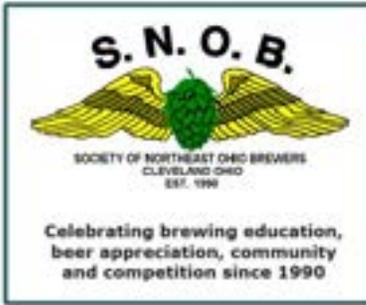


October, 2023

Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers



Our Next Meeting

Monday, October 2nd
7:30 pm
Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Upcoming Events

October Meeting

Monday, **October 2nd**
7:30 pm.
Sachsenheim Hall Beer
Garden.

Night Out

Thursday, **October 19th**
6:00 pm.
Great Lakes Brewing
Co., Beer Cellar

Christmas Party

Friday, December 1st
Sachsenheim Hall

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

President's Krausening

- Erica Anton

Happy Autumn, Everyone!

First of all, I need to send BIG congratulations to the Cleveland Area winners at GABF

- Fat Heads for 3 (!!!!) Golds for Head Hunter, Google Fogger, and Alpenglow
- Hoppin' Frog for a Gold in Honey Beer

Royal Docks for a Bronze in Pumpkin Beer

Great job!



I also wanted to shout out all of the great events going on for Cleveland Beer week. Autumn in Cleveland is one of my favorite times to drink beer - and the city does not disappoint. Many of the local breweries have unique offerings on hand, and you can usually get your hands (or lips) on some rarities and special releases. I hope to see many of you out and about - either as attendees or as volunteers. I am super excited for the Barrel Aged Bash and Night at the Hanger.

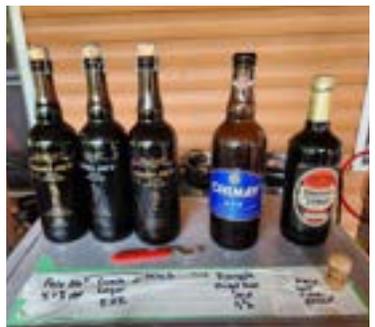
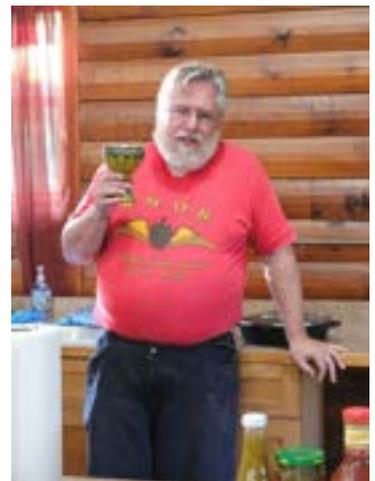
I also want to put in a plug for Brewly's event on October 5 at Cleveland Brew Shop. It is always a good time filled with some really unique beers made with some fun rules. You can vote on your favorites and chat up the brewers. Always a good time.

Hope to see you out! Cheers!

Erica

SNOBtoberfest

Many thanks to John Majetic and his band of helpers for once again obtaining splitting and transporting all the firewood. Thanks to everyone who brought and cooked food and everyone who brought beer. It was a beautiful weekend in Hinkley at the Brooklyn Exchange cabin.



Competitions

Congratulation to SNOB award winners in recent brew competitions. At the Little Mountain Homebrew Club's **King of the Mountain** competition on September 16th Todd Donnelly won best Brewer. He swept the Traditional and Fruit Mead category winning 1st, 2nd & 3rd place medals. He also took Gold in the Cider & Perry category. Andrew Mitchell medaled in the Belgian & Strong ale category. There were 133 entries and SNOB, based on Todd's strong showing, took second place among participating clubs.

Son of Brewzilla –2023

This years' edition of Cleveland's premier homebrew competition will be held November 10th & 11th at Fat Heads Brewery. Registration is now open and entries must be registered and paid for by October 18th.



Please consider brewing for this competition. We need to bring the Cuyahoga cup back to Cleveland. Entry drop-off at Fat Heads is from 10/27 through 11/3.

Volunteers are needed to judge and steward. Unboxing will be 11/5. People can contact Mike Ontolchik if you can help unbox. vicepresident@beersnobs.org

Sign up to enter or volunteer today!

<http://beersnobs.org/cbwcomp/>



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Speed Bump | Dave Coverly



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Other Beer Events

Cleveland Beer Week September 29—October 8th

Cleveland Beer Week couples larger flagship events with events at local bars and eateries that feature keg tapplings, beer pairings, tasting dinners, brewer meet and greets, and educational events throughout Greater Cleveland. Neighborhood bars and restaurants can showcase their creativity, culinary expertise, and, of course, their craft beer lists! There truly is something for everyone during Cleveland Beer Week. See the website for details [Cleveland Beer Week](#)



SNOB & GLBC Double Anniversary Night Out, October 19th

SNOB is 33 years old this month. Great Lakes Brewing just turned 35. We'll celebrate these birthdays together when we have our October Night Out on the 19th. We will be returning to our roots for this special night out. The GLBC Beer Cellar was the location of our monthly meetings in the early years of the club. It's going to be a really fun night. Huge thanks to Katie Melnick for putting this together!



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

Throughout the year we will be having 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



Collaboration Opportunities!

Would you like to be part of a SNOB collaboration team and help brew at a local craft brewery? Join a SNOB Collab. People interested should email Mike Ontolchik at vicepresident@beersnobs.org.



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

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

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:

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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/>

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 food, supplies and prizes for SNOBtoberfest, Chili Cook-off, Big Brew etc.

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

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>

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Extra, Extra -

Ohio Brewers earn record number of medals at GABF

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CLEVELAND, Ohio – Ohio breweries set a record for most medals won by the state's breweries at the [Great American Beer Festival](#) this weekend.

The state's showing is impressive: 13 breweries earned 19 medals. In 2019, breweries across the state won 15 medals, according to the [Ohio Craft Brewers Association](#).

Four breweries in Northeast Ohio figured among the winners – Fat Head's Brewery, Hoppin' Frog, Noble Creature Wild Ales & Lagers and Royal Docks earned six medals.

Outside of the region, Cincinnati-area breweries cleaned up. Five breweries in or near the Queen City took home nine medals, including a collaboration award. Sharonville-based Third Eye Brewing Co. also was named Brewery of the Year (1,001-2,000 barrels).

Fat Head's is the flag-bearer for GABF victories in Ohio. The brewery won three medals, all gold. Most impressive is Head Hunter in the American-Style India Pale Ale category, an extremely competitive group. This year, 206 beers were entered in that category.

Owner-brewer Matt Cole might need to build more shelf space with hooks to hang the multiple medals the Middleburg Heights brewery has earned over the years. All three of Fat Head's winners earned medals previously at GABF.

Hoppin' Frog also won gold, for its Smashing Honey Blonde in the honey beer category.

"I was especially excited," owner Fred Karm said. "That was the beer I was hoping to win."

Karm, who said the GABF gold for Smashing Blonde follows its silver at the World Beer Cup just a few months ago, was especially pleased because the beer is part of an introductory line he designed for Hoppin' Frog. The lower-alcohol beers are 5.2 percent alcohol and serve as a gateway for folks to try the many bold styles the Akron brewery makes.

Royal Docks in Canton garnered a bronze for Pumpkinslayer in the Pumpkin Beer category.

"It was nice; it's good to be recognized for a beer that does well for us every year," said brewer Dave Sutula, who added that the brewery has doubled the amount it makes of the beer because "usually we don't make it to the first week of October."

The idea was a riff off of Starbucks' cult coffee drink, [Pumpkin Spice Latte](#).

"The whole idea was pumpkin spice coffee beer," said Sutula, who said several years ago he ordered one at the coffee shop and "for some reason the word 'pumpkinslayer' popped into my head. I decided to make our pumpkin beer a coffee beer, and it took off."

The numbers are more than just statistical marks on a page. The state has continued to increase its number of breweries; more than 420 exist. The medals reflect the continued quality the breweries are churning out.

According to the Ohio Craft Brewers Association, since 1987, 60 Ohio craft breweries have won 202 medals – 70 gold – at GABF.

The competition, held annually in Denver with winners announced on the final day of the three-day fest, is a serious blind-judged evaluation, with thousands of entries in scores of categories.

"We're proud of all of Ohio," Sutula said. "We cleaned up."



Extra, Extra -

2023 GABF medal-winning Ohio breweries and beers

Fat Head's Brewery – Middleburg Heights

- Alpenglow – Gold – German Wheat Ale
- Goggle Fogger – Gold – South German-Style Hefeweizen
- Head Hunter – Gold – American-Style India Pale Ale

Third Eye Brewing Co. – Sharonville

- Chai Eye Captain – Gold – Herb and Spice Beer
- Double Astral – Gold – Chocolate Beer
- Gourd Darn-it – Silver – Pumpkin Beer

Brink Brewing Co. - Cincinnati

- Lil Zoomie – Gold – Coffee Stout or Porter
- Moozie – Bronze – Sweet Stout or Cream Stout

Hoppin' Frog Brewery - Akron

- Smashing Honey Blonde – Gold – Honey Beer

Rhinegeist - Cincinnati

- Kiwi (The Bird) – Gold – New Zealand India Pale Ale

The Brew Brothers - Columbus

- Toasty – Silver – English Mild or Bitter

Eudora Brewing Co. - Dayton

- Daytonian Rhapsody – Silver – Bohemian-Style Pilsener

Inside the Five Brewing Co. - Sylvania

- Megaphone – Silver – Irish-Style Red Ale

Narrow Path Brewing Co. - Loveland

- Restless Seas – Silver – German Sour Ale

Noble Creature Wild Ales & Lagers - Youngstown

- Earth & Aether – Silver – Belgian-Style Sour Ale

Seventh Son Brewing Co. – Columbus

- Stone Fort – Silver – English-Style Brown Ale

MadTree Brewing Co. – Cincinnati

- Legendary Lager – Bronze – Light Lager

Royal Docks Brewing Co. - Canton

- Pumpkinslayer – Bronze – Pumpkin Beer

Narrow Path/Third Eye

- Mounds of Importance – Silver – Collaboration Beer