

SNOB's

The Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers Club Newsletter

Next Meeting is Monday, May 4th, 7:30pm
at Sachsenheim Hall

President's Krausening

Fellow SNOBs,

I know I started the April Krausening by congratulating Paul Shick on winning our March Competition for the AHA Club Only Beers over 1.080 OG Competition, but I now have to congratulate Paul for winning the AHA Competition as well. The SNOBs are currently tied for second place in the AHA Club of the Year standings! The National Homebrew Competition will skew those standings, as points are awarded per category. It's still nice to see our club towards the top of the standings as we start the month of May. The Ohio State Fair Homebrew competition, covering all BJCP 2008 categories has been announced. The entry dates are July 13th through the 17th, so now is the time to brew up what you've perfected to enter into the State Fair.

The month of May should prove to be another fun month for SNOBs. Friday, May 1st is the postmark date for mail order tickets for Great Taste of the Midwest. We'll be celebrating National Homebrew Day and Big Brew at Buckeye Brewing on Saturday, May 2nd this year. Last year, we each brewed our own beers at Buckeye, using our own equipment and various brewing techniques. This year, we'll be making a Rye IPA that will then be aged in a bourbon barrel. To do this, we'll have a large communal mash, followed by boiling in our own kettles. To keep fermentation consistent, the chilled wort will go into a single large fermenter, then into the bourbon barrel aging. Briess Malt has donated a bag of malted rye and L.D. Carlson has donated a bag of 2-row Pale for our beer. John Majetic has acquired a barrel from the bourbon distillery, Buffalo Trace. Once the beer is fermented and barrel aged, we'll bring it to meetings and club events.

May continues with a beer dinner on the 18th at an East Side location we haven't talked about much, the Beach Club Bistro in Euclid, Ohio. The restaurant is on Lakeshore, west of East 222nd and will feature Rogue Ales Brewery. On May 19th, the new brewpub, Fatheads Cleveland will be hosting brewers

from Victory Brewing along with some of their special beers.

SNOBs Nite Out will be at the new Fatheads Cleveland on May 27th. Fatheads is located at the corner of Lorain and Columbia in North Olmsted. We'll enjoy the new West Side brewpub / gastro pub featuring beers made by our old SNOBs brewer friend, Matt Cole. You know Matt, he used to brew all that great beer at Rocky River Brewing.

At our May 4th SNOBs meeting, Todd Donnelly will be bringing a special treat. Todd brewed up a 10 gallon batch of Hefeweizen and split the batch into two carboys for a yeast experiment. One batch will be White Labs WLP300 Hefeweizen Ale, which Todd has used in the past, the second batch will be Wyeast 3068 Weihenstephan Weizen. We'll compare the two yeast strains when recipe and fermentation temperature have been the same and discover which we prefer. Some tips I have gleaned from books and from talking to other brewers when it comes to making Hefeweizen are to ferment at a low temperature and top crop from another batch if possible. So, this will be our first style discussion meeting of the year. Bring some Weizen and your experiences and we'll share beer and what we've learned.

Now that our Big Brew will be fermenting away, it will be time to start looking towards summer and our next club event, Brew & Canoe. Tim McDonnell hosts the club at his campground, Franklin Flats in Huron, Ohio for a weekend of camping, homebrew and potluck. We SNOBs brew pretty good beers. What I truly enjoyed at last year's Brew & Canoe was the food. There will be jockey box after jockey box full of taps and there will also be plate after plate of food. This really is a fun time. Brew & Canoe will be July 24th through July 27th.

The Cavs are in the playoffs, The Indians are back at The Prog, there's a whole new Browns team in Berea. It's time to get outside and brew some beer.

See everyone at the meeting,
Mike Ontolchik



S.N.O.B.'s 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

SNOB's Website / BLOG

<http://www.beersnobs.org> / ohiobeersnobs.wordpress.com

S.N.O.B.'s Night Out - Wednesday, May 27th

Fat Head's - Cleveland

Fat Heads is located in North Olmstead at the corner of Lorain and Columbia Roads

Website: <http://fatheadscleveland.com>

Big Brew 2009 - Saturday May 2nd

We're 4 days out from Big Brew. 4 days until Rye IPA brewing. Our plan is to brew 100 gallons of Rye IPA at the Buckeye Brewery location. We'll be using our own common mash tun and split the wort amongst the brewers. Wort and hops will be provided. We'll ferment all the beer together and age it in a bourbon barrel. Our Big Brew Beer will be brought out periodically to meetings and events to see how it ages.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are still some openings.

Friday, May 1st 6:00 pm, cleanup and setup

Saturday, May 2nd 10:00 am, mash and sparge

Saturday, May 2nd 2:00 pm, boil, chill and cleanup

Please contact Mike Ontolchik at montolchik@yahoo.com

Or just stop out and visit on Saturday. Food (most likely pizza) will be available. If you plan to come out and visit and/or bring friends and relatives, please let us know so we can better plan for food. Snacks and Homebrew are always welcome.

For those of you who haven't been before, Buckeye Brewing is located at 9985 Walford Ave., Cleveland OH. Walford is off of West Blvd. South of Lorain.

See everyone May 2nd (or May 1st)!

American Craft Beer Week - May 11th thru 17th

With American Craft Beer Week less than a month away, we want you to consider making plans to celebrate the week of May 11th – 17th by supporting your local brewery.

Go to www.AmericanCraftBeerWeek.org to check out events in your area. While you are there, you can click on the link to become a fan of American Craft Beer Week on [Facebook](#). By becoming a fan you, essentially, are signing the "Declaration of Beer Independence" which is the theme of this year's ACBW, and before you leave be sure to leave a note on the wall of how you plan to celebrate American Craft Beer Week (May 11- 17).

Things you can do to celebrate American Craft Beer Week and show your support:

- 1) Sign the 'Declaration of Beer Independence' posted on Facebook by becoming a fan of the page: <http://tinyurl.com/acbw-fb> so we can reach our goal of 10,000 fans by May 17!
- 2) Spread the word and get others you know to sign the Declaration on Facebook!
- 3) Attend an event at your local brewery during [American Craft Beer Week](#).
- 4) Print the '[Declaration of Independence](#)' and give it to your local retailer, tavern or restaurant to show them you support beer made from small and independent brewers.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require further assistance.

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Der Braumeister taps Hofbrau Maibock - May 1st at 7:00 pm

Der Braumeister
Beer Garden
Opens May 1st

Join us as we tap Hofbrau Maibock Beer

'There are only two kegs in Cleveland, and they are right here at Der Braumeister!'

Complimentary Appetizers!

Der Braumeister
13046 Lorain Ave
Cleveland, OH 44111
216-671-6220

Corner of West 131st St & Lorain Ave
Parking in back, on street, & at CVS drugstore lot

2009 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2009 are currently being collected by Tim McDonnell, treasurer. SNOBS membership price remains the same, still a bargain at only \$30 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Dual membership.

Included in the membership is admittance to the **4 big SNOB events of the year: Beer No Sweat** (Spring), **Brew and Canoe** (weekend camping event end of July), **Oktoberfest** (weekend camping event end of September) and the catered **SNOBS Christmas Party** (December).

The Membership form and event Waiver can be found at the end of the newsletter. Dues can be paid to Tim at the next meeting or mailed to him at the address on the form.

Treasurer's Report - April 2009

April Income			April Expenses	
Membership	45.00		Sachsenheim Club meeting room	40.00
Raffle (meeting and bus trip)	208.00			
Subtotal (April)	\$253.00		Subtotal (April)	\$40.00

Tim McDonnell, Treasurer

Raffle Donations from the Last Meeting

Donated Item (April meeting)	Donated by
Mike Ontolchik	Double Trouble
Denes Szabo	Guinness sign
Steve Walrath	Druid Fluid
Sue Gordon	2 Kwok glass, 1 Left Hand glass
Karl Webeer	Stone pint glass
Dainius Zalensas	Taster, 4 pack
Beer Engine	Scaldis Amber, Rubin and the Jets
Dave Clark	2 beers
Tim McDonnell	2 wine

Thanks to all for the many donations to the raffles !! Please patronize our sponsors.

AHA Club-Only Competition

August 2009 - Amber Hybrid Beers

This competition covers BJCP Category 7 beer styles.

Entry deadline is August 19, 2009 (Westminster, Colorado). Judging will be held August 23, 2009.

This is a BJCP-sanctioned competition.

S.N.O.B.S. Society (of) Northeast Ohio Brewers 2009 Officers and Chairpersons
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SNOB's 2009 Calendar of Events

May 2009

May 1st (Friday): Setup for Big Brew @ 6:00 pm Buckeye Brewing
 9985 Walford Ave, Cleveland

May 2nd (Saturday): (AHA) Big Brew National Homebrew Day

Buckeye Brewing 9985 Walford Ave, Cleveland
 Brewing starts at 10:00 am

May 4th (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim
 Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland

Topic: Hefe yeast discussion and tasting

May 18th (Monday): Beach Club Bistro Beer Dinner
 On Lakeshore, west of East 222nd, Euclid, Ohio

May 18th (Tuesday): Meet the Brewers (Victory Brewing) at
 Fatheads – Cleveland @ 7:00 pm
 Corner of Columbia and Lorain Roads, North Olmstead
 www.fatheadscleveland.com

May 27th (Wednesday): SNOBs Nite Out @
 Fatheads – Cleveland @ 7:00 pm
 Corner of Columbia and Lorain Roads, North Olmstead
 www.fatheadscleveland.com

June 2009

June 1st (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim
 Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland

June 18th – 20th: (AHA) National Homebrewer's Conference,
 Oakland, California "Sippin' on the Dock of the Bay"
 (AHA) National Homebrew Competition Finals (6/18)

June TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

July 2009

July 6th (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim

Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland
July 13th – 17th : Ohio State Fair entries due
July TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA
July 24-26th: (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Brew and Canoe

August 2009

August 1st (Sat): (AHA) Mead Day
August 3th (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland
August TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

September 2009

September 4th – 7th: Berea Oktoberfest at Berea Fairgrounds
September 14th (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM
Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland
September TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA
Late September TBA: (Friday thru Sunday) Oktoberfest!!!!

October 2009

October 5th (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland
October TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

November 2009

November 2nd (Monday): SNOBs Meeting @ 7:30PM Sachsenheim
Hall, 7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland
Officer Elections.

Saturday, November : Teach a Friend to Homebrew
November TBA: SNOBs Nite Out - TBA

December 2009

No monthly Meeting
Early December TBA: SNOBs Christmas Party.

Web links of interest

Beer and your Health <http://www.realbeer.com/edu/health/>
Regional Brew Guides (while traveling)
<http://beerme.com/breweries/>
Brewer's Association
<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/links.html>
NHC <http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html>
Pro Brewer (Brewing tools and calculators)
<http://www.probrewer.com/resources/tools/>
Brew Your Own (Magazine) <http://byo.com/>
Brew Board <http://www.brewboard.com>
Freshops <http://www.freshops.com>
Grape and Granary <http://www.grapeandgranary.com>
Brewing Software
<http://www.beersmith.com/>
<http://www.usermode.org/code.html>
<http://cyberbrau.sourceforge.net/>

Membership Form

**Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers
(SNOBs)**

c/o Tim McDonnell

2199 Clarence Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

Individual Membership (\$30)

Dual Membership (\$45)

(Prorated for NEW members if you join after June.
Contact Tim McDonnell for the current rate.)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

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Post Office mail.

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related business or groups **unless** you initial
here _____.

Today's date _____

