

**April, 2025**



#### **Our Next Meeting**

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102  
Topic: IPA beers

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **April Night Out**

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 P.M.  
Buckeye Beer Engine

#### **May Meeting**

Monday May 5th  
7:30 P.M.  
Sachsenheim Hall

*See more details on these  
and other events inside  
this newsletter.*

## **Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers**



### **President's Message**

I finally was able to brew for the first time in 2025. I made 10 gallons of Flemish Red. Half of that should go towards my Oud Bruin solera. It was the first weekend where the temperatures were above freezing and the snow had melted. My yeast was almost a week past the Best By date. It took a couple days to see fermentation but being a mixed fermentation sour blend of yeast and bacteria, I've learned not to worry about this beer. Between the high mash temps and the long Primary Fermentation schedule that I use, I wouldn't start to take gravity readings until at least a month after Brew Day. This is a good type of beer to make if you can have that kind of patience.

I am typing this up a few days earlier than I normally would because I will land a week before our April meeting in Munich with Harry Buchroeder and Andrew Mitchell. We'll be staying in Munich, Bamberg and Prague just as Harry and I have done the last couple of years. Being the beginning of Spring, we'll get to do a few different types of events that are over before Summer starts. All of this to say that I will be missing our April meeting. Jay O'Neill is going to pinch-hit for me as Katie Melnick is teaching a class and I wasn't able to connect with Michael Dunn to make sure he was prepared to run the meeting.

Our April meeting will be a Beer Category specific meeting around IPA. Jay plans to bring in his latest IPA. Hopefully, others will as well. If you haven't read or at least skimmed Mitch Steele's book, IPA or Scott Janish's The New IPA, I believe that both are great resources for anyone that wants to learn about how we got to the American IPA and then how it continues to evolve. IPA is a wide ranging subject and that is why the BJCP has created the Specialty IPA style and it's ever increasing sub styles. As with any beer style, IPA is first a marketing term. When entering an IPA

into competition, it is best to enter your beer as where it fits into the guidelines over what you set out to brew.

I'll be back for the April Night Out at Beer Engine with a few new travel stories. The Big Brew wort pickup will be Saturday, May 3rd. Sign up for wort using the link that Michael will provide. For the May meeting, Jason Melnick will be discussing making hot sauces. Also, please sign up for volunteering for the Belgian Family Brewers Beer Festival at Winking Lizard in Bedford Heights. Email Kevin Staeven to sign up.

Na Zdraví,

Mike

## Big Brew Day

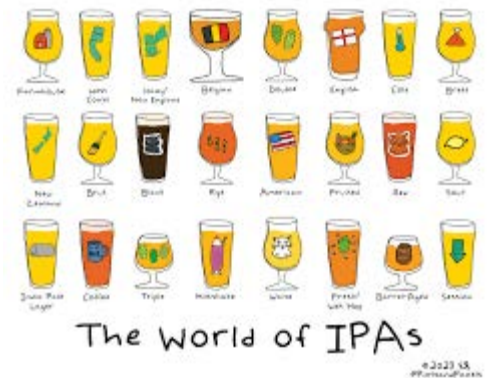


Once again, we will be having our annual Big Brew wort donation and competition. Many thanks to Ralph and the Terrestrial Brewing team for continuing this great tradition. Wort pickup will be Saturday, May 3rd. We haven't confirmed the pick-up time, but we should know closer to May 3rd. We'll hold the get together at Sachsenheim Hall on Friday, June 27th. First 30 entrants / 150 gallons should get wort. Here's the sign-up sheet for 2025:

<https://forms.gle/JkeHuTciN7Xi8R6m7>

## April Meeting

The April meeting will be a focus on IPAs. Pinch-hitting for Mike, Jay O'Neill will lead the presentation and also talk about an IPA he brewed. Anyone who also brewed an IPA can send information about your beer to Jay at [joneill@fj3.com](mailto:joneill@fj3.com)



## May Meeting

The May meeting will be a focus on fermented hot sauce. Members are encouraged to bring home made and/or home fermented hot sauces to share.

## Belgian Beer Fest and Volunteer Opportunity

Winking Lizard is putting on the Belgian Family Brewers Beer Festival. It will take place at the Winking Lizard Bedford Party Center, May 31st .

Winking Lizard needs volunteers and has reached out to SNOBS for help,

Volunteers will receive free admission to the festival and a \$30j Winking Lizard gift card.

Additionally, the club will receive \$500 !!

Let's make this inaugural festival a success and show that the club is a great partner.

Two sessions are available;

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Needed are 25 volunteers per session.

To volunteer email Kevin Staeven ([kdstaeven@winkinglizard.com](mailto:kdstaeven@winkinglizard.com))

## Bus Trip

Mark your calendars for May 17th. ! We're gearing up for an unforgettable One-Day Bus Trip to Columbus packed with exceptional craft beer, hearty meals, and camaraderie among fellow beer enthusiasts.

Time is running out! To lock in this unforgettable Columbus Beer Adventure, we need 31 beer-loving adventurers to sign up by April 11! Once we reach 31, we will start accepting payments.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG3qV3Rezi61kBK0E3Zu0hS85ny6nkneEVqCceA13szgASJA/viewform>

Don't wait—secure your spot now and be part of a day packed with top-tier breweries, great food, and unbeatable company.



## Other News

### Competitions

**TRASH 33** - Bellefonte, PA. New Date! 4/25/2025. Entry Deadline is April 15

### National Homebrew Competition - Round 1.

Chicago April 11-12, Receiving entries March 24-28.

**British Beer fest-** SODZ from Columbus is once again hosting their British beer competition on April 26. Registration is now open and closes April 26.

For more information and to register: <https://bbf.sodz.org/>

## April night out

On Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, we're heading to Buckeye Beer Engine in Lakewood for an evening of top-notch craft beer, great food and even better company!

With an ever-changing lineup of craft brews and a killer food menu, Buckeye Beer Engine is a SNOB'S favorite for good reason. Whether you're craving a perfectly poured pint or one of their legendary burgers, this is the perfect spot to kick back and catch up with fellow homebrewers. The Beer Engine is located at 15315 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107.



## Local Upcoming Festivals

There are several area beer fests coming up. They are each a good opportunity to get out and mingle with fellow SNOBs and beer lovers.

Ashland Ale Fest - June 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. Go to [ashlandmainstreet.org](http://ashlandmainstreet.org) or visit the Facebook event for more information.

## Request for homebrew



Please consider brings a keg or growler of your homebrew to a meeting. Let Mike know in advance and he can add it to the presentation slides. Bring your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from members and judges in attendance. Plus it's always nice to share and sample what members are brewing.

## SNOBwear T-shirts



We still have a good selection of sizes for the SNOB T-shirt available. \$10 for sizes S – XL, \$15 for larger sizes. Contact Michael at [secretary@beersnobs.org](mailto:secretary@beersnobs.org) if you want one.

## About SNOB

SNOB is one of Ohio's oldest clubs for homebrewers. Founded in 1990 and recognized as AHA's national club of the year in 2020, the club meets the first Monday of each month a 7:30 PM at [Sachsenheim Hall](#) on Cleveland's West Side. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also hosts special evenings at local brewpubs and restaurants, homebrew competitions, a spring bus trip, a summer camping event, our annual Oktoberfest weekend festival and an extravagant Christmas party. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, where they will find lively presentations on beer and brewing, great conversation, and answers to any brewing questions they might have. Website at: [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

## 2025 Meeting Dates

	August 4th – Monthly Meeting
April 7th – Monthly Meeting	August 25th – September Monthly Meeting
May 5th – Monthly Meeting	October 6 <sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting
June 9th – Monthly Meeting	November 3rd - Monthly Meeting
June 27th – Friday evening cook out -July Meeting	December 5th – Christmas Party

## Membership Dues

As always, non-members are welcome at meetings, but some activities (parties, bus trip, collaboration brews) are members only. Please consider joining today! Single member dues are \$40. Couples (living in same



household) are \$60. Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting [treasurer@beersnobs.org](mailto:treasurer@beersnobs.org) or using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

Your membership dues are used to pay for club activities throughout the year like the annual Christmas Party and rental at The Brooklyn Exchange Cabin where we hold the annual SNOBtoberfest. They pay for club insurance, food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

## 2025 Officers



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