



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 26 Years and Going Strong

May 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



It's hard to believe that only a month ago we were shoveling our driveways and wondering if winter would ever end. As I type this it's 70 degrees and sunny outside. I'm starting to wonder what the heck I'm doing inside on a computer instead of out in my driveway brewing up a fresh batch of homebrew. Get out there and enjoy the pleasant brewing weather while your tap water is still cool enough for your wort chillers.

Our next monthly meeting is this Monday May 1st and is packed with educational content. Prior to the meeting we are being treated to some of Grumpy's famous sausages. There will be a few platters in our meeting room to pick off of if you still have room after eating your pre-meeting dinner. The tab is being picked up by Rich Croft, the main organizer for the Berea Oktoberfest. He's thanking us for the help we've provided over the years judging the commercial competition at his event. Paul Shick is the judge organizer and I have volunteered as one of the judges every year since earning my BJCP certification. It's a great event with lots of German food, beer, dancing, and wiener dog races. I will also be giving the educational talk at the May meeting: "Advanced Mashing for Beginners". This talk will contain valuable information for home brewers of all experience levels, despite being focused on people just getting into all-grain brewing. If you've been mashing for a while already there should still be enough geeky science stuff discussed to keep you interested. It's been a while since I've delved into the books on mashing. In reviewing the process I've rediscovered a few things that I had long forgotten about the process. Hopefully this will be informative or at least a good review for everyone.

Also coming up next week is our annual SNOB Big Brew on May 6th at 11:00am at Fat Heads Production Brewery in Middleburg Heights. This year we're going to mixing things up a bit. We'll still be using John Majetic's 100-gallon homebrew system, but we'll be fermenting it at home this time. Mike Ontolchik has come up with a 1.050-OG, 20-IBU, 4-SRM blonde ale recipe that we will all brew together on the big system. After the wort is chilled we'll fill our individual 5-gallon fermenters and take them home to ferment, manipulate, blend, fruit, spice,

etc. You may add to the wort however you choose. There's nothing wrong with taking this home and adding steeped dark grains or reboiling to add more bitterness and hop character. All that we ask is that you bring enough of your finished product to the July meeting to share with the club. The July meeting will be a bit more relaxed than normal and will not have a typical educational presentation. Instead, each brewer will be given the opportunity to take the microphone and explain what type of yeast they used, how they fermented it, and what kinds of crazy experimental dry hops and/or ingredients they used in it. The prize(s) have yet to be decided, but we will have a people's choice voting (not blind) that will determine which SNOB came up with the best brew. 18 contestants have already signed up, but you are still welcome to sign up and be put on the waiting list here: <https://goo.gl/forms/9uximvfVeHels5ad2>. Even if you haven't signed up to take some wort home, you are still very much welcomed to come to Fat Heads on the 6th and help brew.

The date for our May SNOB Night Out hasn't been determined yet, but I should be able to let everyone know by Monday's meeting. We'll be checking out Collision Bend Brewing Company which is located at the old Watermark restaurant location on the East Bank of the Flats. Collision Bend is the new venture of Zack Bruell and former Great Lakes Brewer and SNOB ally Luke Purcell.

The next major SNOB event after Big Brew is our annual summer camp-out "Brew and Canoe", June 23rd-26th. The event will once again be held at Tim McDonnell's family site on the Huron River at 9661 Vacation Lane, Huron, OH. The club usually provides the firewood (Mark Rames? John Majetic?) for a very large bonfire, as well as the meats for the weekend. Please bring a side to share! There is electricity available if you'd like to bring something in a crockpot to heat up. Since the club does pay for a few things, this will only be open to PAID club members and of course their guests. Please just make sure your annual dues are paid before you and your friends attend. Please bring your own tent, RV, truck bed, yurt, etc...to sleep in. There are no bunk beds on the property like there are at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin during our fall SNOBtoberfest campout. You are encouraged to bring homebrew and commercial beers and we should have 20+ taps available for you to plug your kegs into jockey boxes. [Here is a map link to Tim's place.](#)

This past weekend the Little Mountain Homebrewer's Club's held their annual "King of the Mountain" homebrew competition, hosted by the Willoughby Brewing Company. I volunteered as a judge on Saturday and was very happy to see many familiar SNOB faces. Overall our club did quite well with many medals awarded including Steve Rapko and Paul Shick with the 2nd and 3rd place overall Best of Show beers, respectively. If you entered beers and weren't able to attend please see me or Paul Klammer at Monday's meeting for your scoresheets, medals, and prizes.

I am unsure of which and how many SNOBs are attending this year, but the American Homebrewers Association's annual HomebrewCon conference is being held June 15th-17th in Minneapolis. This is a fantastic experience and I highly recommend attending if you haven't had a chance yet. There are educational seminars, great deals & free stuff in the vendor exhibition, "Club Night" homebrew festival, as well as the final judging and awards for the annual AHA National Homebrew Competition.

The Euclid Brewing Company is hosting a free lecture series on the "Elements of Home Brewing" this spring/summer and is bringing in some great local speakers. This past



Thursday was the first talk on hops by Jenny and Mike Napier of Barn Talk Hops in Wadsworth. If you missed it, there are still 3 talks left on the remaining elements of brewing. Thursday May 11th will feature Craig and Andrew Martahus, owners of Haus Malts to give a talk on malt. Thursday June 8th will cover yeast and will be presented by SNOB founding member and Market Garden Brewmaster Andy Tveekrem. The final talk will be on Thursday July 13th, will be about water, and will be presented by Dan Malz. Dan works for the Cleveland Division of Water and is a co-owner of Portside Distillery and Brewery.

There are a couple upcoming competitions in the next few months in Columbus and Athens, Ohio. They are a bit of a drive, but lodging is provided at each (hotel or dorm room) for experienced judges. Typically this means BJCP certified, but if you have taken the tasting exam and are awaiting the results the organizers will likely offer you lodging upon request. This first of which is the Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition held on Jun 3rd at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. You must enter by May 16th, but you can bring your entries with you on the day of the competition if you volunteer to judge. (<http://ohiostatefair.com/homebrew/>). The second is the Ohio Brew Week competition located at Ohio University in Athens on July 15th. Registration is open now for entries, but you can carry them with you on the day of the competition if you have volunteered to judge. (<http://obw.brewcomp.com/>).

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

May 8th, 6:30PM

[Collision Bend Brewing, 1250 Old River Rd, Cleveland](#)

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!](#)

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.



PAY UP! There are still some members who attended the 2016 SNOB Christmas Party that have never paid for their guests. As you might imagine this causes a lot of work for our treasurer to bird dog these non-payers. PLEASE work with Ace to care for this matter.

Please Note-Membership Mailing List Purge in effect! In order to keep our records as clean as possible, we have begun purging what appear to be folks who have left the group or are no longer paying dues. I just removed over 50 from the list which I will begin using this month.

HELP WANTED!! I (Allison) came across the Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers website and wanted to introduce myself as I am actively recruiting for craft beer enthusiasts in the Elyria, OH area. Although we are not directly brewing, we certainly share a passion for the process and enjoy our place within the industry. Iron Heart Canning Company recently acquired Buckeye Mobile Canning and we are now looking to add onto our amazing team in order to continue expanding our customer base while maintaining our reputation as quality leaders in canning.

I wanted to share our current openings with you in hopes that you may know someone interested in joining our team. We offer competitive hourly rates, medical & dental insurance, life & disability insurance, paid time off, and a challenging, fun and nurturing culture. Email [Allison](#) if you have what they are looking for.

[Assistant Canning Line Operator Job Description \(OH\)](#)

[Lead Canning Line Operator Job Description \(OH\)](#)

Any Volunteers? Nobody? Hello? Anybody? 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](#)

May 2017

- 1: SNOB Meeting
- 11: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on malts
- 6: Big Brew at Fat Head's Production Brewery

Jun 2017

- 3: Ohio State Fair Competition
- 5: SNOB Meeting
- 8: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on yeast
- 15-17: Homebrewcon, Minneapolis
- 23-25: Brew and Canoe Campout

Jul 2017

- 10: SNOB Meeting
- 13: Euclid Brewing Company lecture on water

Aug 2017

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

Sep 2017

- 22-24: SNOBtoberfest Campout, Hinckley
- 30: HAZtoberfest Competition

Oct 2017

- 5-7: GABF

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

Robert Schroeder

April 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
- ✓ [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](#)
- 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

Beer Name: Little Black Cream Ale
Beer Style/Category: Specialty
Brewer(s): Peter Campen
Competition: 2017 Wizard of SAAZ-GOLD

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
9.25 lb	US Pale Malt		
2 lb	Flaked Maize		
14 oz	Black Prinz *see note one		

Specifications:

Batch Volume: 6 Gallon **Anticip. ABV:** _____
Anticipated OG: _____ **IBU:** 2.3
Anticipated FG: _____ **SRM:** 10.2
Actual OG: 1.049 **Actual FG:** _____
Efficiency: _____ **Actual ABV** _____
Pre-Boil Vol: _____ **Boil Duration:** 60 min
Pre-Boil Gravity: _____ **Post-Boil Vol:** _____

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.28 oz	60	Warrior	15.8%	15.6
1 oz	5	Amarillo *see note 2	8%	4.7

Mash:

Mash Type: Brew in a Bag
Total Grain Weight: 12 pounds, 2 oz
Grain/Water Ratio: ? gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.: ? gal/?F
Mash Temp./Duration: 60 minutes @ 154°
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Additional Step
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Actual Efficiency: _____

Yeast:

Type	Amount
San Diego Super Yeast *see note 3	1 pkg
Made starter using Mr. Malty pitching rates	

Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	3 days	65° F		
Primary:	+2° c/day	71° F		
Crashed:	-1° c/hour	33° F		

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount
Filtered CLE Water	3 gal
Distilled Water	3 gal

Bottle/Keg

Date: _____
Carbonation Level: _____
Priming Method: Forced co2

Notes:

Note 1: Top sprinkled Black Prinz the last 15 minutes of mash.
Note 2: Use a whole ounce of whatever hop you have at 5 min, IBU's be damned.
Note 3: I normally use WLP001 yeast in this ale.

 I have also won gold with a traditional version of this at the 2016 KOTM. Just omit the Black Prinz malt. While cluster is strictly speaking traditional, I have used many hop combinations with this recipe.

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

Weight	Description	Time

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	open as of 3/27/ closes May 16	6/3/2017	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)	3/1/17 - 7/7/17	7/15/2017	Athens, Ohio	yes	Ohio Homebrew Week. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards announced after judging.
Indiana Brewer's Cup (State fair)	5/30/17 - 6/18/17	July 6,7,8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 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. September/August	8/19/2017	Cincinatti, Ohio	yes	Keg only competition, awards and included homebrew festival after dinner. Overnight accomodations available at venue.
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	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	10/7, Buffalo NY
Beer	10/14, Irwin PA (east of Pittsburgh)
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