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Hello SNOBs,

May has been a beer-fueled month for me. I'm not as prolific a brewer as many of you, and for the first time ever I did three batches this month. Why? Because the summer is going to be GREAT!

First, we have our upcoming meeting on June 6. The theme will be yeasty bears. I am making a Saison for that one. It is one of my very favorite styles and I am looking forward to sharing it. I am being exceedingly bold and using a yeast that I am not familiar with - Omega's Saisonstein. It's a genetic hybrid of a Belgian and a French strain, and was just too tempting not to experiment with. Don't forget to let me know if you are bringing anything to the meeting.

Then, we have HomebrewCon

in mid-June. I have a Christmas Gose going for that one to go with our Christmas themed booth. Thank you to Keith for the idea for the booth theme.



Finally, my Big Brew beer is coming together. I hope that you get to taste it at the July meeting / party. Because we had to move the meeting due to the July 4th holiday - that party will be on July 1. Don't forget to sign up so we can give Grumpy an accurate count.

There you have it, three beers from me this month. Don't expect it to be a regular thing.

Cheers,

Erica

This Month's Meeting

Witbiers, Saisons, and Hefes, oh my! Show off your favorite yeast strain (or just one that you find interesting) in a beer style that lets those yeast-derived flavors shine!

Erica asks that if you are bringing a yeasty beer to the meeting to share and discuss, to please send her any pertinent details and slides you want to share ahead of time. She would love The beer name, ABV, yeast strain, pictures from brew day, and/or any fun details.

Our Next Meeting

When:

June 6th at 7:30 pm

Where:

Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

What:

Yeasty Beers

PLEASE KEEP OUR MEMBERS HEALTHY

IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19, HAVE SYMPTOMS, OR THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE COVID-19, PLEASE FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES FOR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION.

Upcoming Events



June, 2022

6th - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs—Style Meeting, **Yeasty Beers**

16th - Night Out @ Bell Tower Brewing

23rd-25th—HomebrewCon, Pittsburgh, PA

July, 2022

1st - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs. Friday evening **Big Brew Tasting** and party. See Below for details!

Camp Out @ Auburn Acres ?

August, 2022

1st - Monthly Meeting @ Sachs.

29th - September Meeting @ Sachs. Due to Labor Day, the September meeting falls in August this year.



Big Brew Tasting & Summer Party

The July Meeting will be held on Friday July 1st at the Sachsenheim Hall. Last Summer's combination Big Brew & 2020 Christmas Party was so much fun, we wanted to try it again. Grumpy will be putting on a summer picnic themed dinner for us as we taste our Big brews. **Guests are welcome.** Ralph and Drew from Terrestrial will be on hand to choose their favorite for a Pro-Am brew.

Date: Friday, July 1st

Time: 6 pm tastings begin. Dinner served at 7 pm

Place: Sachsenheim Hall Beer Garden

Menu: Bratwursts, Hot Dogs & Burgers with Grumpy Potato Salad and Baked Beans.

Cost: SNOB Members meals are free. Meals for Guests & Non-Members are \$8.00 each.

Sign-up using the link below so we can give Grumpy a head-count and can make name badges:

<https://forms.gle/JBmAVSD3Co86NUyx7>



SNOBs On Tap

May Night Out

Following the May meeting which featured Clark Benson from **Masthead Brewing** who led an insightful discussion regarding barrel aging beers. The Club's went to Masthead on May 7th to taste their fine beer and pizza. Thank you Clark and the entire team at Masthead.

Nights Out are a great way to meet and socialize with other members over a glass of our local craft brewers finest offerings.



SNOBs On Tap, continued

Big Brew

Many Thanks to **Terrestrial Brewing** for their support of the homebrew community. **Ralph Sgro** and **Drew** were assisted by SNOB **Andy Morales** in brewing the Golden Promise based wort for this year's Big Brew Day. **Brewly Club**.



SNOBs On Tap, continued

Bell Tower Brewing SNOB Collaboration

A group of East Side SNOBs (definitely a minority in this club) Met at **Bell Tower Brewing** in Kent last month to design a recipe and then got back together a week later to assist in the Brewing Process. **Todd Donnelly, Mike Ontolchik, Jay O'Neill & Paul Klammer** worked with Brewmaster/Owner **Jennifer Hermann** and her assistant Karl Walter to create a Hot Pepper Cream Ale. The June Night Out will be at Bell Tower on June 16th to taste this and their other offerings.



HomebrewCon & Club Night

After two years, HomebrewCon is returning to an in-person event this summer. Better yet, it will be only a short two hour drive away in Pittsburgh, PA. The national conference will be Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th. There will be educational seminars, club events, vendor spaces and of course the NHC competition.



Club Night — SNOB will be having a Club Night booth space on the Friday night of the convention where we will show off our brewing talents. We have seven club members committed to bringing beverages for Club Night at HomebrewCon. Thanks to **Erica Anton, Todd Donnelly, Paul Klammer, Keith Kost, Andrew Mitchell, Jay O'Neill and Mike Ontolchik**, we have 11 of our 12 beverage lines planned. We are going with a Christmas theme for our booth, so we will have decorations and holiday-themed attire to pair with Keith's Christmas Ale, Erica's Christmas Gose, Jay's Mexican Chocolate Stout and Andrew's Figgy Pudding inspired holiday ale. Hoppy SNOBmas or Feliz NaviSNOB, everyone.



Per Mike Ontolchik, he spent an evening cleaning the SNOB show bar draft lines. This entailed a water rinse, a 10 minute draft line cleaner cycle of each tap and then more rinse water and then a final CO2 blast to clear the lines of liquid. He plans to give them a Star-San blast and then CO2 before HomebrewCon in June. He said that he cleaned out funky looking organic growth. While his homebrewery cat, Claus, supervised. If you have any comments or questions about participating, talk to Mike.

Some links: [American Homebrewers Association](#): Become a member.— [HomebrewCon](#): Event Website with hotel registration open — [2019 HomebrewCon Club Night](#): YouTube video



Judging Opportunity

Jessica Ihms forwarded this from the **Breweries in Pennsylvania Homebrew Invitational** homebrew competition. They are looking for judges on a variety of dates and at various locations.

This link [should answer any questions you have](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK9hsmXYXPWebeEd_bzFO5jMPSJIcaw3BMdOp5Wh2riSpTg/viewform) about the dates and locations. Please use the sign up form below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK9hsmXYXPWebeEd_bzFO5jMPSJIcaw3BMdOp5Wh2riSpTg/viewform

BJCP Class



Our beer community needs more beer judges. Up your beer game and become one. If you are interested, please respond to the following survey of community interest — <https://forms.gle/GuDJn89GPbtzZfxx5>

Paul has received notification that the BJCP has assigned November 5 and November 12 for the Cleveland/Akron area judge tasting exams. He will provide more information regarding signing up for the exams and about the class schedules in the coming days. Contact Paul for additional information pkammerspam@hotmail.com

Ohio Mead Group (OMG)

The Ohio Mead Group (OMG) has resumed monthly meetings. We are working to prepare interested members to take the BJCP Mead Judging exam which Paul Klammer is working on scheduling this summer. Follow the OMG Facebook page or watch this newsletter for announcements.



BJCP 2021 Style Guideines

www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/

Competitions

Following is a select list of upcoming regional and national competitions you might be interested in entering:

2022 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

Unfortunately will not be held this year.

Indiana Brewers Cup

July 9th, Indianapolis, IN. This is their State Fair Competition. Entry is open until 6/22.

Kentucky State Fair

August 13th, Louisville, KY. Entry is open until 7/1.

Chili Pepper Extravaganza

July 31st, Brighton, CO. I included this on the list simply because it sounds fun. Entry is open until 7/31.

King of the Mountain

August 27th, Cleveland, OH

Request for Homebrew

Monthly Meetings

Please consider bringing a keg or growler of your homebrew to share at monthly meetings. Let Erica know in advance, she can add it to the meeting slides. Bringing your beer is a good way to get constructive feedback from the members and judges in attendance. Also as Mr. Rogers liked to say "It's nice to share".

Style Focus Meetings

This year, we will be continuing the style focus meetings. We wanted to let you know the themes ahead of time to give everyone a chance to get the ideas (and the wort) going! Please let us know if you plan on participating. We would like at least 4 samples at each of the planned style meetings

Summer 2022 – Yeasty Beers — Witbiers, Saisons, and Hefes, oh my! Show off your favorite yeast strain (or just one that you find interesting) in a beer style that lets those yeast-derived flavors shine!

Fall 2022 – Malty Beers — Brew some seasonal Oktoberfest, Marzen, pumpkin spice or others featuring those roasty, bready malt flavors to share with the club.



Newsletter

Have any ideas for the newsletter? Is there anything you'd like to see here occasionally or on a regular basis. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Let me know! Cheers, Jay

SNOBwear T-Shirts

Summer is coming. We still have a good selection of sizes of the SNOB T-Shirts available.

\$10 for sizes S—XL, \$15 for larger sizes

Contact Jay if you want one — secretary@beersnobs.org



Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

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 \$30. Couples (living in same household) are \$50

Dues can be paid to the treasurer at the meetings, by contacting treasurer@beersnobs.org or using the paypal link found on our website, <https://www.beersnobs.org/>

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Membership Benefits

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Plus, use your SNOB membership card to gain discounts on all things brewing and beer-related at the following merchants:

Cleveland Brew Shop - 10% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SNOBs10 when filling out the online order form. <https://www.clevelandbrewshop.com>

Grape & Granery - 5% off on all brewing supplies. Use the code SAAZ1819 when filling out the online order form or show your card at checkout. <https://www.grapeandgranery.com>

Bookhouse Brewing — \$1 off drafts for AHA members EVERYDAY <https://bookhouse.beer>

Buckeye Beer Engine — \$1 of drafts (no discount for drinks under \$3) EVERYDAY <https://buckeyebeerengine.com>

As many of the long-time members may recall, this used to be a fairly extensive list. Your officers are working to reach out to businesses to expand this list. If you have contacts, please feel free to ask if they would like to participate. Let me know the de-

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers—The fine print

SNOB are 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 in Hinckley, 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. [SNOBS | Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Cleveland, Ohio \(beersnobs.org\)](#)

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2021 Son of Brewzilla Competition Results

Cleveland's Premier Homebrew Competition

2021 Results

[Son of Brewzilla? - Brew Competition Online Entry & Management \(beersnobs.org\)](#)



Extra, Extra

Russian Brewers Facing Hop Shortages

The pressure on Russia continues to grow as the war in Ukraine carries on, and soon it will be impacting locally manufactured beer.

Reuters shared that the Russian Union of Brewers requested government assistance to increase hops production in the country in order to help replace the potential loss of the imported plant. Russia reportedly imports 98% of the hops used in the country every year to make beer, and brewers are now projecting that they could soon run out of the ingredient. Hops are one of the four main components of modern beers, in addition to malt, water, and yeast. While you don't need the ingredient to brew beer, it is responsible for much of the flavor and smell you likely expect when you crack open a cold one.

Since Russia began its invasion of Ukraine on February 24, The New York Times reports over 50 companies -- including fast food chains like McDonalds, clothing brands, banks, and media organizations -- have halted or drastically reduced business in the country. That list includes beverage giants Heineken and Carlsberg, which could potentially exacerbate the Russian hops shortage. Danish-owned Carlsberg accounts for 27% of the Russian beer market as the owner of the country's largest brewery, Baltika. Netherlands-based Heineken is the third largest beer producer in the country, owning three local brands. Both companies plan to sell their Russian businesses.

With major foreign players leaving the country, demand for locally brewed beer could significantly increase. However, Russian brewers only have a few months' worth of hops stockpiled.

Russia's imports of hops come primarily from the United States, Germany, and the Czech Republic, all of which have imposed economic sanctions on Russia. While the United States has yet to impose sanctions limiting agricultural or food exports to the country, that could change if the war continues. Trade relations between the countries have already soured as the U.S. and G7 suspended Russia's "most favored nation" status in March, a measure aimed at increasing import tariffs on Russian-made goods.

As stated above, the Russian Union of Brewers has asked for government assistance in increasing local production of hops to make the industry self-sufficient, much as Papa John's Russian franchise owner has done. However, this is no small ask: Russian hops farmers estimate they would need about \$6.4 million annually in subsidies for the next three to five years. It's unclear if the government will be willing or able to accommodate the request.

