



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

Established in 1990, 26 Years and Going Strong

October 2017 Newsletter

President's Krausening

By Andrew Mitchell



Fall is upon us and with it brings a cornucopia of beer events for Clevelanders. If the summer heat keeps you away from boiling kettles it's time to dust them off, clean out the beer stone, and get some wort rolling again. On the first day of fall this past Friday SNOBs traveled from far and wide to gather at the annual SNOBtoberfest campout. This event gets bigger and better every year. The amount of food prepared, cooked, smoked, and enjoyed rivals the quantity served at our annual SNOB Christmas Party. If there's one thing SNOBs know how to do it's throw a party! Dozens of homebrews and commercial beers flowed through the taps including a few SNOB Big Brews, Fat Head's Imperial Schwarzbier, and Willoughby Brewing's Vietnamese Nutsmasher. Whiskeys, wines, ciders, meads, and craft beer bottles & cans from across the country were opened continuously on Saturday evening for those of us who still had room left in our stomachs after dinner. There were croquet matches, hiking expeditions, board & card games, a bluegrass ensemble, and not so safe-looking dancing taking place around the bonfire. Everyone who attended had a great time. If you missed it this year shame on you! Make sure you keep your schedule open for next year's campout.

If you're looking for something to do this weekend please consider attending the Beer Women Rock fundraiser event at the Jukebox on W.29th Street in Cleveland from 4pm – 8pm. The event will feature a beer brewed at Brick and Barrel in collaboration with several female beer nerds including our very own Jessica Ihms, Cara Baker, and Erica Anton! There will be some awesome raffle prizes and the funds raised will support Refugee Response right here in Cleveland. If you are looking to venture a bit further this Saturday, Erie PA's H.A.Z.A.R.D. homebrewing club is also hosting their annual homebrew competition. SNOBs have always done well in this competition and a few of us are making the drive up there again to help judge. If you're looking to carpool just let me know!

Our next monthly meeting is being held this Monday, October 2nd at Sachsenheim Hall in Cleveland. Our technical presentation will be given by longtime club member Jon Close. Jon will be talking to us about his experience crafting homemade ciders and graffs (cider-beer hybrid). He's bringing in fresh samples for everyone to try. I tried several of Jon's ciders at SNOBtoberfest and was amazed at the complexity and balance he achieved. Monday's meeting will also include our annual officer nominations for the upcoming year. Last year was an easy election as all of the outgoing SNOB

officers gratefully (begrudgingly?) accepted nominations to continue their roles for a second year. This year we are looking for new officers to step up to the challenge and help support our great club by taking on the responsibilities of club leadership. It is my understanding that we will need to fill all elected positions with fresh faces. I will not be accepting a 3rd consecutive nomination, and Jim will be too busy opening Ironborne Brew Works with Cara Baker and Jeremy Langham to continue in his role as SNOB VP. We've all enjoyed the events, experience, and increased beer knowledge that comes with being a SNOB. Please do not hesitate to give back to the club by accepting or nominating a friend to be a 2018 club officer. It's a wonderful experience and I do not regret a single day of it. Our 2018 officer election will be held during the last formal meeting of the year on November 6th.

Thanks to Cleveland Beer Week, we will not have a separate SNOB night out in October. If you feel the need to rub shoulders with fellow SNOBs simply show up at any of the great events. We filled the volunteer slots in record time this year but there are still plenty of tickets available for those interested in attending the festivities. There are too many events to detail here, but I encourage you to go to clevelandbeerweek.org where you will find a full schedule of area events for the week. CBW events will likely sell out so I recommend buying tickets sooner than later if you have specific events in mind. If volunteer turnout is any indication this year's events could fill up quickly! If you'd like to put your name on a waiting list to volunteer for a specific event please contact Kim at kimb@clevelandbeerweek.org.

The annual SNOB Son of Brewzilla homebrew competition is scheduled for October 28th. This year's event will be hosted once again at Fat Head's Brewery's production facility in Middleburg Heights (not the North Olmstead pub). If you are interested in volunteering as a judge or steward please visit <http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/> to register. Regardless of whether you've entered or volunteered please consider stopping by that evening for the awards ceremony at ~6pm to support your fellow SNOBs in their quest to reclaim the Cuyahoga Cup. The Fat Head's taproom always has a great selection of brewery fresh beers on tap and great food to boot.

If you have entries registered, please do not forget to pay your fees by October 13th via PayPal from the competition site. All entries not paid by this date will be purged and returned to the open market. Once someone else scoops up your entry spot, there's no getting it back. The drop-off window for all entries opens on Friday October 13th and closes on Friday October 20th. All entries should be shipped or dropped off at the Fat Head's Brewery & Tap House in Middleburg Heights. The only exception is for those volunteering to help unbox on Sunday, October 22nd. If you're interested in helping out for a few hours, please show up at Fat Head's around 11am. In doing so you will be allowed to carry in your own entries. You will not be allowed to drop off entries on the 22nd that are registered to anyone besides yourself. Please visit Fat Head's, buy some of their award-winning beer & food, and show them some love for sponsoring our competition! If you or anyone else you know is interesting in helping sponsor with cash & raffle prizes please contact the sponsorship organizer Jim Jadwisiak using the contact tab on the competition website or by emailing vicepresident@beersnobs.org.

Cheers, Andrew

SNOBs Night Out

October

No Night Out due to Cleveland Beer Week



A Bulk Cider Buy is being requested and considered 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.



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, UV treated and acid balanced. Presently we are at 110 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? We need to determine if the tote we used last year is still available, if not, other arrangements must be made such as buying a tote or using smaller containers. We need to contact Geig's Orchard to verify the price and availability. If we have to buy a tote, it would need a place to live and I have no place to store a 275-gallon tote here.



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.
- The VP supports the President, hosting meetings in their absence, runs the raffle and arranges the SNOB Nights Out.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Librarian maintains the book library, making sure we know where our loaned books are.

Son of Brewzilla is October 28, please help out by being a judge, steward, unboxing, setup and/or cleaning up afterwards. This will most likely be the last SoB held at the present



location of the Fat Heads Production Brewery as the new brewery is being built out. Thanks to Fat Heads for hosting us for the last several years.

Beer Women Rock is on the brew! Jessica Ihms is brewing with Karl at Brick and Barrel on September 10th for the upcoming Beer Women Rock event on September 30th. Cara's stepping away this year because she has bigger fish to fry, obviously. Any ladies who want to help brew that day can show up at the brick and Barrel. Contact [Jessica Ihms](#) for more detail.

The BCCA is holding it's annual Breweriana Show on October 21 from noon till 5PM at Double Wing Brewery, 7840 Doty Road in Madison OH. Free admission, raffle and brewery tours. Contact Rodger at 440-334-7561 for more info.

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](#)

Sep 2017

30: HAZtoberfest Competition

Oct 2017

2: SNOB Meeting

4: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Tasting Room at Production Brewery

5-7: GABF

11: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub

13-22: Cleveland Beer Week

15-20: Son of Brewzilla Drop Off Window

18: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub

21: BCCA Brewery Collectable Show

22: **Son of Brewzilla Unboxing**

25: BJCP Study Group at Market Garden Brew Pub

28: **Son of Brewzilla Competition**

30: Beer Women Rock Brewing



30: HAZtoberfest

Nov 2017

5: BJCP Certification Written Exam

6: SNOB Meeting

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

March 2017

Robert Schroeder

June 2017

Scott Goodfellow

January 2016

Ken and Lynn Stovansky

Tod Hulse

April 2017

July 2017

Jim Young & Mary Rose

February 2017

Stephen Jira, Louie West,

Levi Hume, Mike Gallagher

Stephen Fagerhaug

May 2017

Calvin Frye

August 2017

Jonathan Henning



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@beersnobs.org)



2017 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Andrew Mitchell
president@beersnobs.org

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NHC Lead Planning: Mike Ontolchik
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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](#): (**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**
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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: _____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

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.
Oktobersbest 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
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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