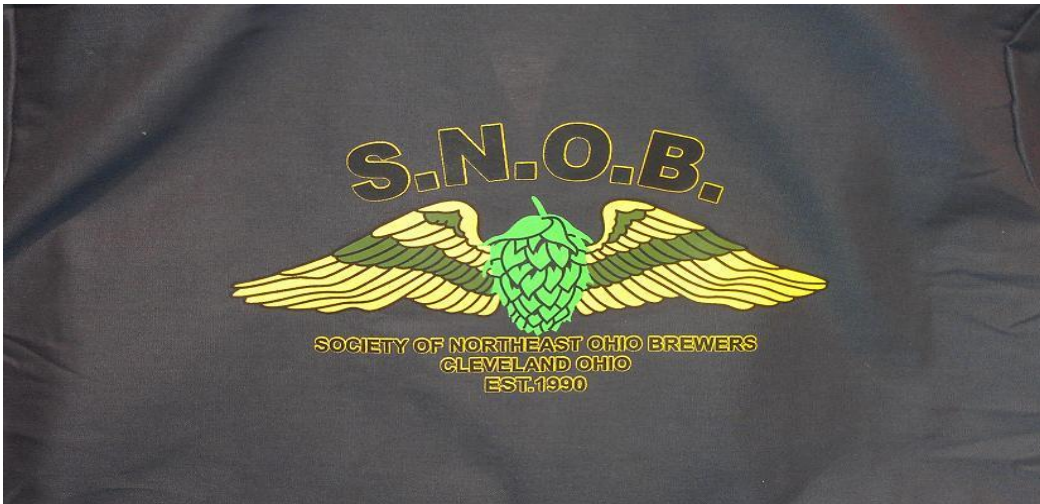
Our treasurer, Ace, has taken the time to test drive some fine pieces of clothing to spruce up your casual wardrobe. There are some favorites, such as ball caps, Ts, and shop shirts, but also some goodies to wear beyond the brew kettle. At every group meeting Ace will have a binder full of women's and 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

Zech Laughbaum
Lee Browning
Andrew Bonamer
Cavan Vannice
Christina Ely

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SNOBs Night Out – Wednesday March 20th

Fat Heads Tasting Room

18741 Sheldon Rd, Cleveland, OH 44130

NOTE: This is at the Production Brewery; NOT the brewpub.



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

February Treasurers Report

February Income		February Expenses	
Membership	\$575.00	Room Rental (Sachs)	\$75.00
SNOBwear	\$150.00	Bus Trip	\$1360.00
BYO Subs.	\$140.00		
Bus Trip	\$240.00		
Raffle	\$196.00		
Subtotal	\$1,301.00	Subtotal	\$1,435.00



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 _____

