



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 26 Years and Going Strong

November 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



The cool crisp nights of Fall have arrived and it's time once again for the onslaught of spicy fall and holiday beers. No matter where you imbibe this time of year you'll likely find yourself staring at a beer label emblazoned with nightmarish orange gourds or Christmas tree ornaments. Most of us harbor strong emotions about the spiced beers of Fall and Winter. Do you scrunch your nose at the blatant disregard for Reinheitsgebot employed by tight-clothed trendsetting millennials who are incapable of appreciating the perfection of a crisp, well-attenuated Pilsner? Or do you merrily brave the cold to line up for special releases of your favorite brew whose unique flavors usher you back to cherished memories spent with alcohol-warmed cheeks and slurred conversations with loved ones over bountiful holiday meals? I am personally torn between these two positions. I am astonished by the artistic sorcery a brewer can wield with ingredients from the fall harvest or with mouthwatering wintery spices. I am also an advocate for the simplistic beauty of well-executed traditional beer that allows the intrinsic flavors of fundamental ingredients to speak for themselves. I challenge you to find a more tenable argument for hypocritical doublethink.

Another successful Cleveland Beer Week is behind us and I would like to thank all of the SNOBs who helped out this year. Many volunteered their time and most enjoyed special events and beers that were poured over the 10-day celebration. Cleveland Beer Week is a great way to showcase our region's craft brewing industry and it could not have gone as smoothly as it did without the help and patronage of SNOBs. If you volunteered, find Eileen at our November meeting and she'll give you one of the leftover beers to take home.

As I'm sure most of you are already aware, this past Saturday SNOB held the annual Son of Brewzilla Homebrew Competition. The results and scoresheets are posted on the competition website (beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/). The Cuyahoga Cup has been up for grabs on four separate occasions during my presidency. All four times SAAZ has defeated SNOB in the overall point scoring and retained the cup. This year SNOB held an 86-78 lead going into the overall Best of Show round but ultimately lost 96-86 as SAAZ swept the BoS despite having 2 fewer gold medal beers on the table. Congratulations to the many SNOB medal

winners including Greg Irving (Honorable Mention BoS), Todd Donnelly (Mead Best of Show) and Matt & Laura Bender (Cider Best of Show). Our next opportunity to reclaim the Cuyahoga Cup will be next Spring at the Wizard of SAAZ competition in Akron.

Our next monthly SNOB meeting will be held this Monday (the 6th) in the second floor ballroom at Sachsenheim Hall. We typically meet on the first floor, but were moved upstairs this month to make room for another party. We will be holding our annual officer elections during the meeting. This election will likely bring to power several new officers as Jim, Mark, Ace, and I will not seek reelection. There will be plenty of leftover Son of Brewzilla beers flowing from the taps to help celebrate the last official SNOB meeting of my tyrannical presidency. For my last hurrah I will give a short but important technical presentation on cleaning and sanitation.

The date has not been finalized but our November Night Out will be at Brick and Barrel located in the industrial flats of Cleveland. Co-Founder/Head Brewer Karl Spiesman is a familiar face to most of us and is known to occasionally stop by our monthly meetings. Brick and Barrel was also one of the commercial breweries who paired up with a team of SNOBs to develop and brew a batch of beer for our 25th anniversary collaboration. Expect to see British Ales, IPAs, and cask ales on tap when we visit Karl this November.

On Saturday November 11th Ironborne Brewworks will host an Ale-Truistic Evening to show off the future home of their new brewery. This event will consist of a meet-and-greet with the brewers (SNOB members Jim Jadwisiak and Cara Baker!), beer sampling of the cornerstone Ironborne beers, and most importantly will give guests an opportunity to invest as a "Founder" of their new venture. Tickets to the event cost \$30 with proceeds going to Cleveland Co-Labs. They can be purchased through eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-ale-truistic-evening-with-ironborne-brew-works-tickets-38237803299>. Only 100 tickets are available so get yours today!

If you have not already signed up for the annual SNOB Christmas Party, please do so by November 20th so we can give Grumpy (Chef at the Sachsenheim) a headcount for food. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 1st and will be held once again in the second-floor ballroom at Sachsenheim Hall. The Christmas party takes the place of our monthly meeting for December. To attend you must be a paid member or pay \$25 as the guest of a member. Please sign-up and pay ahead of the party so our treasurer Ace can relax and enjoy the festivities. If you haven't been to a SNOB Christmas Party in the past you're in for a real treat. We'll have a couple dozen homebrews pouring from jockey boxes along with countless bottles and cans of commercial & home brew poured from coolers at each table. Grumpy is preparing a feast of beer-infused cuisine that is by itself worth the price of admission. Our Christmas party is always one of our best attended events and I'm hoping to see every one of you there to help spread the cheer and usher in the new year with our new officers.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

Date TBA

[Brick and Barrel](#)





SNOB Officer Elections will be held at the November meeting and nominations are being accepted now by emailing president@beersnobs.org and at the next two meetings. It appears that most ALL officer positions will open. If you are interested or know of someone who is, send an email to nominate them or yourself.

- **The President** is the name and face of the club, receives most requests from the public and media, plans and presents each meeting, keeps the clubs activities in all our focus and whatever else may be necessary.
 - Nominees are: **Paul Klammer and Pedro Capiccione**
- **The Vice President** supports the President, hosting meetings in their absence, runs the raffle and arranges the SNOB Nights Out.
 - Nominees are: **Mike Ontolchik and Neal Repko**
- **The Treasurer** maintains the SNOBs bank account, collects money for dues and events such as Bus Trips and the Christmas Party, maintains an accurate member database of paid members, pays our bills and hounds those who don't pay up.
 - Nominees are: **Jessica Ihms**
- **The Secretary** takes appropriate notes at meetings as necessary, publishes a newsletter each month, sends out Mid-Month Updates as needed, maintains the mailing list database, creates signup sheets as necessary for events such as the Christmas Party, SNOBtoberfest, Brew and Canoe, organize special events such as the Bulk Cider, Honey and Mead Bottle Buys as necessary.
 - Nominees are: **Erica Anton and Paul Klammer**
- The Librarian maintains the book library, making sure we know where our loaned books are. There has been chatter about the librarian taking on the handling of SNOB wear sales.
 - Nominees are: **Pete Campen and Chris Smith**

A Bulk Cider Buy will take place again this year. Last year, we purchased 330 gallons from Geig's Orchard and filled your containers in 5-gallon increments at \$4 per.

I would like to see someone else be the point person this year. What is required is having a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton or bigger pickup to haul the cider from the orchard to your home on Friday morning, a place to park the truck where it will be out of the heat and sun and the flexibility to be home all weekend for everyone to pick up the cider. Why a pickup and not a trailer your ask? On a pickup, the tote is high enough that the cider can be gravity fed into fermenters, a trailer is low and would require pumps. If no one can, the process will be the same as last year.

Cider distribution will take place sometime towards the end of November when the best mix of apples will be pressed. The cider should be \$4 per gallon, possibly UV treated and acid balanced. Presently we are at 185 gallons ordered. Emails will be sent to all whom have ordered when we have firm dates and times for pickup. If you are interested, fill out the request [at this link](#).



So what now? Andy has a tote but not the same one from last year, cleaning may be in order. We have contacted Geig's Orchard to verify the price and availability but have not heard back as of now.

Son of Brewzilla was a great success in spite of SAAZ retaining the Cuyahoga Cup. And a big cheers to Fat Heads for hosting us for the final time at the production brewery on Sheldon Road. The place was humming that day with Fat Heads bottling their Christmas Ale with the very large Son of Brewzilla event going on. And a big thanks to all the planners, volunteers, supporters, donors and once again, Fat Heads!

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. **You know it will be a good time!** This is open to paid members in good standing and their guests. Those with a dual membership can bring one guest at no charge. All other guests need to pay \$25 each to the Treasurer, preferably **BEFORE** the party. Please don't make the treasurer chase you down and hound you for payment. Bring your casually dressed self, beer to share and a **BIG** appetite. You **MUST** sign up

to attend the party as the club pays per plate for all attendees so we have to have and stick to an accurate count. If you've not already signed up at a meeting or online, please **GO HERE** and do so.

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!!**

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

Nov 2017

- 5: BJCP Certification Written Exam
- 6: SNOB Meeting
- 11: Ironborne Brewworks, Ale-Trueistic Evening, \$30

Dec 2017

- 1: SNOB Annual Christmas Party
- 4: **NO SNOB meeting in December**

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

May 2017

Calvin Frye

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

July 2017

Jim Young & Mary Rose

August 2017

Jonathan Henning

September 2017

October 2017



NEW!-Brewing and Brew Related Stuff for Sale

Have some un-needed or surplus equipment for sale? List it here by sending a description and photos to secretary@beersnobs.org. Your listing will run for one month only unless you request it stays in the next newsletter. Interested folks will contact you via email.

FOR SALE: 2-Burner Star natural gas countertop stove, 25,000 BTU. I used this for 5 years until I got a much larger one, has been sandblasted, repainted. Asking \$100. [Email Mark Rames](mailto:Mark Rames)



2017 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Andrew Mitchell
president@beersnobs.org

Secretary: Mark Rames
secretary@beersnobs.org

Librarian: Peter Campen
librarian@beersnobs.org

Vice President: Jim Jadwisiak
vicepresident@beersnobs.org

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](#)
- 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: Barnstorm Saison
Beer Style/Category: Saison
Brewer(s): Dave Cousino
Brewer(s): _____
Competition: 2016 Sam Adams Longshot Winner

Grain/Extract:

Weight	Type	Color	Gravity
9 lb	Belgian Pilsner		
1 lb	Belgian Wheat Malt		
.5 lb	Munich Malt		

Specifications:

Batch Volume: <u>5.5 Gallon</u>	Anticip. ABV: _____
Anticipated OG: _____	IBU: <u>31</u>
Anticipated FG: _____	SRM: <u>4</u>
Actual OG: <u>1.061</u>	Actual FG: <u>1.002</u>
Efficiency: _____	Actual ABV: <u>7.8%</u>
Pre-Boil Vol: _____	Boil Duration: <u>90 min</u>
Pre-Boil Gravity: _____	Post-Boil Vol: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Hops:

Weight	Time	Type	AA	IBUs
.5 oz	60	Fuggles**	4.1%	

Mash:

Mash Type: Infusion*
Total Grain Weight: 10.5 pounds
Grain/Water Ratio: ? gal/pound
Strike Volume/Temp.: ? gal/?F
Mash Temp./Duration: *45 minutes @ 145°
Additional Step *30 minutes @ 155°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Additional Step *10 minutes @ 168°
Temp./Duration/Vol.: _____
Actual Efficiency: _____

Yeast:

Type	Amount
WYeast 3711, 1.5L starter, stirplate, decanted	1 pkg

Fermentation:

Stage	Time	Temp	SG	Corr. SG
Primary:	10 days	75°		
Secondary:				
Crashed:	5 days	35°		

Water/Treatment Plan:

Water Source:	Amount

Bottle/Keg

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

Notes:

Original name was *A Saison Has No Name*

* Since winning, I have consolidated the mash schedule to one step at 143°.

** Have also gone back to all SAAZ hops (original recipe I subbed because that's what I had at the time)

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
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 7 & 8	Indianapolis, Indiana	yes	Open to non-Indiana residents. 2 day pro/am event. Comped accomodations provided in the past. Awards banquet included.
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.
Haztoberfest (H.A.Z.A.R.D.)	08/01/2017 - 09/29/2017	09/30/2017 at 9:00 AM, EDT	The Brewerrie, Erie, PA	yes	Awards after judging.
Son of Brewzilla & Cuyahoga Cup (S.N.O.B.)	t.b.d., fall	10/28/2017	Cleveland, Ohio	yes	Cleveland's premiere homebrew competition. Awards after judging.
Learn to Brew Day	11/5/2017	11/5/2017	various	n/a	Not a competiton, included for date awareness
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.
Minnesota Mashout	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	t.b.d. - Jan./Feb 2018	Summit Brewing, St. Paul, Minnestoa	Yes	At over 1000 homebrew entries, the second largest homebrew competition in the U.S. (after NHC). Event includes educational presentations and speakers.
Oktoberbest Homebrew Competition	t.b.d. Winter	t.b.d. winter	Cincinatti	Yes	
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
Midwest HomeBrewer of the Year	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	Various, 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	13 midwestern states including Ohio	t.b.d.	The Minnesota Mashout is sponsored by the Minnesota Home Brewers Association and the St. Paul Home Brewers Club. This is a 13 state cumulative awards competition.

2017 Cleveland 'Local' and national homebrew competition Calendar

Contest Name	Entry period:	Judging Date	Location	BJCP Certified	NOTES
--------------	---------------	--------------	----------	----------------	-------

Nearest BJCP Exams	
See BJCP site for details and contact info for all scheduled exams	
Beer	6/24, Cincinatti
Beer	7/16, Toronto
Beer	7/22, Dayton
Mead Judging Exam	8/20 Toronto
Beer	9/2/2017, Beijing, China, contact Le Meng
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	5/5/18, Columbus, Ohio
Beer	6/23/18, Cincinatti