

# BOSMOPOLITAN

May 2007

## **BLOATARIAN OPEN!** May Meeting Saturday May 19 . Listermann's . 5:00pm

*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!

### **Some important things to remember:**

1. You must pre-register by 9pm WEDNESDAY, May 16th by emailing me at Bathingotis@yahoo.com or calling me at 522-2436. If you fail to meet the deadline, you will be elected to President immediately and finish my term, which goes until December 2008!
2. You must be a Bloatarian Member to enter the competition. Join NOW!  
Anyone can judge and/or steward.
3. All BJCP categories will be included in the competition.
4. New entry fee rates!!
  - First time entrants receive their entries FREE! If you are not yet a member, then your entries will be free with your BBL membership of \$15.
  - A single entry will be just \$5.
  - All other entrants will pay just \$10 for an unlimited number of entries.

**Feel free to email me or any member of the Board if you have questions.**

## **BEER & SWEAT** **2007 Update** Saturday August 18

Beer & Sweat 2007 will return to where it all started...  
The Drawbridge Inn, Erlanger, KY!

Standard rooms (single or double) are \$69 per night; standard rooms (triple or quad) are \$79 per night. All rooms are subject to occupancy tax, of course.

Just ask for the "Beer and Sweat" room rate at The Drawbridge Inn (In Kentucky 1-800-352-9866, out of Kentucky 1-800-354-9793).

We can't wait to see you and your kegs there!

More info to come...



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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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## Potato Salad w/ Ale and Onion Dressing

*This was one of the recipes entered in our Bloatarian cookbook. It is anonymous from the Famous Chefs Cook w/Beer book and seems appropriate for this time of year.*

2 lbs. red potatoes (boil, cool, peel, cut in 1/2 and then in 1/4 in. slices)  
3T. cider vinegar and 2T. cider vinegar  
2t. dijon mustard  
1t. salt  
pepper to taste  
2T. olive oil  
1 lrg. red onion (chopped)  
1/2C. amber ale  
1 small red pepper (diced)

Place sliced potato in a large bowl  
Combine 3T. vinegar, mustard, salt, and pepper together and pour over potatoes, toss gently  
Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat  
Add chopped onion and saute until tender  
Add amber ale and 2T.cider vinegar to pan and heat slightly  
Pour over potatoes  
Add diced red pepper and toss  
Serve at room temp

#### 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.

## MAY

- 19 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Listermann's, 5:00  
Bloatarian Open  
Entries Due by May 16
- 26 ..... Beer & Deer  
Rob & Roxanne Westendorf's  
2:00

## JUNE

- 3 ..... German Day  
Hofbrauhaus
- 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

### MAY

- 19 ..... Bloatarian Open  
Listermann's  
Club only competition  
Entries Due by May 16

### 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

### NOVEMBER

- 12 ..... Wizard of SAAZ  
<http://hbd.org/saaz/wos/>  
Entry Fee: \$8.00 per  
Entry Deadline: 10/27/2007



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

## Top Ten Reasons to Enter the Bloat Open

Jennifer Hermann & Darryl Dieckmann

10. Your beer award wall is completely empty.
9. You're looking for some critical feedback about the funk in your beer. *Pediococcus*? *Lactobacillus*?
8. You get rid of three more bottles of that *special* beer that only *you* can appreciate.
7. You know that your Pre-Pro is better than Chucks... even if you did use his recipe.
6. You've been waiting for bragging rights for waaaaaay tooooo long.
5. You've never entered before and this year all of your entries are free!
4. What could be better than drinking a wide variety of homebrew on a Saturday night?
3. You might have to run the competition next year!
2. Stewards have all the fun.
1. Judge not lest ye be judged.

## Enter a Competition? Me?

I'm sure like most of you, I began homebrewing for pleasure. The thought of entering my beer into a competition never crossed my mind until I joined this club. My first year, I had no intention of entering this Bloat Open that everyone was talking about. I thought that the caliber of my beer brewing was so far beneath those more experienced brewers in the club that there was no way I would set myself up for disappoint and ridicule. And I was certainly not going to be humiliated in front of all these guys! But there were a few of you out there that really changed my mind about the spirit of such a competition. I was strongly encouraged by the likes of Swanky, Chuck, Dan, Brian St.Clair and Sir Ken Ewing to just do it and then decide if it's your thing or not. So I really hope that you new brewers and club members out there have been harassed by a Bloat or two to enter this competition. And if you haven't been, then let this be the encouragement that you need to get over any fears that you may have about entering or judging. I can't guarantee that you will not be disappointed, but I will bet the Framboise that I just brewed (okay, not really) that you will walk away from this experience with a deepened appreciation for this thing that unites us all once a month. This is your best opportunity to glean some beer judging knowledge from your peers and to gain some insight into how you yourself might brew better beer so that we may all drink better beer.

Without further ado... Enter the Open! **Entries are due Wednesday, May 16th by 5pm.** Please be prompt to register your beers at the competition at Listermann's on May 19th by 5pm as well. We will be grilling the usual fare once most of the judging is complete. Please visit [www.bloatarian.org](http://www.bloatarian.org) for all the information that you will need to enter. You are more than welcome to email any of us officers with questions.

Cheers! Jennifer

## Beer & Deer Saturday May 26 . 2:00pm

Rob Westendorf

The 8th annual Westendorf Spring Party, christened "Beer and Deer," will be held **Saturday, May 26th**. Originally part of the Bloatarian Group Brew calendar, the party has grown so big that I no longer have the time to squeeze in a brew session on the same day! I'll just have to plan for it being a day for reducing my inventory, instead of increasing it.

Beer and Deer is our celebration of the coming of summer. We'll fire up the smoker, the grill, and the deep fryer, all at the same time. While the menu is not yet firm, it will definitely include Roxanne's famous juniper berry smoked brisket, grilled polenta, and deep fried cheesecake rolls. Oh, and there might be a homebrew or two available. You don't need to bring anything, but side dishes and kegs are welcome (bottles too.) The party gets underway at 2:00, with the main portion of the food planned for 4:00. We hope to see you there!

*Directions:* From I-275 take exit 33, Colerain Avenue (on the northwest side of Cincinnati). Go north on Colerain 1/4 mile, to left on Dry Ridge Rd (it looks like you are turning into Lowe's). Bear right at the stop sign to stay on Dry Ridge, and go approximately 1/3 mile to right on Deerhollow. We're in the right corner of the cul-de-sac, at 10296 Deerhollow. If you get lost or have questions, feel free to call at 245-1224.

## Bloats to Again Sponsor German Day

Rob Westendorf

The 112th German Day is **Sunday, June 3rd**, at Hofbrauhaus Newport. German Day is the main fundraising event of the German American Citizens League (GACL), of which the BBL is a member. Each year the BBL helps sponsor German Day, in the form of donating prizes to be used for the raffle. Our donations have come to be some of the most prized of the many raffle items! We're again asking for your help in preparing our donation. We fill baskets with beer! Unfortunately, the law prevents us from giving homebrew, so we're asking you to donate a couple bottles of your favorite commercial beers. We'll sort these into a number of baskets, and throw a Bloatarian tasting glass in as well.

**Please bring your donation to the May meeting/Bloatarian Open (May 19th), or the May Board meeting (May 7th). You can also drop off your bottles at Listermann's (Chuck requests you bring an extra bottle for him!)**

Please consider including German Day in your entertainment plans. Hofbrauhaus generously donates 10% of all sales for the day to the GACL. You can also purchase raffle tickets to have a shot at not only the Bloatarian baskets, but about 30 other prizes as well, including the Grand Prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to Furniture Fair. If you can't attend on the 3rd, raffle tickets will also be available at the May meeting. (You do not need to be present to win.) At least two Bloats have won prizes every year! Thanks in advance for your support!



NEWPORT



GACL

### Beer Quoted:

*"You can never buy beer, you just rent it."*

— Archie Bunker

# Dogfish Head Event @ Dilly Deli April 26



## Ruminations from Bosmo

It has been scientifically proven that if we drink 1 liter of water each day, at the end of the year, we will have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli (E. coli) the bacteria found in feces/body waste.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of Poop. However, we do not run that risk when drinking beer or other liquor because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling or filtering and/or fermenting.

WATER = POOP

BEER = HEALTH

Ergo:

It is better to drink beer and talk stupid than to drink water and be full of shit.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I am doing it as a public service!

Bosmo



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

you have over 30 gallons of beer in stock but wonder if you should double the batch you are brewing this weekend.

## Beer Activists Help Save Ohio Beer

<http://www.realbeer.com/blog/?p=498>

Now this is how beer activism works!

The Brewers Association recently formed "Beer Activists: Support Your Local Brewery," a national union of beer enthusiasts, professional trade associations and brewers formed by the Brewers Association. SYLB is dedicated to supporting and protecting the legislative and regulatory interests of small, traditional and independent craft breweries.

Just last week the Ohio state legislature was considering a bill that contained language that would limit the distribution of craft beer so that brewpubs were required to sell through a wholesaler. Crazy, huh?

The Support Your Local Brewery website reports:

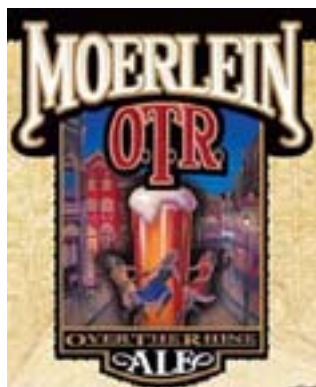


**BEER ACTIVISTS NEEDED!  
ANSWER THE CALL-  
SIGN UP**

*With a floor vote scheduled in less than 24 hours, Ohio members of the Support Your Local Brewery network were alerted and generated dozens of grassroots contacts to legislators' offices. By April 20th, the offending provision had been pulled from the bill. Your efforts, coupled with the outreach carried on by many Ohio small brewers, turned this threat back, one which would have almost certainly hamstrung many breweries and potentially closed many brewpubs.*

All of your phone calls and emails had the desired effect. This provision was removed from the final bill.

Visit Support Your Local Brewery to become an Activist.



## Moerlein OTR Ale: First Tapping

Andy Melchers

After work on Friday the 27th, I headed down to Findlay Market to check out Christian Moerlein's new offering, OTR Ale. Much to my surprise I found not just a simple booth inside of the main hall, but instead a well decorated and recently renovated bar (the old Elder Cafe). I had hoped to simply grab a growler to go but unfortunately their permit only allowed them to serve on premises. As I enjoyed my first sips of the new pale ale I met Greg Hardman, owner of the Christian Moerlein and Hudy brands. I introduced myself as a proud member of the Bloats and he asked what I thought. I replied with the obvious "good" but proceeded to ask what hops they had used. It was apparent this was no standard west coast style hopped with the obligatory "C" hops. Instead of a straight up answer I was treated to an in-depth story of how Mr. Moerlein's first brewings in America would not have been a Lager, but instead an Ale. He recounted how receipts from the 1850's accounted for extremely large amounts of grain and hop orders, and how, at the time, Lager yeast was yet to be introduced in the states. Mr. Hardman's passionate story continued and I learned from him that after nearly two years he and the brewmaster (they brew at Lion Brewery in Wilkes-Barre, PA) had finally reached the recipe for OTR Ale. They had tried many combinations of hops and really wanted to move away from the standard-hopped pale ale. In the end they decided upon one hop at the suggestion of the brewmaster. The decidedly english Fuggle hop for all additions.

On a sad note, the multiple test batches clocking in at a hefty 200 gallons each were all flushed after their tastings and testings were completed. Well, I can at least hope that the "beer gods" had their share and that Moerlein OTR Ale can bring back some much needed attention to one of Cincinnati's well known brands.

## 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!

## April Meeting Minutes

April 20 . Mecklenburg Gardens . 7:30pm

Greetings and salutations! Introduced new members (Chris, Mark, Dave, Greg, Scott, Mandy)

May- \*Board Meeting at Sup's - can come as early as 6:30PM, Monday May 7th

\*Bloat Open- info and entry form- on-line (free to members), need judges and stewarts  
Ray Snyder coordinating, 1 entry \$5.00, \$10- unlimited entries

\*June 3- German Day, Hofbrauhaus, supports German-American museum, raffle tickets 6-\$5.00,  
NEED commercial beer donations at May meeting

\*Beer & Deer-Saturday May 26-2PM, food at 4PM Beer and Deer dishes, bring sidedish and beer

\*Rock Bottom featuring Christian Moerlein beers and food

\*April 26- Dogfish Head event - at Dilly Deli, 5-9PM

\*May 28-Group Brew at Tim McPartlin's house w/ CMI (check CMI website for details), brewing and BBQ

\*Ray Snyder featuring new "Bloatwear", see catalog, sign up, will send in mass E-Mail order

\*Dave Harsh- Beer judge classes to be held again this year, 15 wk. class, many Bloats take class and retake test

June- Wheat beers style

July- Iron Brewer due

August- Beer and Sweat- Drawbridge Inn, John Zeller coordinating

\*\*Finished w/ raffle and social time CHEERS!!

## Raffle Coordinator Needed!

My Fellow Bloatarians,

Ken Ewing has served his time and finally doled out all the left over raffle prizes from Beer & Sweat 2006. Thank you Ken!! But this means that we are in need of a Raffle Coordinator beginning in the month of June. Your responsibilities would include soliciting/gathering raffle prizes, collecting bloated cash and running the raffle at the monthly meetings. This does not mean that you will be responsible for the Beer & Sweat raffle this year (this position has thankfully been taken!) If you have a loud voice and a passion for beer and are usually available to hang out at the monthly meetings, we need you to step up!

Cheers! The Bloated Board



## 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**

**Two Months...  
Get Brewing!**



## UPCOMING: June Board Meeting

June 4 . Kevin Spatz'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 the Spatz Residence:

9557 Main Ave, Cincinnati 45242 Phone: 791-9355

From North of 275 or outside the 275 loop, get on 275 and get off at exit 52 (Loveland/Indian Hill). Go South about 1.5 miles. Turn right just before a bar called "Shady O'Gradys"— this is Main. House is 7th on the left.

From the South, go to Ronald Regan Highway and take it East until it dead ends at Montgomery Road. Go North and take a right on Remington Rd (this will be the second stop light). Take this until you get to Loveland-Madeira Road and turn left (there is a UDF on one corner and a couple of car places on the others). Turn left after the parking lot for "Shady O'Gradys" which is Main.

Hope this is easy enough for everyone to understand.

## American Craft Beer Week

*American Craft Beer Week is May 14-20, 2007* and features celebrations by hundreds of craft breweries. The week recognizes America's small, independent and traditional brewers and contributions the craft beer community makes to our economy, culture and history.

The theme of American Craft Beer Week is "Visit your local brewery" in an effort to highlight America's nearly 1,400 craft breweries. With at least one in every state, the average American lives within 10 miles of a brewery. To further encourage brewery visits, the Brewers Association will conduct the Great American Beer Tour from May 14-20th.

The program awards points to participants for each brewery visit, allowing them to earn premiums such as beer mugs and logo shirts. The beer tour traveler who accumulates the greatest number of points will receive an all-expenses paid trip for two to the 26th Great American Beer Festival held in Denver, Colorado October 11-13, 2007. Details of the program are available at [www.GreatAmericanBeerTour.org](http://www.GreatAmericanBeerTour.org).



## 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:

*A 2006 study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles per gallon. Not Bad!*

## Are You Paid Up?

For any delinquent Bloats:

Please be aware that your renewal dues *will need to be paid* before entry is accepted to *this month's* Bloat Open.

Please be prepared to pay up if need be!

## New and Renewing Members

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

**Dave Collins**  
(aka King Swanky)

**Dwight Dieckman**

**Doug Edwards**

**Ken & Mary Ewing**

**Jim Froelich**

**Don Henkel**

**Mark Hill**

**Doug Lasanen**

**Andy Melchers**

**Lisa Dixon & Phil McDermot**

**Greg Beckman**

**Chris Cates**

**Mark Brzezinski**

**Jamie Kite**

**Scott Korfhagen**

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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