

BOSMOPOLITAN

April 2007

April Meeting **Hoppy Beer Night!** Friday April 20 . Mecklenburg Gardens . 7:30pm



The Glory of the Hop! You're a Bloatarian so of course it's known that you've brewed hoppy beers. Maybe you've gone over the top with a style that's not typically hoppy. Or possibly you've rewritten the book on just what a *hoppy* IPA really is. Perhaps you have a special process or hopping method or gadget to the promote the glory of the hop.

April's Meeting at Mecklenburg's will feature a discussion of hoppy beers. In an effort to bring back more beer talk from you members, the Board decided to pick 3 monthly meetings that will focus on a particular style. If you have a hoppy beer that you would like to share (please understand that you do not have to bring enough beer for the masses!) and talk about, please bring it with you to the meeting!

The next pick-a-style month is scheduled for June and will feature wheat beers. October's meeting will feature barleywines.

National Homebrew Day

Saturday May 5

Each year on the first Saturday in May, homebrewers unite non-brewing and brewing friends and family to celebrate National Homebrew Day, joining with thousands of homebrewers from around the world in brewing the same recipes and sharing a simultaneous toast at noon Central Time.

Details about the days events will be forthcoming. In the meantime, RDWHAHB!

2007 Bloatarian Open

Are you ready to win this year's Best of Show at the 2007 Bloatarian Open! For those veterans out there, you know what to do. For you rookies, I encourage you to participate! You don't need to have any kind of experience to enter or judge in this event. All you need is some homebrew – extract, all-grain, meads and ciders. Your brew can be in bottles or kegs or 2 liters. This is the perfect way to get feedback from your fellow brewers, learn how to judge a style and get some practice for BEER & SWEAT this August. I will need ALL of you to assist in this year's endeavor to steward and judge this important competition!

Entry Deadline is
WEDNESDAY May 16th

See accompanying flyer for details.



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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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Worry Free Smoked Green Beans

Here is your next Bloatarian culinary delight since Spring is here and fresh veggies are in season.

by Marcia Pizzuto

3 lbs. fresh green beans, broken and cleaned
1-2 C. water
1-7oz. bottle Rogue-xs Smoked Ale
1 pt. Aucht Rauchbier Marzen
salt and pepper to taste
1 small onion, diced

Combine all ingredients and slow cook in a crock pot for approx 9 hours.
Enjoy!

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:
Kevin Spatz, 9557 Main, Cincinnati, OH 45242

CALENDAR

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

APRIL

- 20 Monthly Meeting
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30
Pick-a-Style: Hoppy Ales

MAY

- 5 National Homebrew Day
Somewhere, Sometime.
- 7 Officer's Meeting
Ron and Paula Sup's House, 7:30
- 19 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
D&J Manor, 7:30
- 20 Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
2007 Iron Brewer Competition
- 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

APRIL

- 20 AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round
East Region
Westlake, OH
<http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html>

MAY

- 19 Bloatarian Open
Listermann's
Club only competition

JULY

- 20 Iron Brewer 07
Listermann's
Club only competition

- 21 Ohio State Fair
Ohio Residents Only
CLICK to Download Rules & Entry Form
Entry Fee: \$5
Entry Deadline: 06/20/2007

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

Bloatarian Bourbon Barrel Brewing Bash!

or The BBL had a Brewout, EIEIO!

Brewing began around 8:30AM on March 10th as a light rain challenged our fearless group. Equipment, tarps and canopies dotted the driveway while a variety of homebrews filled the garage to pay homage to the new brew. By early afternoon, the skies had cleared as the aroma of multiple boiling kettles filled the air. Lunch was served around Noon and included BBQed chicken marinated in a Woodford Reserve bourbon sauce. Chilling began in earnest around 4PM and continued into the evening hours. A great time was had by all and several die-hards waited to leave until the Big-foot, Old Foghorn, Samiclaus, etc. tasting was completed. Oh, yeah, we successfully brewed about 70 gallons of EIEIO Stout on the first runnings and about 10-15 gallons on the second runnings.

Paula Sup

I would like to say many, many thanks to Ron and Paula Sup for hosting Saturday's Bourbon Barrel Group Brew. I would also like to thank Ken Ewing and Dave Harsh for organizing the event and securing the raw materials. Thank you to all that came out to brew and those that came out to cheer people on. Thank you also to the Beer Widows everywhere and anyone else whom I may have neglected to thank.

Dave Collins (aka King Swanky)



Beer Quoted: *"There can't be good living where there is not good drinking."*
— Ben Franklin

Bloatarian Bourbon Barrel Brewers In Action!



BarrelHouse Update

Rick DeBar

After being glaringly absent from taps around Great American Ball Park the last two seasons, we are pleased to announce the return of RedLegg Ale to the Reds stadium. RedLegg Ale will be on tap year round in The Machine Room as well as a few rotating taps in the stadium throughout the year. They have also set up two brand new craft brew stations on the plaza level (section 108 and 133). They plan on rotating most of our styles through and are also adding some other tasty micros from around the country! We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all involved in this mission of bringing local hand-crafted beer back to the stadium.

We are also very pleased to announce the introduction of BarrelHouse's craft brewed ales and lagers to the state of Kentucky! The Beer House Distributing Company is now handling our distribution for the entire state. If you haven't seen us in your neighborhood yet... give us a shout down at the brewery! We'll send the cavalry your way. Thanks for supporting your local brewery...

Until next time! Cheers!

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

you have more variety of beer on tap than the bar down the street.



You Know That You're a Bloatarian Homebrewer If...

Jennifer Hermann

1. Disagreements about war and politics are often side-tracked once a homebrew is shared.
2. Conversations about a good beer jump to what could make that good beer even better.
3. Discussions about your bad beer lead to the realization that you have dumped waaaaay too much beer in the past.
4. Your friend offers you a Michelob Ultra and you pass.
5. Every road trip that you have taken in the past year involved a stop at a micro-brewery or specialty beer shop.
6. You have had dreams about a chest freezer, since the two fridges in the basement just aren't convenient anymore.
7. You often feel omnipotent when someone that you have just met finds out that you brew beer.
8. A restaurant's selection of beer on tap that includes Guinness, Stella Artois and Harp bores you to tears.
9. You give your friends and family homebrew as gifts at least twice a year.
10. You have two tackle boxes; one with fishing gear and one with beer gadgets.

You Know You've Been a Bloatarian For Too Long If...

Jennifer Hermann

1. You have homebrew in your basement that's three years old and you can't wait to enter into the Bloatarian Open.
2. You have to leave your beer in the basement for three years because your original gravities are too high to allow you to drink it any sooner.
3. Your recently brewed IPA literally knocked the socks off of your neighbor.
4. You have no idea how to go about brewing a session beer.
5. You've heard Dan Listermann speak at length, in German, on at least two occasions.
6. You have a collection of silly hats and perhaps a monk robe or two.
7. You have a faint idea about who the Son of Claude is.
8. Your August plans always include winning "Best of Show" at Beer & Sweat.
9. A fellow Bloat has called your beer "crap" in a semi-Scottish accent.
10. You still have a bottle of the original EIEIO Bourbon Barrel Stout. (If this is you, please see me...)

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!



March Meeting Minutes

March 16 . Listermann's . 7:30pm

Jennifer: Opening toast!, BBL's 20th Anniversary this year, introduction of Board & visitors

- > update of Gravity Head- 50 kegs rotated, runs until beginning of April
- > Jennifer offered Starbucks discount on equipment, etc. at Jungle Jim's location

Ray Snyder: displayed new Bloatwear that can be ordered (men and women's wear). Inquire at Listermann's

- > Group Brew at Sup's recapped, used Tim Ratstetter's recipe, approx. 65 gal., brewers to meet at Ken's house 3/24 to put in Bourbon Barrel (this is 5th BBB made by club)
- > 1st organizational Beer and Sweat meeting met 3/24 at Jennifer's (B&S- Drawbridge Inn 2007)
- > next Board Meeting- Andy Melcher's house 4/3, (directions to follow)
- > special at Fries Cafe'- Bell's Beer after 5 PM
- > April 20-next BBL meeting- Mecklenberg- "beer talk", hoppy pale ale style
- > April 26- Dogfish Head to Dilly Deli, new brews for 2007, Andy Trevec to speak
- > May 19, 2007- Bloat Open-Club Only, Listermann's at 5PM

AHA Convention 2007- Denver, CO, June 21-23 (check Beertown.org for details)

- > beer entries to Listermann's for free shipping between April 2-13 (must be securely packaged), keep back 3 btls. for possible 2nd round, Jen Becker unveiling AHA 2008 logo and theme in April (some suggestions include: WAHA in Cincinnati, When Pigs Fly, Swines and Steins)
- > Columbus competition held 3/10- (Bloats encouraged to enter/ support more sister-club competitions (Huntington, WV Club competition coming soon)
- > Bockfest, Cincy 2007- BBL took "Best Old Friend" float award (received a Christian Morlein glass)
- > concluded meeting with "March Beer Madness Bitter Brackets" competition- BBL-style

The 2007 March Beer Madness winner was Bitburger Premium Pils



The Iron Brewer 2007 Reminder

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

May Board Meeting

May 7 . Ron & Paula's House . 7:30pm

It was decided this year to hold the Spring and Summer Board Meetings at the homes of your Bloatarian Officer's. The next of these meetings, held on May 7, will be graciously hosted by Ron & Paula Sup. All are welcome to participate.

click to
MAP IT

Directions to the Sup Ranch:

1615 Shawhan Rd, Morrow, Ohio 45152; 933-0020

Easiest way to get there from Cincy:

- take I-71 north to exit 32 (Lebanon)
- go right off ramp and make an immediate right before the BP station on Phillips Rd
- follow Phillips Rd until it deadends into Shawhan Rd (be careful not to go straight into the development before you get to Shawhan Rd)
- go right on Shawhan Rd, stop at stop sign (Stubbs Mills) and then continue straight for 1 mile
- house is on left (white w/ maroon trim and a camper in the driveway, mailbox on right side)

**you can get there by taking exit 28, thru South Lebanon, but it's a lot of twists and turns

April Board Minutes

April 3 . Andy's House . 7:30pm

Attendees: Andy M., Ray S., Kevin S., Jennifer H., Darryl D., John Z.

Ray: Beer and Sweat Update

- > The band is booked, basically same guys as last year but with a new member
- > Hotel confirmed, will setup meeting at Drawbridge to finalize the contract
- > Volunteers and workers needed!
- > Have asked local Pro Brewers to help out and attend, show support.

Jennifer:

- > April meeting coming up; Hoppy beer discussions

Kevin:

- > We have a number of members with delinquent dues.
Will require payup before entry to Bloat Open is accepted.
- > Entry fees discussed again and approved.

Your Beer in Denver — at the AHA Convention!

Tim McPartlin is willing to schlepp your keg to the Denver Convention!

He has space for 10 Bloatarian kegs that would be used for Club Night and/or the Hospitality Suite. There is a \$10 fee per keg that BBL will pick up. So, if you can't be there, your beer can! If you're flying out or just don't have the space in your vehicle, let Tim know! He'll be leaving the Saturday prior to the start of the Convention, so you would need to arrange a time to drop off your keg(s) before Friday, June 15th. Your keg can catch this ride on a first come, first serve basis.

More information at Friday's meeting if you are interested.

Tim can be reached by phone, 265-3802.



Bosmo Says:

Earth Day is coming up the 22nd of April.

Seek harmony and enlightenment by trying an organic beer, or brew your own!

Are You Paid Up?

For all of you delinquent Bloats:
Please be aware that your renewal dues *will need to be paid* upon entering the Bloat Open.

Please be prepared to pay up if need be!

New and Renewing Members

Welcome to the following *New and Renewing Members*

Charlie Hurst
Mike Fiorentino
Alan Monahan

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!

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