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Beer & Sweat

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Everyone should know that all information about B&S is posted on the website.

Entries closed at **239! + 6 soda entries**. Last year was 236 but that included all of the sodas!!!!

Beer & Sweat Volunteers

We are looking for dedicated and willing Bloatarians to help with the registration table and raffle booth this year. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer. Remember, this event can only happen with a group effort. Thanks!

Email Jennifer at bathingotis@yahoo.com if you'd like to help out



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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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6th Annual Cornhole Blowout!

Been thinking about your Cornhole?

What beer you're going to haul out to D&J Manor?

Which towel you might look best in?

What you'll bring for the potluck dinner?

GOOD! Darryl throws a pretty good party every third Saturday in September. (This year will be very well deserved after Beer & Sweat!!) I'll have more information coming soon. For now, you need to mark your calendar and get ready to get it in the hole! The party rages all day long. The official 2007 D&J Manor Cornhole Tournament will begin promptly at 5pm. You must be present to enter!



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: _____

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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.

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
- 28/29...Beer & Propane
Mike Schwartz's Estate

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



Local Events in August

Beer & Sweat - 18th

<http://www.bloatarian.org>

Cincy Brew Ha-Ha - 24-25th

<http://www.cincybrewhaha.com/>

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Upcoming Competitions

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1512th Annual Dayton Beerfest
<http://hbd.org/draft/>
Entry Fee: \$5/entry
Entry Deadline: 09/08/2007

OCTOBER

- 27Oktobers' Best Zinzinnati
<http://www.maltinfusers.org/>
Entry Fee: \$6 first entry
\$4 each additional entry
Entry Deadline: 10/13/2007

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

Beer & Propane '07

Chuck Boyce

Well it's time again for the campout. This year expects to be another great event. The Bloatarian secret ceremony will be held Saturday night. I believe Ray has something special planned so don't forget your funny hat. Theme food this year again is Barbecue!!!!

The event will take place September 28, 29 and 30th at the Mike Schwartzs' estate in Hillsboro just like last year. Remember to bring your brewing equipment and plenty of beer. There's plenty of room to camp and you may come up Friday night if you like. Also bring a side dish for the Saturday night dinner, something that goes well with Barbecue. You can make Barbecue ahead of time or make it on site, doesn't matter. Any kind of Barbecue will be accepted: hot, mild or anything in between. If you plan on brewing bring your equipment and plenty of propane. Water is provided. Please bring wood if you can. Our pallet supply is low and I want to make sure we have enough wood.

NOTE: Hamilton, Butler, and Warren counties plus the entire state of Indiana are quarantined by either state or federal law for firewood due to the rampant spread of the emerald ash borer. We can bring wood from Clermont, Brown, Adams, and Clinton counties to Hillsboro, but it is illegal to do so from or through the quarantined areas to clean areas.

Directions to the Camp Out

I-71 North or South to I-275 East. Take the Hillsboro exit (#59). At the light turn right toward Hillsboro. You will be on Route 50. It's about 37 miles to Hillsboro. Continue on 50 through Hillsboro to the next town called BOSTON. When you see the Boston sign, the next intersection is the street BEECHWOOD. Turn right on Beechwood. Continue on Beechwood to the stop sign. The street is not marked but it is NORTH SHORE DRIVE. Turn left, travel about 1/2 mile and the drive way will be on your left. We will have the driveway marked. The address is 10915 North Shore Dr. Look for the sign!

This year we again ask a favor from all that attend. With the constant increase in attendance, it becomes more difficult for our host to dispose of trash. Please be aware of this and try to take as much trash (especially bottles and cans) with you as you leave this year. Mike and his family are very gracious to hold this event so let's show them how much we appreciate their hospitality.

Do you have "cenokegaphobia?"

Check out our Beer & Sweat 2007 t-shirts! These shirts by Anvil are 100% cotton with a pre-shrunk heavyweight at 6.1 oz., feature shoulder-to-shoulder tape and seamless collarette with a double needle neck, sleeve and bottom hem. The cost is just \$15 each (please add \$1 for 2XL and 3XL). Sizes available are adult sizes S-3XL. You will be able to purchase shirts at Beer & Sweat.



Ladie's Colors



Back of Shirt



Men's Colors

Beer in Bavaria

Dave Harsh

Having just spent a couple of weeks in Bavaria, I should give an overview from a beer's point of view. First, I must present a picture of Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King Ludwig II. This is only because federal law prohibits any mention of Bavaria without such a picture. Seriously, as much bad press as Ludwig got, remember that his castles provide a major income for modern Bavaria – I'd love to have a days worth of income produced by those busloads of Japanese tourists and their pushy guides.

Besides low level tourist attractions, you can also go to the top of the Zugspitze – Germany's tallest mountain at 2900 m – and visit Germany's highest beer garden. There are also plenty of small breweries in the small towns around Munich, and I highly recommend drinking whatever is brewed in the town you happen to be visiting on a given day. After all, it will be the freshest beer available. Nothing tastes better than whatever locally brewed Weissbier they have on tap. I did get a funny look from a waitress when I ordered a "gross" Aventinus from the tap at one little beer garden for lunch.

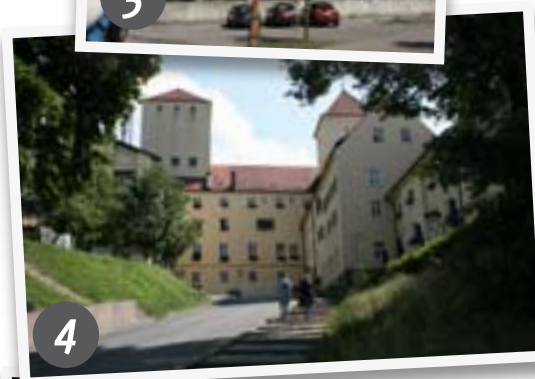
A word to the wise on German beer halls. All casual restaurants/beer gardens have a few tables reserved for the locals – the "Stammtisch tables". They usually have some ornate sign over them, although the many of the reserved tables in the Hofbrau were identified solely because they have tablecloths on them. It is not appropriate to sit down at such a table unless you are invited to do so.

Unfortunately, the good people at Weihenstephan screwed the pooch when we talked to them on the phone, telling us there was no tour available on the day we'd be near and that they had no shop open. We drove by a photo op anyway, and discovered we had just missed the last tour of the day but their shop was open for business. Go figure. I have decided that I don't want to rent a U-Haul trailer anymore after seeing what they have at Weihenstephan!

A visit to Munich requires a trip past the Oktoberfest grounds, already being set up for this fall – two rows of eight huge tents being constructed, each large enough to hold the better part of a football field. A local warned me that if you don't have reserved seats in a tent, you really don't want to go to Oktoberfest as it is crowded and a total drunkfest. Ok, maybe I do want to go after all.

We did enjoy dinner at the Hacker-Pschorr "brewhaus", which our waiter said had once been a small brewery, although the coppers seemed to be more →

1. Schloss Neuschwanstein; 2. Germany's highest beer garden;
3-5. Weihenstephan Brewery



You might be a homebrewer if...

you've ever used a mop on a ceiling.

window dressing than functional. Who cares, the food was good and I was required to taste the Marzen as it was their specialty beer for the week. Two days later, the Marzen was gone and the required beer was the Dunkel Weisse. It was also excellent.

No trip in Munich can avoid the Hofbrau – I think the locals look down on the Hofbrau because of the endless stream of tourists that seek it out. As you enter the Hofbrau, a large room on one side stores the locals' beer steins in locked cages. These steins are impressive and some are undoubtedly worth a small fortune. The inside tables were mostly reserved, but it was a nice day, so we headed out to the beer garden where we found an oompah band playing, although they locals call the music "Bavarian folk music". The pretzel girl comes by selling pretzels – and they're huge. The pretzels, that is. (Who's the most popular guy in a Bavarian nudist colony? The one who can carry eight steins of beer and a dozen pretzels. Can anyone remember part II of that joke?)

According to the locals, the best beer in town is Augustiner – and its clearly the most popular. The beer garden probably covers three football fields and on a Thursday night at 6, it was packed. The garden is so large, they actually have a small flatbed truck to transport the steins from the wait stations to the



6. Munich Oktoberfest grounds; 7. Kettles at the Hacker-Pschorr Brewhaus; 8-9. Signs marking Stammtisch tables; 10-13. Munich Hofbrau Haus



dishwashers! The recommended beer that night was referred to only as the Special, and was being tapped straight from the cask. I'd describe it as being somewhere between a helles and a dunkles, but there was no doubt it was perfect on that hot Bavarian evening.

So that's it for this trip. A quick quiz – how many pictures of King Ludwig II did you find in the pictures with this article?

14.-17. Augustiner Bier Garten

Iron Brewer 2007 Results

The master of Cinnamon this year was Rob Westendorf taking Best of Show with his Dark Belgian Ale, and making him a repeat winner of the event.

There were 18 entries this year.

The final results are as follows:

Flight 1: English/Amber/Scotch/Alt

- 1st: Darryl Dieckman – Strong Scotch Ale
- 2nd: Brian St. Clair – CinnamAlt
- 3rd: Chuck Volle – ESB

Flight 2: Belgian and Christmas Beers

- 1st: Rob Westendorf – Belgian Strong Dark Ale
- 2nd: Kevin Spatz/Brian Becker – Christmas Ale
- 3rd: Andy Melchers – Christmas Ale

Flight 3: Brown/Porter/Stout

- 1st: Jim Foster/Mike Feiertag – Scottish Export 80
- 2nd: Chuck Boyce – Brown Porter
- 3rd: Gregg Wilson – Robust Porter

Best of Show Recipe

3 gallon final volume

6lb Dingemann's Pale malt 4lb Weyermann Munich malt

½lb Special B malt ½lb Aromatic malt

½lb chocolate malt (added at start of sparge)

12" cinnamon sticks (0.25 oz.), steep 15 minutes at end of boil

1.1 oz. Styrian Goldings pellet hops (4.2 aa), in for 75 minutes

⅔ oz. Hallertau whole hops (4.0 aa), in for 30 minutes

⅓ oz. Hallertau whole hops (4.0 aa), in for 5 minutes

Mash temperature 146°, hold for 90 minutes

No mash-out step; Boil for 90 minutes

1 tsp. Irish Moss in last 15 minutes

Add cinnamon at the end of the boil. Steep for 15 minutes before chilling.

1 liter yeast starter, White Labs 550 Belgian Ale

Start fermentation at 66°, let temperature rise as much as it wants, reached 74°. O.G. 1.093 F.G. 1.016 IBUs approx. 36

The beer was five months old when judged.

(Brewer's note: at one month old the beer had a strong cinnamon aroma. This had faded substantially by the time of judging.)

Judge's Comments

"A very good Dark Strong Ale. The wonderful spicy character of the yeast pretty much overpowers the cinnamon, could stand more cinnamon character."

"Only suggestion might be to lower final gravity, but it seems quite big, very nice."

"Very complex enjoyable brew. Malt richness + esters almost disguise the cinnamon. It does not come out as an individual taste but blends with the other flavors very well."

UPCOMING: September Board Meeting

TUESDAY September 4 . Snyder Residence . 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 TUESDAY September 4, will be graciously hosted by Ray Snyder. All are welcome to participate.

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MAP IT

Directions to Ray Snyder's residence:
6369 Castlehill Dr., Liberty Twp. Ohio 45044

Three easy turns off the highway. I-75n to 129w to CinDay n (right) to Princeton (left) w to Castlehill (right) - 5th house on the left.

August Board Minutes

August 6 . Zeller's Dwelling . 7:30pm

Attendees: Jennifer H., Darryl D., Andy M., Ray S., Kevin S., Dave H., John Z., Dan L., Seth M., Mark H., Brian B., Dave LeB.

Jennifer: Review of B&S entry form information on website

- > The Shriners will be having their convention will be at the Drawbridge the same night as B&S. Questions raised as to how to regulate traffic if they want to attend.
- > Glasses are ordered and Shirt pre-orders are still coming in for B&S.
- > We'll be able to get in early for setup on Friday and can stay later on Saturday night. A nice perk from the folks at the hotel.
- > Friday dinner is planned at Oriental Wok. Limited seating available.
- > September 15 is Cornhole VI at D&J Manor. Other upcoming events include Beer and Propane last weekend of September and Beer & Food at the Sept Meeting.

Dave H: An old newsletter had still been on the old HBD Bloat website containing contact info for members at the time. Contacted HBD and had all files removed. Only thing remaining is a link to our new site.

- > BJCP class dates discussed. Tuesday nights are best for Dave to host.

YouTube: Beer zymylurgical timewasters

CNN Report:
Belgian Beer Tour
featuring Gordon Strong
and Ed Westemeier

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUG_iAEz-pQ

...and some less
informative offerings:

Beer Activated Girl
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uz_1JJakuTg

Beer Canon Montage
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmBRZ7UR3Rw>

Carling's Big Beer Ad
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AcIHPJH8iY>

Canonball!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=he4fBK3d8hk>

Female Brewery
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3CnfkeqzqQ>

All Natural Tröegs
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2S2VUCdbhg0>

Beer Goggles
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AQPlbpmki4>

Beer Quoted:

*Quaintest thoughts, queerest fancies come to life and fade away.
What care I how time advances; I am drinking ale today.— Edgar Allan Poe*

The Drawbridge Inn

Keg Drop Off

Don't want to shake up your kegs more than you have to? Staying Friday Night? Please note the following instructions that should make your life a bit easier.

There will be signs marking your way...

After turning onto Royal Drive from Buttermilk Pike (if you pass Montgomery Inn Restaurant, you're going the right way), you'll drive a few hundred yards where you'll see "Shabby Chic" Salon and a sign for "Josh's English-style Tavern" on the right. **TURN RIGHT HERE.** Follow this driveway which will eventually take you left into a small parking area. This will lead you to the back door of the wing where our festivities will be occurring. Just inside this door is the walk-in cooler for your beer! Although you will not be able to park here permanently, this should make unloading your kegs much easier.

To get to Guest Check-In, go back the way you came and turn right on Royal Drive. You'll drive past London Hall on the right (this is deceiving and is not a drop off point). The next building is where you need to be. Park and come on in!

REVISED - We have access to the cooler between 4-9pm Friday night. You must remove your kegs by 11am Saturday.

Please ensure that you give yourself plenty of time to register your entries at B&S. They must be registered by 12:30pm on Saturday!

*Although you will have B&S registration tags, I highly recommend that you personally tag all of your entries for easier identification.

Highlights from the Ewing Bash

courtesy of Jaci St. Clair



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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July Meeting Minutes

July 20 . Listermann's . 7:30pm

- > Toast! Welcomed visitors- Randy and Dave
- > Congratulated Brian St. Clair and Ron Mahan on AHA competition awards
- > Roxanne- Denver update: Club Nite- 250 kegs available (want more for 2008 convention) expecting 1000+ attendees for 2008 AHA so BOOK NOW at the Sheraton. As of the meeting there were almost 60 rooms already booked for next year!
- > Beer and Sweat Update: 88 rooms booked (120 available) so BOOK NOW -NEED entries (send info to Jennifer) and judges, etc. (more info to follow)
- > See Ray S. to order T-Shirts and Bloatwear
- > July 21, 2007- Ken and Mary's Pool Party
- > Bloat Board Meeting at John Zeller's house (bring lawn chairs) see newsletter for details and directions
- > Aug Bloatarian Meeting held at Drawbridge Inn night before Beer and Sweat
- > "Beer and Eats" Sept. 21 meeting (bring food made with or goes with beer)
- > Sept 2007- Bloat Board Meeting at Ray Snyder's house (details to follow)
- > Jennifer and Darryl's Sept. Party coming up (details to follow)
- *** temporarily suspending monthly raffle (need coordinator and prizes)
- > Late Sept 2007- Beer and Propane (details to follow)

BJCP Study Class Outline

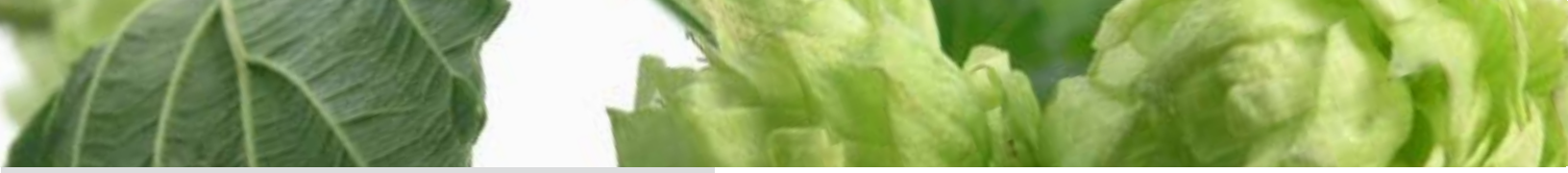
Dave Harsh

Each session will involve judging a beer or two, answering a sample exam question, as well as critical tastings of the days styles and the technical topic. It will help you a lot if you do some reading on each category and subject before the session.

The idea of these activities is to show you what you know and to help you identify what you need to learn. I promise I won't throw things at you if you make mistakes, or at least I won't get mad if you duck when I do.

Week	Date	Tech Topic	Styles	# Substyles
1	9/11	BJCE, BJCP, Scoresheet	1	5
2	9/18	Malt	2, 3	5
3	9/25	Hops	4, 5	7
4	10/2	Water	6, 7	7
5	10/9	Mashing	8, 9	7
6	10/16	After mash – from sparge to fermenter	10, 14	6
7	10/23	Yeast + Fermentation	11, 12	6
8	10/30	Adjuncts, packaging	13	6
9	11/6	Troubleshooting I	15	4
10	11/13	Troubleshooting II	16	5
11	11/20	Off-flavor Lab	17	6
12	11/27	Recipe Formulation	18	5
13	12/4	Practice ½ Exam	19, 22	6

Note that we will not taste and discuss styles 20 and 21. Herb/fruit/vegetable/spice beers are not covered on the exam, if we have time we may discuss them on 12/4.



Recently, the new German Pope made some important changes to the liturgy

New and Renewing Members

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

Glenn Wolf, Sr.

Glenn Wolf, Jr.

Jennifer Hermann

Joseph Dolwig

Marty Leininger

Charles Zorb

Randy Schiltz

David & Susan McCamey

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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