

BOSMOPOLITAN

June 2007

Pick-a-Style: Wheat Beers June Meeting Friday June 15 . Mecklenburg Gardens . 7:30pm

Wheat Your Whistle for Friday night! Be it a true Hefeweizen, a Wit, Wheatwine, Dunkelweizen, something fruity, or the prototypical American take on the subject, Wheat based beers are a classic summertime treat. Join us for socializing and bring your version for sharing and comparing.

The night is also rumored to be Gadget Night. If you have something nifty that you've been using cart it along and tell us what it is and what it does!

AHA 2008 Convention Logo Unveiled

Thanks go out to Bryan Becker for the theme, Jenny Becker for the inspirational emails, Andy Melchers for the illustration, and Rob Westendorf for spearheading this massive effort.



Desperately Seeking: Raffle Coordinator

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 really need you to step up!

Contact Jennifer if you are interested at Bathingotis@yahoo.com

Cheers! The Bloated Board



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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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Sweet & Spicy Beer Chicken

You will need:

Chicken or firm fish pieces, your choice

One onion, sliced

about one tablespoon of your favorite fresh herb

about one and a half tablespoons brown sugar

about four tablespoons cider vinegar or the juice of one lemon

about half a beer, a good lager works well, so does a mild pale ale. One of the milder Belgian or Belgian-style brews would work very well. You could get away with an IPA, but stout, porter, heavy or sweet brown ales are out.

about a quarter-teaspoon cayenne pepper or a good big pinch of red pepper flakes.

In a hot pan, drizzle a little olive oil. Season the chicken or fish with salt and pepper, and put it in skin side down. Leave it alone. Let the meat or fish form a nice brown crust, but turn the heat down if it starts to burn, cook it about 75 percent of the way on the first side, then turn it to finish on the second side. Don't play around with it, let it cook.

When it's cooked, take it out of the pan, turn the heat all the way up and add the onion. Allow the onion to soften a bit. Add the herbs and the cayenne. Add the vinegar or lemon juice. Add the beer, and the brown sugar. Bring it to a boil and allow it to reduce until a spoon dragged across the bottom of the pan leaves an opening in the sauce. Take it off the heat, put the chicken or fish back in and spoon the sauce over it. Serve with mashed potatoes, or whatever you like. Drink the beer you used in the recipe with dinner.

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.

JUNE

- 3German Day
Hofbrauhaus
- 4Officer's Meeting
Kevin Spatz's House, 7:30
- 15Monthly 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

- 2Officer's Meeting
D&J Manor, 7:30
- 20Monthly Meeting
Listermann's, 7:30
2007 Iron Brewer Competition
- 21Ewing Annual Pool Party
Cookout and campout

AUGUST

- 6Officer's Meeting
John Zeller's House, 7:30
- 17Monthly Meeting
Beer and Sweat Setup
- 182007 Beer and Sweat
All Day Long!

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

Upcoming Competitions

JULY

- 20Iron Brewer 07
Listermann's
Club only competition
- 21Ohio State Fair
Ohio Residents Only
CLICK to Download Rules
& Entry Form
Entry Fee: \$5
Entry Deadline: 06/20/2007

AUGUST

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

NOVEMBER

- 12Wizard 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

Labeled: "Fun"

Jennifer Hermann

In my early days as a homebrewer, I always made labels for my beer bottles. Perhaps it was that I had more time (since I wasn't the president of our fine establishment) or because I wanted to keep my California Common separate from my Pale Ale. My gifts of homebrew always came with labels. 6 packs complete with a variety of labeled brews seated in a fabulous "D&J Manor" cardboard carrying case looked great and I loved to make them. But label making proved to be frustrating for the graphic designer/computer savvy wanna-be inside me. It's also time consuming and expensive to keep up with everything. Just thinking about all of the energy it would take me to bottle all that I have in the keg fridge in the basement, plus the beer and meads in bottles in the cellar makes me a little woozy. (I'll mention here how much I love my kegs.) It's so easy to tap some brew into a growler and slap a tag on it that says "Oatmeal Stout." But, it's not as much fun as showing up with a brew and a custom made label that I designed. It's definitely something that I won't ever completely stop doing.

I know that there are some pretty cool programs out there that will basically do everything for you. I haven't tried any of them. I did it old school and with a certain amount of success. Of course after beginning to write this article, I searched for my files and have discovered that I can't reproduce what I had created here in this format. So, perhaps I'll have to make this a continuing article. I have found some of what I had intended to share, so here goes.

Naïve Disclaimer: Yes, I know that some of my pictures are stolen and are probably copyrighted, but I didn't really care at the time when I was looking online for the coolest pictures.

Most of you know that Darryl and I refer to our slice of heaven in Cincinnati as "D&J Manor." Once this once established, about 2 weeks after we moved in 5 years ago, it was the perfect name for our homebrews which were dubbed "D&J Manor Homebrewed Libations."

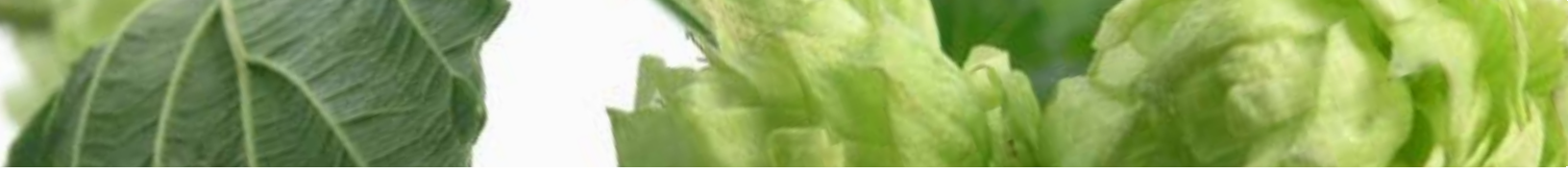


← The best part of the name is that it works for my beer, mead, wine and other silly things like wine coolers. Anyway, this has been my general label.

I just love the cut away of the hop that really shows the lupines up close. It's like you can almost smell the freshness and feel the stickiness of the bright yellow resin, lupuline.

→ This one really didn't take much time. I had bottled all of this mead in those cute little 6 ounces, so I used itsy bitsy little rectangle labels which were the perfect size for the smaller bottles.





Labeled: “Fun” continued

→ The next one was a beer sign that was made for our annual Cornhole Blowout in 2003.

↓ I love this guy. He has graced the back of many t-shirt gifts and beer signs at parties.



And of course...



I'll finish by sharing some of my Brewmaster's Warnings that I added to all of my labels back in the day of my label making.

Brewmaster's Warning:

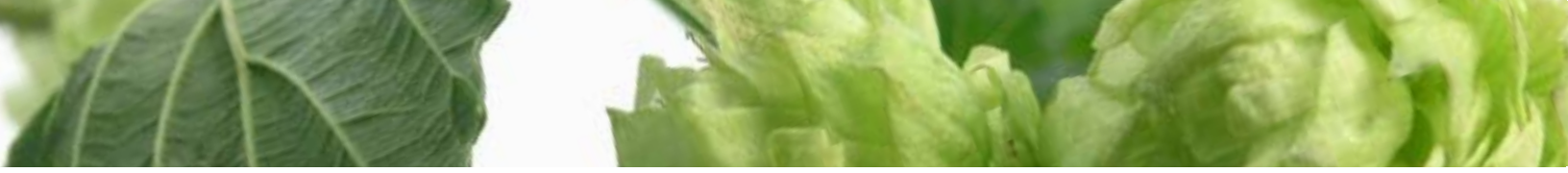
Due to its hoppy character, certain beers will not be able to be fully enjoyed if consumed immediately after this ale. As a matter of fact, certain beers really could never be enjoyed unless you are: 17, already lit, camping, on an airplane or suffering from “zymurgological” ignorance.

The Manors' homebrewers have warned that this libation not be drunk by ignoramuses, blockheads, dipsticks, maroons or those drinking excessive quantities of Budlight.

If any of you would like to share some of your designs and ideas for labels with the club, please do! Take a second to write a little blurb about your inspiration and attach your picture file and send on to Andy. We would love to see what you've come up with!

See you next Friday at Mecklenburg's!

Your lovely & devoted President, Jennifer



Bloats Come Through For German Day

Rob Westendorf

78 bottles of beer on the wall... Once again the Bloatarians have generously come through to help for German Day in Cincinnati. German Day is the main fundraising event of the German-American Citizens League (GACL), of which the BBL is a member club. The GACL maintains the German Heritage Museum, located in West Fork Park, on West Fork Rd. in Green Township. This museum is the repository of historical artifacts and records of the contributions of the many German-Americans who have made Cincinnati the great place it is today. It even includes some records of Cincinnati's early German brewing families. German Day is the main source of operating funding for the museum. It was hosted by the Newport Hofbrauhaus, which generously donated 15% of their proceeds for the day to the museum. The main fundraising effort is a raffle, with the prizes being donated by the various member clubs of the GACL. This is where the Bloats come in. We asked you for a couple bottles of your favorite commercial beers (we can't use home-brew because of legal issues). A few of you took this to Bloatarian extremes, and gave as many as 15 bottles! The total count was 78! The club paid for baskets to put the beers in, and we tossed in a Beer and Sweat T shirt and tasting glass. We produced five baskets, one of which was mead based, including a gallon of Ken Jones' famous orange blossom honey, some of Don Outtersons' Stone Creek Mead, a bottle of Young's Waggle dance honey ale, and a copy of *The Compleat Meadmaker*. These five baskets represented the biggest single contribution from any one club in the GACL. Way to go Bloats! Thanks for your continuing support.



Beer Quoted: *I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion.*
— Miguel de Cervantes

Bloatarian Open Competition

May 19



BEER & SWEAT 2007 Hotel Info

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!

See page 11 for the flyer. Plenty of information will be appearing on the website in the near future.

www.bloatarian.org



You might be a homebrewer if...

you take a personal day off from work on a Wednesday to have an adequate yeast starter for the 1.120 SG monster beer you're brewing on Saturday!

Bloatarian Open 2007 Results

May 19 2007 . Sponsored by Bloatarian Brewing League . 133 Entries

Table 1 - Mead/Melomel/Cider (10 Entries)

Roxanne Westendorf	Sage Mead	24A Dry Mead	1
Jennifer Hermann	Tennessee Honey and Blackberry Melomel	25C Other Fruit Melomel	2
Jennifer Hermann	Sweet Mead	24C Sweet Mead	3

Table 2 - Fruit/Wheat/Rye (9 Entries)

Brian St Clair	Weissbeer	15A Weizen	1
Bill Lakeberg	Crab Apple Blonde	20A Fruit Beer	2
Keith Taylor	Weizen	15A Weizen	3

Table 3 - Spice/Specialty/Belgian Specialty (10 Entries)

Ron Mahan	American Brown Hazelnut	23A Specialty Beer	1
Hermann / Collins	Cinnamon Belgian Dark Strong	23A Specialty Beer	2
Tim McPartlin	Vanilla Stout	23A Specialty Beer	3

Table 4 - RIS/Old/BW/Christmas (11 Entries)

Chris Dorn	Russian Imperial Stout	13F Russian Imperial Stout	1
Tim McPartlin	Russian Imperial Stout	13F Russian Imperial Stout	2
Doug Lasanen	Christmas Ale	21B Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	3

Table 5 - Porter (9 Entries)

Theodore Holloway	Baltic Porter	12C Baltic Porter	1
Ron Mahan	Robust Porter	12B Robust Porter	2
Ron Mahan	Brown Porter	12A Brown Porter	3

Table 6 - Stout (8 Entries)

Dave Collins	Sweet Stout	13B Sweet Stout	1
Team McClendon / Boyce	Dry Stout	13A Dry Stout	2
Doug Lasanen	Dry Stout	13A Dry Stout	3

Table 7 - Blonde/Pale/Tripel/Golden Strong Belgian (9 Entries)

Rob Westendorf	Dark Strong Ale	18D Belgian Golden Strong Ale	1
Ben Sibley	Tripel	18C Belgian Tripel	2
Rob Westendorf	Belgian Blond Ale	18A Belgian Blond Ale	3

Table 8 - Dubbel/Dark Strong Belgian/Wood aged (9 Entries)

Tim McPartlin	Belgian Dark Strong	18E Belgian Dark Strong Ale	1
Tim McPartlin	Oak Aged Stout	22C Wood-Aged Beer	2
Rob Westendorf	Dubbel	18B Belgian Dubbel	3

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!

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Table 9 - Saison/Sour (9 Entries)

Keith Taylor	Saison	16C Saison	1
Brian St Clair	Flanders Red Ale	17B Flanders Red	2
Brian St Clair	Saison	16C Saison	3

Table 10 - IPA (9 Entries)

Phill McDermott	American IPA	14B American IPA	1
Ron Mahan	Imperial IPA	14C Imperial IPA	2
Rob Westendorf	Imperial IPA	14C Imperial IPA	3

Table 11 - Amber/Pale Ale (10 Entries)

Phil Meyer	APA	10A American Pale	1
Ray Snyder	American Pale	10A American Pale	2
Dave Collins	American Amber Ale	10B American Amber	3

Table 12 - Hybrid/Brown (10 Entries)

Team McClendon / Boyce	American Brown Ale	10C American Brown	1
Ben Sibley	Northern English Brown	11C Northern English Brown	2
Theodore Holloway	Cream Ale	6A Cream Ale	3

Table 13 - Smaller Lager (7 Entries)

Keith Taylor	Bohemian Pilsner	2B Bohemian Pilsner	1
Ron Mahan	Dortmunder export	1E Dortmunder Export	2
Ron Mahan	Munich Helles	1D Munich Helles	3

Table 14 - Bigger Lager/Bock (7 Entries)

Brian Evanson	Vienna Lager	3A Vienna Lager	1
Ron Mahan	Doppelbock	5C Doppelbock	2
Dan Listermann	Traditional Bock	5B Traditional Bock	3

Table 15 - Common/Bitter (6 Entries)

Ron Mahan	Extra Special Bitter	8C Extra Special/Strong Bitter (EPA)	1
Keith Taylor	California Common	7B California Common Beer	2
Jennifer Hermann	ESB	8C Extra Special/Strong Bitter (EPA)	3

BEST OF SHOW

Ron Mahan	Extra Special Bitter	8C Extra Special/Strong Bitter (EPA)	1
Phil McDermott	American IPA	14B American IPA	2

Iron Brewer Submissions

If you signed up to enter the Iron Brewer 2007 Competition you will need to submit your entry category to Roxanne Westendorf.

Email her at moosekers@fuse.net

UPCOMING: July Board Meeting

July 2 . D&J Manor . 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 July 2, will be graciously hosted by Darryl & Jennifer. All are welcome to participate.

[click to
MAP IT](#)

Directions to the D&J Manor:

9985 McKelvey Rd., Cinti, 45231 513-522-2436

Come to Darryl and Jennifer's for the July 2nd Board meeting! You are welcome to come anytime after 6pm. We'll have the cornhole boards ready for your action if you'd like to get a game or two in before the meeting which will begin at 7:30.

If you'd like to bring munchies, please do! Of course, I'll have fresh salsa to share!

June Board Minutes

June 4 . Kevin Spatz's home . 7:30pm

>Need for someone to take charge of raffles during meetings, suggested 2 people coordinate prizes (usually left at Listermann's), Ray S. said will talk to some of the new members

>German Day- BBL brought 5 baskets w/ specialty items including T-shirts, glasses, meads, etc. (16-18 btls. each)

>Beer and Sweat- Darryl, Jennifer, Ray, and John met last week, T-shirts still being designed, make hotel reservations now, need someone to set up a Friday nite beer dinner at Rock Bottom (\$60.00 for dinner), Rob will talk to Guy about a special dinner and price for Friday night after 5 PM set up

Beer & Sweat Mead- 110 gallons made – Sam Adams donated honey, Don O. volunteered 2-55 gal. drums, will be getting fireballs for color, shooting for 12% alc. (S.G. 11.37 - F.G.10.30), Don O. and BarrelHouse helping w/ bottling (12oz. btls, 22 oz. beers)

>2008 AHA Convention-CMI, Bloats/ Draft booths for club nite so far, BBL has been asked to host first round or support 1st round in Dayton, Nationals next year in Cincy, convention shirts due in later this week

> next meeting- June 15- Mecklenberg Gardens, social meeting w/ wheat beers, next month (July)- Iron Brewer, at Listermann's (send Roxanne catagories for Iron Brewer)

Your Beer in Denver —

at the AHA Convention!

Last Chance!

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.

Tim can be reached by phone, 265-3802.



Bosmo's Beer History Lesson:

In their efforts to regulate beer quality, the ancient Babylonians, who were among history's earliest brewers, decreed that any commercial beermaker who sold unfit beer would be drowned in his/her own libation.

Beer & Sweat 2007

Saturday, August 18th Saturday, August 18th Saturday, August 18th

THE DRAWBRIDGE INN

2477 ROYAL DRIVE, FORT MITCHELL,
KY 41017, (859)341-2800

When making your reservation,
remember to mention Beer & Sweat to get our group rate!

All BJCP styles accepted!

All entries must be in 5 liter or larger kegs.
Soda entries are eligible too, for free entry!

*Please note that mead and cider are not eligible for Best of Show.

1. Entries due via email to Bathingotis@yahoo.com by midnight, Wednesday, August 8th. You must specify the category, subcategory (including name and number/letter) for all entries.
2. Entry fee is \$5 for your first beer, \$4 for your second beer, \$3 for three through ten and any entries over 10 are FREE. Your first entry includes admission for two to the event.
3. Entries can be checked in (and paid for) on Friday 7-9pm and Saturday, 9-12pm.
4. We need your help to judge* and steward this huge competition! Please email your interest to the email address provided above. Judging will begin promptly at 2pm. The award ceremony will follow during the band's first intermission (7:30ish).
5. T-shirt, keg drop off, and other general information is coming soon!

*As a sanctioned competition, points will be awarded! Judges and stewards will receive a dinner pass and free admission to the event.



THE QUARTET FUNKY* FUSION *JAZZ



By volume, Beer & Sweat is the world's largest keg-only homebrew competition!

Caption Contest

Submit your caption to amelchers@fuse.net
There's no prize except the honor of having your entry posted in the next newsletter.



New and Renewing Members

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

Darryl Dieckmann

Jennifer Hermann

Chris Dorn

Jim Jansen

Bill Lakeburg

Ron & Sandy Mahan

Phil Meyer

Ben Sibley

Ray Snyder

Theodore Holloway

Keith Taylor

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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