

BOSMOPOLITAN

February 2007

Febrewary Meeting **Name That Beer!**

February 16 . Mecklenburg Gardens . 7:30pm

I can name that beer in two sips... Think you've got the taste buds to discern ale from lager? English IPA from American IPA? Vienna Lager from Oktoberfest? Then we hope to see your smiling face at Mecklenburg Gardens this month!

Here's how it works: You'll be given samples of a commercially available beer. You must first decide is it an ale or a lager? (1 point). Then define the general style. (Example: American Ale, another point.) Now, can you name the correct sub-style? (Am. Brown Ale, a third point). Finally, can you name the exact brand of beer? (In this example, Bell's Best Brown, another two points.) He/She who tallys the most points after five beers will be crowned the Big Shot Bloatarian Beer Nerd of the Month (Quite an honor!) To make things a little easier, for each beer we'll recruit a victim... er, expert, who will taste the beer and give impressions and guesses to the group. This gives you a chance to compare your tasting skills with some of our more experienced members, and maybe improve your overall palate. This fun and challenging February meeting promises to be another great one in what's become an annual event.

Presidential Musings

Jennifer Hermann

Due to the passing of Jennifer's grandfather her article will be delayed. It should be available on the main page of the website sometime midweek.

Condolences to Jennifer and her family.

▶▶ <http://www.bloatarian.org>

The Bloated Web

The Bloats have a new website! Thanks to the many talents (and hours of work) by our former Minister of Propoganda, Darryl we now have a place to properly call our web home. Sign up and explore the member forums, photo galleries and most importantly current Bloatarian related events and news.

The forums offer a great way to keep in touch with fellow Bloats and are useful for homebrewing related questions, whether getting feedback on a recipe or gadget idea to just having a place to post fun beer related weblinks.

We'd like to compile a list of all active members via the site as way to organize the member database for emailing reminders, news and announcements as well as the Bosmopolitan newsletter. Kindly take a few minutes to sign up!

Bookmark us and visit often!

▶▶ <http://www.bloatarian.org>



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Meeting Policy

All members and guests are required to abide by the following rules at all club meetings and events: Learn something new, teach something you know, bring something good to share (bring more than you drink), taste small samples, give other brewers lots of comments (good or bad) on their beers, and don't drive if you feel even slightly affected.

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Scotch Eggs

For those of us who truly enjoy Chuck Boyce's annual culinary delight, here it is:

Ingredients:

1 doz. hard-boiled eggs (cooled and peeled)
1 C. plain or seasoned bread crumbs
1-2 lbs. bulk breakfast pork sausage (divided into 12 equal pcs.)
¼ C. flour
1-2 beaten raw eggs

Directions:

Roll cooled, peeled eggs in flour
Wrap sausage around egg evenly so that no egg white is visible
Dip egg w/ sausage in beaten egg (shake off excess)
Roll egg in bread crumbs until completely covered
Deep fry eggs for 8-10 minutes or until sausage appears golden brown

** Best served with a good porter or stout

BBL Membership Application

Yes, I want to become the best homebrewer I can be, learn more about the art and science of brewing, and especially participate in the secret Bloatarian ceremonies! I certify that I am of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages, with a sincere interest in homebrewing, and am willing to abide by the club bylaws and other reasonable decisions of the club officers. I promise to behave responsibly around alcoholic beverages. By joining and/or attending BBL activities, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions and waive any and all claims against club, club officers, members, or their designates.

I also have \$15 to spare, so sign me up!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Check this box if you prefer to receive your newsletter by regular mail
(*\$5 per year additional fee*)

Signature (required)

Return this form along with check (payable to the Bloatarian Brewing League) to:
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CALENDAR

When you hear something your fellow homebrewers would be interested in, tell us about it so we can spread the word.

FEBRUARY

- 16 Monthly Meeting
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30
Name That Beer!

MARCH

- 4 Beer Stein & Breweriana
Auction Details at
<http://www.germaniasociety.com/>
- 5 Officer's Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
- 16 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
March Beer Madness/Bockfest

APRIL

- 2 Officer's Meeting
Andy Melchers' House, 7:30
- 20 Monthly Meeting
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30
Pick-a-Style: Pale Ales

MAY

- 5 National Homebrew Day
Somewhere, Sometime.
- 7 Officer's Meeting
Ron and Paula Sup's House, 7:30
- 18 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
Bloatarian Open

JUNE

- 4 Officer's Meeting
Kevin Spatz's House, 7:30
- 15 Monthly Meeting
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30
Gadget Night
Pick-a-Style: Wheat beers (more than
50% wheat)
- 21-23 AHA National
Homebrewers Convention
Denver, Colorado

JULY

- 2 Officer's Meeting
Brian & Jen Becker's House, 7:30
- 20 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
2007 Iron Brewer Competition

JULY (CONTINUED)

- 21 Ewing Annual Pool Party
Cookout and campout

AUGUST

- 6 Officer's Meeting
John Zeller's House, 7:30
- 17 Monthly Meeting
Beer and Sweat Setup
- 18 2007 Beer and Sweat

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Officer's Meeting (Tuesday)
Ray Snyder's House, 7:30
- 21 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
Beer and Food Potluck
- 22 Sixth Annual Cornhole
Blowout
DJ Manor

OCTOBER

- 1 Officer's Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
- 19 Monthly Meeting
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30
Bloatarian Retrospective
Pick-A-Style: Barleywines

NOVEMBER

- 5 Officer's Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
- 16 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
Holiday Beers

DECEMBER

- 3 Officer's Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
- ?? Christmas Party
Somewhere, Sometime

Upcoming Competitions

FEBRUARY

- 16 Homebrew Alley
New York City
<http://hbd.org/nychg/>

MARCH

- 10 9th Annual Drunk Monk
Challenge
Aurora, IL
<http://www.knaves.org/dmc/>

- 10 SODZ British Beer Fest
Columbus, OH
<http://www.sodz.org/>

MAY

- 18 Bloatarian Open
Listermann's
Club only competition

JULY

- 20 Iron Brewer
Listermann's
Club only competition

AUGUST

- 12 Kentucky State Fair
<http://www.kystatefair.org/>
- 18 Beer and Sweat
Cincinnati, OH
Keg only competition



All board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Listermann Brewery Supply, 1621 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45212, 513-731-1130 unless otherwise noted. Meetings begin at 7:30 with a toast to cenosillicaphobia. All members are welcomed to attend. It's a good forum to discuss club business, new topics, and a good excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a few good beers!

HOPPENINGS

The Iron Brewer 2007

RULES AND GRAIN BILL

The Iron Brewer will test your recipe and brewing skills to the max!

1. You must use the yeast you specified when you registered and only this yeast.
2. You must use ALL of the grain listed below, and only this grain.
3. You must use ALL of the "special ingredient" revealed at the January meeting.
4. You can use any hops you choose, in any quantity.
5. You may brew any quantity you desire with this grain bill. In effect, you can choose your starting gravity.
6. Judging will take place at the July meeting, July 20th.
7. When you check your beer in for judging you must select a base style, and you must provide a written copy of your recipe (including brewing details).
8. Irish moss, clarifying agents, water treatments, and priming sugar (for bottling ONLY, not to supplement the recipe) may be used.
9. No additional ingredients may be used in brewing this beer.
10. Entry cost is \$5. Want to try even more? You can enter a second beer (MUST use the same yeast for second entry) for an additional \$2.

THE GRAIN BILL IS:

- 6 lbs. PALE malt
- 4 lb. MUNICH or VIENNA malt
- 8 oz. Crystal or Caramel Malt
- 4 oz. DARK Malt (any variety darker than Munich, must be MALT)

Special Ingredient: Cinnamon Sticks **Quantity:** 12 inches

Entries

As a reminder... and so you know what you're up against!

Becker/Spatz. Belgian Golden Ale Yeast
Boyce, Chuck. London Ale – Wyeast 1028
Dieckman, Darryl. Edinborough Scottish – WLP 028
Evenson, Bryan. White Labs East Coast Ale
Ewing, Ken Pacman
Feiertag/Foster Scottish
Glahn, Jamie White Labs California Ale
Hermann, Jennifer White Labs 550
Hill, Mark California Ale – Wyeast 1056
Lakeberg, Bill Alt Ale - Wyeast 1007
LeBourveau, Dave Pacman
Listermann, Dan. Munton's Gold Dry
Mason, Seth Schelde – Wyeast 3655

McPartlin, Tim White Labs English Ale
Melchers, Andy. White Labs 400
Meyer, Phil Kolsch
Sibley, Ben White Labs 575 – Belgian Ale Blend
Snyder, Ray English Ale – WLP 002
St. Clair, Brian. London Ale – Wyeast 1028
Strong, Gordon. Orval
Sup, Ron London Ale + Brett
Volle, Chuck Danstar Nottingham
Westendorf, Rob. White Labs 550 Belgian Ale
Wilson, Gregg. London Ale – Wyeast 1028
Wolf, Glenn. Nottingham
Zeller, John London Ale III – Wyeast 1318

Beer Stein & Breweriana Auction

Cincinnati's Germania Society will again hold it's Beer Stein & Breweriana Auction. This is the third year for the event.

All appraisals are free. Food and drinks will be available. Consignments for the March 4 auction are being accepted through Feb. 18.

The 2006 Auction had over 400 mugs, steins, breweriana items, posters, etc. and lasted over five hours. Sale prices ranged from \$5 to \$800. Food and drink was available so nobody went hungry or thirsty.

www.germaniasociety.com



2008 National Homebrew Convention Plans Are Underway

Rob Westendorf

Volunteers Needed! It's time for the serious work to get underway! We are now in recruiting mode for Committee Heads and members for the many tasks associated with putting on the convention. Some of the jobs have already been filled. As you may remember, there are six clubs co-sponsoring the convention. Because most of these clubs are not in Cincinnati, first pick of the jobs was promised to them. This allowed them to choose tasks more easily done from remote locations. A great many tasks remain, and we're looking for your help.

There is one job we need filled as soon as possible. This is the Denver Convention Marketing Coordinator. This involves working with the Denver committees for this year's convention for Club Night and Hospitality Suite, as well as working with all six Cincinnati sponsoring clubs to coordinate our plans. This person must be attending the Denver convention.

THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WE NEED TO FILL INCLUDE:

Pre-Conference Events Coordinator: Several pre-conference events have already been developed, but we need someone to act as our central control, and ensure all of the details of logistics, promotion, and costs are taken care of.

Technical Program Coordinator: A key factor in the success of the convention is the quality of the technical program. This position is responsible for developing a strong program and recruiting speakers. This involves working with the AHA, as well as a number of additional volunteers.

Sponsor/Exhibits Manager: Corporate sponsors are critical to the popular and financial success of the convention. We need to recruit local sponsors, as well as sell exhibit space to national companies.

Audio/Visual Services: Speakers show up with all different formats for their presentations. We need to ensure everybody's needs are met, and that all presentations proceed smoothly.

Spouse/Family Events: The convention happens during summer vacation season, and some people make the decision to attend based in part on activities for their family. The hotel will feature a major indoor water park, but we'd like to offer additional trips to attract family groups.

Cellar Master, Local Director: The LAGERS club will be performing the Cellar Master duties during the conference, but we need a local director to handle the pre-conference duties. This primarily involves receiving entries for the National Homebrew Competition (as well as finding a receiving and storage site), and getting them to the hotel on time.

Security Manager: The majority of the security duties are the responsibility of the hotel, or the AHA, so this should not be a tough job. We just need someone to ensure that all needs are met during the events.

There are quite a few jobs where Bloatarians have already volunteered. Each of these will need additional people to fill out their staffs. Please give consideration to helping out wherever you can.

Club Night Coordinator: Our prez, Jennifer Hermann, has taken on one of the most important jobs of the convention. Surveys of past attendees have consistently rated Club Night as the single most important event of the convention. If you've been to a convention, you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, imagine a Beer and Sweat-type party, just without the competition. It's huge!

Media/Marketing Director: Jen Becker does this stuff for a living, so she's offered her expertise to this critical task. Besides

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Bosmo Says:

How many Bloats does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Two. One to hold the lightbulb and one to drink until the room starts to spin!

AHA '08 *continued*

developing a marketing plan and dealing with the media, this will include developing and printing all of the materials associated with the convention (poster, program, etc.)

Webmaster: Darryl Dieckmann has agreed to give Cincinnati's AHA a presence on the web. A critical position that will help attendees learn the *what's* and *where's* of the conference beforehand. We will have three sites associated with the convention, including the AHA's site at Beertown.org, the hotel's web-based reservation service, and a page hosted by the Cincinnati Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Commemorative Beer: Each person attending the conference gets a bottle of the commemorative beer. The club's President of Vice, Ray Snyder, has taken on the job of making sure we have 800 - 1000 bottles of something unique for people to remember us by.

Commemorative Mead: Like the commemorative beer, each person gets a bottle of mead. Roxanne Westendorf has the planning already underway to make sure we have plenty of Atomic Fireball Mead (thanks Chuck!) for everyone.

Bourbon Country Bus Tour: One of our pre-conference events is a bus tour of bourbon distilleries. Brian Becker is setting the route and reserving the bus.

Bourbon Barrel Beers Technical Session: The Bloatarians have a lot of experience in making bourbon barrel homebrews. Ken Ewing has volunteered to turn our experience into a technical presentation that won't soon be forgotten.

The jobs that have been filled include:

Cellar Master: Bill Krauth, LAGERS

Hospitality Suite Coordinator: Rick DeShone, Frank Barickman, SODZ

Pro Brewers Night Coordinator: Jeff Graff, CMI

Pre-Conference Pub Crawl: Susan Powell, Jenn Penn, CMI

National Homebrew Competition Director: Gordon Strong, DRAFT

We are now recruiting from all six sponsor clubs for the remaining positions. In addition, there will probably be new positions created as our plans develop. If you're interested in a specific task, please let us know soon. If you're interested in helping a sub-committee, please contact that person directly. If you want to head up one of the jobs listed here, or have questions about any of the tasks, please contact Rob Westendorf, at R_Westendorf@fuse.net, or 513-245-1224. With your help we can make this an event people will remember for the rest of their lives! Thanks!

WWW frolics again on February 17th!

The **Women's Wine Weekend** event is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th at Roxanne's house. In-between drinking fine wine & eating fine food, we'll take a quick break to make a batch of wine, too (while I can still lift & pour the extract without making a mess!) Bring a bottle of your favorite wine (commercial or homemade) and/or a side dish to share if you can. Even if you can't bring something - we'd love to have you! Maybe you can get a ride to & from the party as an extra Valentine's gift so you won't have to drive!

Details:

2 pm until — 7 pm-ish
Saturday, February 17
10296 Deerhollow Drive
Colerain Township

Exit 33 (Colerain Ave) off I275
Go North
Turn LEFT onto Dry Ridge (the 2nd non-interchange light, looks like you are turning into Lowe's)

Dry Ridge makes 2 right turns as it winds around. Make sure to turn RIGHT at the stop sign to stay on Dry Ridge!

Right on Deerhollow (about 1 mile, if you get to St. John's church/school, you've just missed it).

We're in the cul-de-sac. Driveway goes HALFway up the hill - you see 3 garage doors from the street (our house number is on the curb).

If you're lost: 245-1224

**You might be a
homebrewer if...**

you've ever had a party where more beer was brewed than was consumed!

2006 Cash Flow

Kevin Spatz, treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/06:	\$3,974.83
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REVENUE

		-vs- 2005 Better / (Worse)
Beer & Sweat Revenue	\$ 6,064.00	\$912.00
Beer & Sweat Room Revenue	840.00	840.00
Bloat Competitions	240.00	(15.00)
Dues	760.00	(115.00)
Tasting Glasses	12.00	(118.00)
Newsletter Ad Revenue	-	(25.00)
Monthly Raffles	1,311.00	433.00

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$9,227.00	\$1,912.00
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EXPENSES

Beer & Sweat	\$7,618.17	(\$3,598.45)
Beer & Propane	202.00	58.33
Bloat Competitions	775.90	(233.15)
Miscellaneous	113.22	7.59
Bus Trip	1,255.00	(321.15)
Bourbon Barrel	40.00	(20.00)
Newsletter Expenses/Postage	164.02	112.82
Monthly Meeting Expenses	836.90	-
Food:	\$214.02	24.60
Supplies:	\$113.60	67.43
Beer:	\$509.28	(271.47)

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$11,005.21	\$(4,173.45)
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Ending Balance as of 12/31/06	\$2,196.62
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Attention Toast Masters!

Prepare and bring your toasts with you to the monthly meetings!

You just might be volunteered to toast your fellow bloats at the start of the meeting. Any topic works as long as it's about beer!

Cheers!
Slainté!
Prosit!



Raffle Items Requested!

Know someone in the beer business? Have an unused item in excellent condition to donate? Out and about? It's time to start asking for raffle donations for Beer and Sweat 2007 in return for publicity. Remember it's always fun to win something!



February Board Meeting

February 5 . Listermann's . 7:30pm

Attendees: Jennifer H., Andy M., Ray S., Kevin S., Paula & Ron Sup, Dan L., Rob W., Brian B., David C., Chuck B., Dave H., John Z.

Minutes: Was noted that "Beer Advocate Magazine" is liked - designed for non-brewers and craft beer beginners

Rob W. — Reported Ray and Lori Wince (former SODZ) opening a Zanesville microbrewery, using 75 gal. corny kegs to brew/ferment in, will let Bloats know when grand opening is.

— AHA Convention update- Still have many jobs to be filled, out-of-towners given first chance

— Jobs taken: Jennifer H.- Club Night (Big job) Ron and Paula Sup assisting

SODZ- Pro-Brewers Night

CMI- Pub Crawl

DRAFT- brewing English Barleywine

Brian- Distillery tour; Jungle Jim's- wed. night dinner

Louisville- Cellar masters (still need refrigerated site to hold 150 cases for 2 wks, no breweries)

CMI may have wholesale produce connections, limited budget by AHA (only for convention),

Seth checking storage rentals

Gordon S.- running Homebrewer's Competition

Jenny Becker- Marketing Director NOTE- need to do promo/ logo for Denver, due by 4/1

Andy M.- Programs

Ken- Technical Session (Bourbon Barrel beer)

Roxanne- Mead discussion

Ray Snyder- Commemorative Beer (want historic Cincy/ pre-prohibition recipe)

** committee members check Yahoo for invitation

Positions available:

Technical Program Director

Hospitality Suite Coordinator (closely work w/ Cellar Master)

Denver Marketing Director

NOTE: need members for taste panel

Donations:

Wyeast- yeast

Woodford Reserve- wooden casks

Bell's, Two Brothers, Goose Island, Dog Fish Head, Sam Adams

Other News — March 9- start "Gravity Head"- Louisville, DRAFT going 3/9, CMI has buses going

March 10- SODZ Competition

March 10- Brewing at Sup's for club competition (bourbon barrel) need 67 gals.

St. Patrick's Day Parade- CMI participating

Jennifer to contact Ken regarding bourbon barrel India Brown

Feb. Bloat Meeting- Mecklenberg, Name That Beer w/ Dave LeB.

March Madness- Listermann's

April Beer Talk- Mecklenberg, discussing pale ales, IBU's, recipe formulations, etc.

Bockfest- ?? no plans yet, CMI brewed, though if a competition

Beer and Sweat- John Zeller, ready to start planning w/ help

Ron Sup- getting info on Marty Vining to Brian Becker

John Zeller- making corn hole bags/ boards for club

Andy would like everyone's addresses to compile a more complete club list



SODZ 4th Annual British Beerfest Competition

aka: The Irwin Memorial (He's still in Boston)

at:

Winking Lizard (Crossroads)

100 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235

Saturday, March 10, 2007 9:00AM

Scope: The scope of this competition is limited to the traditional British BJCP styles including Mead and Cider.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all non-commercial, home-produced beers and meads. Enter as many categories and as often as you wish. Competition organizers, sponsors, judges, and stewards may enter the competition but may not judge or steward any category that they are entered in.

Categories: The SODZ British Beerfest will accept entries from the following categories as defined by the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines:

8.	English Pale Ale (all subcategories)
9.	Scottish and Irish Ales (all subcategories)
11.	English Brown Ale (all subcategories)
12.	Porter (all subcategories)
13.	Stout (all subcategories except 13E. American Stout)
14.	India Pale Ale (14A English IPA only)
19.	Strong Ale (19A. Old Ale and 19B. English Barley Wine only)
24.	Traditional Mead
25.	Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26.	Other Mead
27.	Standard Cider and Perry (all subcategories)
28.	Specialty Cider and Perry (all subcategories)

All entries must indicate both a category number and a sub-category letter in addition to a written description of the style. All entries will be judged according to the appropriate sub-category style guidelines. However, categories may be combined with related categories for the purpose of awarding prizes. Multiple entries per style are allowed.

Entry Fees: \$6 for first entry, \$4 per additional entry. (Checks payable to SODZ.)

Registration: All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, March 2, 2007. Pre-register online



Homebrewers Convention Needs a Theme for '08

We need to come up with a theme and logo for the 2008 convention (and the AHA wants it soon). I'm looking for your best ideas that take something about Cincinnati and beer and turn it into a catchy slogan. Put on your thinking caps, drink some inspiration, and brainstorm. Take a Cincinnati idea, maybe the river, German heritage, or even flying pigs, and rhyme it into a line or two. The themes of the last two years were, "Ale by the Glass, Beer by the Yard" (Baltimore), and "Gator Tales and Better Ales" (Orlando). I'll be asking for your ideas at the January meeting, or send them to me at R_Westendorf@fuse.net. Thanks!

New and Renewing Members

Welcome to the following *New* and *Renewing* Members

Bryan Evenson

Bob Stephenson

Dick & Debbie Mahiques

Brian Becker

Chuck Boyce

Kevin Spatz

Chuck Volle

Rob & Roxanne Westendorf

Remember, without YOU the club doesn't exist! Make it a point to talk to our new members and guests. Offer them some of your beer. Make them feel welcome. If you don't, there's a good chance they'll decide they're not welcome, and they won't come back, and that's not good!

The mailing label shows your membership status.
Your renewal date is shown in YY/MM format.

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