



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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March 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



February is over and we're now into my favorite homebrewing season. Tap water is still ice cold for chilling your wort and the weather is warming up and making garage brewing comfortable again. There are homebrew competitions coming up and SNOB meetings & events to bring your leftovers to. Many lagers were historically made this time of year to be served in the summer months and beyond. A few weeks ago several SNOB members stopped by my house to help brew a lager. We did a triple decoction mash and it was a long day. The tap water was so cold we over-chilled 5°F past the target pitching temperature. A few months from now it will probably take longer to chill my wort than a triple decoction. Enjoy Spring while it lasts!

Our last monthly Night Out to the new Masthead Brewing Company went off without a hitch. The stout and red IPA were my favorites, followed closely by the wood-fired pizza. Our March night out is still in the works, but rumor has it we'll be visiting Portside Distillery & Brewing Company's tap room. More information will be forthcoming at Monday's meeting and in our mid-month email update.

This Saturday, March 4th is the Ohio Craft Brewer Association's annual winter beer festival. Volunteer positions have been filled but tickets are still available for the Winter Warmer Fest 2017. This event is my favorite Cleveland-area beer festival. Only breweries from Ohio are invited to pour their beers, and they usually bring their A-game including some bigger, rarer, and cask-conditioned beers.

Our March 6th meeting is only a few days away and is shaping up to be one you won't want to miss. We'll be back to our typical technical presentation format, with former club president Mike Ontolchik talking to us about recipe design and formulation. With several local homebrew competitions coming up in the next few months, I expect there will be plenty of beers flowing from the jockey box and poured from bottles at tables. Pay attention to Mike's

presentation and your next batch may even earn you a medal at an upcoming competition. If anyone has entries headed to Indianapolis for the National Homebrew Competition, Greg Irving has generously offered to drive them to Indy for you in time for the deadline if you bring them Monday. If you have entries ready for the Wizard of SAAZ competition in Akron, bring them and I can drive them down to Thirsty Dog for you.

Our annual "Beer no Sweat" bus trip is only one month away. The turnout has been great this year, with 43 SNOBs signed up so far and only a few open seats left. This year John Majetic has really outdone himself. John's planned a 2-day, 11 brewery (plus the famous craft beer bar HopCat) route across northern Ohio and Southern Michigan. We're leaving Baron's Bus Lines 12800 Brookpark Rd in Cleveland at 9:20am sharp on April 1st. Do NOT be late...we will leave without you. We will be staying overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Okemos, MI, and will be returning late Sunday evening around 10:00pm. The cost for the bus ticket is \$95/each and individual SNOBs are responsible for booking/paying for their own hotel rooms. When you book your room, mention that you are with the SNOBs and you will receive the discounted rate of \$149, assuming our room block is not yet full. Assuming you split your room with another SNOB, the cost of the trip will be <\$200 (not including beers & food). That's really not a bad deal if you think about it. It's a nice, safe weekend getaway where you'll get to visit a bunch of new breweries while socializing with friends. It's not easy to pack this much fun into a weekend away from home for this price. If you're interested in joining us shoot Mark Rames an email (secretary@beersnobs.org) soon before the last few seats are filled.

Fellow homebrewer (and potential future SNOB member?) Taylor Norton brought a deal to my attention today from a small malting company in North Dakota called "Two Track Malting" (twotrackmalting.com). Two track is selling sacks of their malt for \$0.68/lb through the end of March to homebrewers. North Dakota pretty far away, but if Taylor can put together an order of 500lbs (10 of their 50# sacks), the freight would only cost \$158 He's planning on getting 4 sacks for himself, so he isn't too far away from his goal. The math comes out to about \$1/lb shipped. If you're interested in trying one of Two Tracks' malts and participating in this group-buy please email Taylor directly: brewdude4@yahoo.com.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

March 22, 6:30PM

[Portside Distillery & Brewing Company, 983 Front Street, Cleveland](#)

SNOB Web Page Changes. Look for changes in the look, feel and your interface of our web page as Mike and John take a look at modernization. Your feedback welcome.



Recipes from the Contest Winners 2.0

I'd like to revive a section called "Recipes from the Contest Winners". **Recipes from the Contest Winners** was a part of our newsletters in the beginning and I think it might be nice to bring it back so we can share our knowledge and success with our members and help all to be better brewers. **If you wish to contribute**, please send an email to secretary@beersnobs.org with your vitals such as brewer(s) name, the competition, date and medal, batch size, ingredients, yeast, OG, FG, anticipated ABV, mash and boil schedule, water treatment, anything you wish include to help another brewer. [Take me to the Recipe!](#)

Beer no Sweat Bus Trip 2017, planned for April 1st-2nd, 31 so far will be heading to southern Michigan. If you've never been, you should check this out. Baron's Bus Line will be taking us BREWERY HOPPING for two days. We will take a break in Okemos for the night on Saturday. Below is our itinerary, note that start time is 9:20AM, that's when the bus LEAVES so make sure you arrive in ample time for your security screening and body cavity checks. We will have a jockey box on board so if there are two folks that want to send along kegs to keep up hydrated between stops, please speak up here. I do have SNOB Barleywine and Saison I could bring.

Big thanks to John Majetic who has once again put in a lot of work arranging all the stops, bus and hotel.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME? Similar to last year, the cost per person for the bus is \$95 and the cost of the hotel is \$149 for double occupancy. That makes the individual cost about \$170 each. You should pay Ace \$95 for the bus at your earliest convenience.

WHO AM I SLEEPING WITH? Well that's up to you and we won't judge. Hopefully we will all end up finding a suitable roomie so that there are two per room. As of now, there are 3-4 whom we need to get paired up.

WHO PAYS FOR THE ROOMS? You as a pair of roomies will reserve and pay for your own rooms. Call the Holiday inn Express Okemos at 517-349-8700 and reserve ASAP as rooms are VERY hard to come by, be sure to ask for the SNOB discount. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE in making reservations. IF extra rooms get reserved, they can be canceled 24 hours in advance or as soon as we are all paired up. Due to the numbers, I have increased our block of rooms from 15 to 20.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING ALONG? Bottles of fermentables to share, munchies, a cooler if you will be bringing home a stash, your fav glass for bus beer, munchies, one change of sox and underwear, munchies, spending cash, cell phone charger and munchies.

I will bring a jockey box and seat protectors and tank of co2.



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Place	Arrival Time	Depart Time	Travel Time
Barons 9:20 AM 130			
Original Gravity Brewery, Milan	11:30 AM	12:45 PM	14
Salt Springs Brewing, Saline	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2
Stony Lake Brewing Co, Saline	2:05 PM	3:05 PM	18
Glass house Brewing, Ann Arbor	3:25 PM	4:25 PM	48
Grand Rvier Brewing, Jackson	5:20 PM	7:00 PM	39
Lansing Brewing, Lansing	7:45 PM	9:00 PM	
Holiday inn Express Okemos	9:15 AM		
Holiday inn Express Okemos	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	14
Hop Cat Lansing, East Lansing	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	57
Block Brewing Company, Howell	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	27
Third Monk Brewing, South Lyon	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	20
Drafting Table, Wixom	3:25 PM	4:30 PM	15
Ascension Brewing, Novi	4:50 PM	6:20 PM	66
Black Cloister Brewing, Toledo	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	93
Barons	10:00 PM		

Any Volunteers? The Grafton-Midview Public Library is looking for some SNOB expertise. Pam does the adult programs at the Grafton-Midview Public Library. I am interested in having someone come out and talk about how to get started brewing, possibly making it a series, as in, what's next?

I am trying to up the number of men coming into the library, and feel this is one subject that men wouldn't have to be dragged to by their wives! (Don't tell them I said that).

Would you know anyone willing to do something like this from your group? If so, what would be the cost for something like this? I wouldn't be able to schedule until spring, as our Jan-March calendar is already going to the printer, but possibly April or May? (We told here we don't normally receive compensation but she said that there still could be, especially if it were a series)

If you feel that this may be of interest to you, contact Pam Myers, Adult Programs, Grafton-Midview Public Library, 983 Main St. Grafton, OH 44044, [440-926-3317](tel:440-926-3317) ext.36.

An Upcoming Homebrew Competition Schedule can be viewed at the end of the newsletter that should help you plan your brewing schedules. Thanks to Paul Klammer for keeping it updated. [Take me to the competitions!!](#)



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

Mar 2017

4: Winter Warmer Festival
6: SNOB Meeting
17-Apr23: NHC First Round Judging
18: 6th Annual Fremont Homebrew Throwdown
24-25: The Wizard of SAAZ" (WoS)
24-25: Niagra Association of Homebrewers Competition

Apr 2017

1-2: SNOB Beer No Sweat Bus Trip to southern Michigan
3: SNOB Meeting
6: Big Brew
22: King of the Mountain Competition

May 2017

1: SNOB Meeting

Jun 2017

5: SNOB Meeting
15-17: Homebrewcon, Minneapolis
23:25: Brew and Canoe Campout

Aug 2017

1: SNOB Meeting
28: SNOB September Meeting, date change

Sep 2017

22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley

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

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky
Tod Hulse

February 2017

Stephen Jira
Louie West
Levi Hume
Mike Gallagher
Stephen Fagerhaug

March 2017



2017 Officers and Chairpersons

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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](#): 10% 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

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

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

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 Danish.ace (at) sbcglobal.net
- 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 _____

Recipe's From The Contest Winners



Ingredients

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
4 lb	Mutons Maris Otter	3L	
3 lb	Briess Red Wheat Malt	2.3L	
2 lb	White Wheat Malt	1.7L	
2 lb	Flaked Wheat	2L	

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	60	Tettnanger	4.6%	
.5 oz	30	Tettnanger	4.6	

Yeast:

Type	Amount
WLP300 Hefeweizen Ale Yeast	

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount
Filtered Cleveland Water	

Miscellaneous Ingredients: (Adjuncts, Priming Sugar, Fruits & Vegetables., Spices, Finings, Uniques)

Weight	Description	Time
.5 tsp	Yeast Nutrient	15min
1 ea	Whirlfloc Tablet	15min

Beer Name: Hefeweizen
Beer Style/Category: German Hefeweizen
Brewer(s): Mark Rames
Brewer(s): _____
Competition: 2014 Son of Brewzilla-Gold

Specifications:

Batch Volume:	<u>5 Gallon</u>	ABV:	<u>6.3%</u>
Anticipated OG:	<u>1.052</u>	IBU:	<u>12</u>
Anticipated FG:	<u>1.013</u>	SRM:	<u>4</u>
Actual OG:	<u>1.058</u>	Actual FG:	<u>1.010</u>
Efficiency:	_____		
Pre-Boil Vol:	<u>6.75 Gallon</u>	Boil Duration:	<u>60 min</u>
Pre-Boil Gravity:	<u>1.051</u>	Post-Boil Vol:	<u>5.25gal</u>

Mash:

Mash Type: Step, 122F, 140F, 154F
Total Grain Weight: 11 pounds
Grain/Water Ratio: .31gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.: 3.41gal/119.7F
Mash Temp./Duration: 90 minutes @ 148°
Additional Step 122F Acid Rest/20min
Temp./Duration/Vol.: 140F Beta-Glutan/30min
Additional Step 154F Saccharification /30min
Temp./Duration/Vol.: 169F/Mashout
Actual Efficiency: _____

Fermentation:

Stage	Date	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	<u>12/20/14</u>	<u>68F</u>	<u>1.009</u>	<u>1.010</u>
Transfer:				

Transfer:

Bottle/Keg

Date: 1/2/15
Carbonation Level: 3.00
Priming Method: Forced co2

Notes:

WLP300 in 2L starter for 6 hours

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
SODZ British Beerfest Competition (BBF)	2/10/2017	2/18/2017	Columbus, OH	yes	Limited to British styles. See competition rules. Awards after judging.
Bockfest 2017	1/17/17 - 3/1/17	3/4/2017	Cincinnati	Yes	Categories limited the various subcategories of Bock. Dunkels Bock category judged and brewed by Chrisian Moerlan Brewing Co.
Mazer Cup International Mead Competition	3/9/2017	3/9, 10 & 11	Denver, Colorado	home & comm	Mead-only competition in for comeercial and home meadmaker, plus public 'Mead Mixer' event.
AHA National Homebrew Competition First Round	Registration 1/30 - 2/5, entries t.b.d. March	3/17 - 4/23	Indianapolis, IN and other locations listed on competition site	yes	IMPORTANT: See AHA site for entry details and rules. AHA membership required by Jan. 29 for application between January 30 and February 5.
6th Annual Fremont Homebrew Throwdown	t.b.d. 3/1/17	3/18/2017	The Strand, 220 S Front St, Fremont, Ohio 43420	no	See facebook for important details
Amber Waves of Grain, Niagra Association of Homebrewers	3/11 - t.b.d.	3/24 - 3/25	Buffalo, New York	Yes	Semi formal awards dinner after judging.
Wizard of Saaz X & Cuyahoga Cup (S.A.A.Z)	3/4/2017	3/21, 3/24, 3/25	Akron, OH	yes	Rubber City Beerfest after contest. Judges and stewards have received comped admission in past.
TRASH XXVII (T.R.A.S.H.)	2/23 - 3/24	4/8/2017	Pittsburgh, PA	yes	After events award dinner/ceremony in past.
GLINTCPC - Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition	~2/6/2017 - t.b.d.	4/19, 20, 21,22	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Yes	largest and most respected cider amateur and professional competition accepting entries from all countries.
King of the Mountain VI & Founders Cup, Little Mountain Homebrewers	3/9 - 4/8	4/22/2017	Willoughby, Ohio	yes	200 entires in reduced catetories; see competition site. Founders Cup category entry fees donated to a college student chosen by club officers each year. Awards after judging.
Erie County Fair (NY)	4/7/2017	4/22/2017	Hamburg, N.Y. (15 mins West of Buffalo)	yes	County fair. Awards announced post event.
IRON Brewer III (Homebros)	5/6/2017	t.b.d.	Cleveland, Ohio	no	Note that this event is the Big Brew Day celebration for Cleveland's HomeBros Club. Unnannounced ingredient brew off. Closed judging with separate award ceremony a several weeks after brew day.

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Big Brew Day, various clubs	5/6/2017	n/a	various	n/a	Not a competiton. Date included for awareness
Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition	t.b.d. ~ May/June	6/2/2017	Columbus, OH	yes	Details will be available in March. Overnight accomations usually compensated. Awards anounced post event.
Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition (Athens Homebrew Club)	t.b.d. ~ July	t.b.d. ~ July	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	t.b.d. June/July	t.b.d. June/July	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past.
Sam Adams Long Shot Brewing contest XXI	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d. Summer	t.b.d.	no	Private and employee mail in contest w/winners comped to travel to award ceremony.
Beer and Sweat XXIX (Bloatarians)	t.b.d. ~ August	t.b.d. ~ August	Cincinatti, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competiton, included for date awareness
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
Beer for Boobs (S.O.D.Z.)	t.b.d., fall	t.b.d., fall	Zanesville, Ohio	yes	Beer for Boobs is a national charity event that raises money for breast cancer. Awards after judging.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	t.b.d. October	t.b.d. October	Erie.PA	yes	Awards after judging.
WAZE Homebrew Competition II (W.A.Z.E.)	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	Latrobe, PA (20 min's east of Pittsburgh)	yes	Uncertain that this will happen this year

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Nearest BJCP Exams	
See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams	
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	3/11/2017, Indianapolis, and other more distant locations
Mead Judging Exam	3/11/2017, Indianapolis
All types	6/13-14, AHA, Minneapolis, Minn.
Beer	6/24, Cincinatti
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Beer	7/?, Toronto
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA
Quarterly Written Proficiency Exam	11/5, Detroit
Beer	11/11 Cincinatti
Beer	11/25 Toronto
Beer	1/13/18, Cincinatti
Beer	4/18/18 Toronto
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinatti