

# BOSMOPOLITAN

October 2007

## **Bloat Retrospective** October Meeting Friday, October 19 . Mecklenburg Gardens . 7:30pm

*"Repeat after me, without the light it is the brightest?"* Floatus Bloatus. What does it mean? Do you know who the Son of Zeply is? What is the symbol of order? What do you mean, no free beer? NO FREE BEER?

If you have been to Beer & Propane, you have a clue about some of these things, or do you? Join the Bloatarian Elders (or are there?) for a night of order smashing and chaos rejoicing (or will it be)? What is Bloatarianism? Find out (or can you?)... at the Bloatarian Retrospect.

This is also a Style Night Social of Barleywines. Good combination, eh? Bring 'em out and share 'em with the masses!

## **Cincy Craft Beer Remembrances**

excerpted from <http://citybeat.com/archives/1996/issue236/cover1.html>



I found this gem awhile back and knew it would make a great 'look back' at some point. With the Bloat Retrospective as this month's theme the time has come to share it and the great stories it tells about Cincy's varied successes and failures in the craft beer industry over the past couple decades. Visit the link above for further info about local breweries and brewpubs featuring the likes of Main Street, Barrell House, Mad Monk, Brew Works and more. The photo of Dan Listermann alone is worth your time. I guarantee it!

More on page 6! →

Cincinnati beer judge Ed Westemeier

## **DISCOUNTS!**

*Hey, you! Fancy a discount?  
Come to the meetings regularly?*  
Maybe you should be there more often seeing as Listermann's will be offering a 10% discount on all items purchased during club activities held at the shop!

## **TASTINGS!**

I wanted to say thanks again to all who helped with the Fries Cafe tasting event on Saturday, October 6th.

I have two more tastings coming up that need some drinkers!

### **10.14.07 Sunday**

Founders Breakfast Stout @ the Comet (in Northside, 4579 Hamilton Avenue 45223.) Tapping will be at 5pm and bluegrass starts at 7pm. If you like bluegrass stick around if not get there early.

### **10.16.07 Tuesday**

Bells Java and Cherry Stout with 8000 @ the Comet. All on draft and tapping will be at 7pm. You get to keep your glass so get there early there are a limited number of Bells pint glasses available.

Would love to see everyone!

Gregg Wilson

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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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## Beer Batter Crepes

3 lrg. eggs  
1C. milk  
1C. lager beer  
2T. melted butter  
1 3/4 C. flour  
pinch of salt

- \* whisk eggs, milk, beer, and melted butter together
- \* add flour and salt and beat until smooth
- \* cover, let set 1 hr. at room temp.
- \* place small amount of batter at a time in skillet, spread thin, fry on both sides at medium temp
- \* spread with favorite filling, roll, and slice. Refrigerate until served
- \*\*Filling suggestion: 1 block cream cheese (softened), 2 cans crab meat (drained), 1T Old Bay- type seasoning- mix well together and spread on crepes, roll, and slice.

CHEERS!! Paula

#### 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!

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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.

## OCTOBER

- 1 .....Officer's Meeting  
Listermann's, 7:30
- 2 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 9 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 16 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 19 .....Monthly Meeting  
Mecklenburg Gardens, 7:30  
Bloatarian Retrospective  
Pick-A-Style: Barleywines
- 20 .....Lasanen Group Brew  
Doug & Nettie's,  
Food: 4:00  
Brew: All day!
- 23 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 30 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30

## NOVEMBER

- 5 .....Officer's Meeting  
Listermann's, 7:30
- 6 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 13 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 16 .....Monthly Meeting  
Listermann's, 7:30  
Holiday Beers
- 20 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- 27 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30

## DECEMBER

- 3 .....Officer's Meeting  
The Pub at Rookwood, 7:30
  - 4 .....BJCP Class  
Listermann's 7:30
- ## JANUARY 08
- 5 .....Christmas Party  
Mecklenburgs 6pm

## Upcoming Competitions

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

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



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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 12 Days of Beermas!

*The Board decided* that this year it would be in the best interest of our club and our gracious hosts at Mecklenburg Gardens to push the usual December Holiday Party into January. **Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 5th, 6pm at Mecklenburg Gardens!** We'll have a potluck as usual and the traditional 750ml bottle exchange. More details to come! In the meantime, lets get together **often** in December to share our love for beer!

We are all so busy in December, especially on the week-ends. But there is always time for beer, isn't there? We have named this bloated time for beer in December "The Twelve Days of Beermas." This will essentially take the place of the regular monthly meeting, replacing it with a plethora of meetings, and will give us all an opportunity to try a new beer bar or get out of the house to relax and enjoy some good beer close to home with your fellow Bloatarians.

There is no schedule set other than the places listed below. Food is available at all places with the exception of Vince's. Most places you can easily find on the web for directions and selections. But, you are all encouraged to add something to the calendar at Bloatarian.org if you know of a special brew that is being featured at a particular night's bar. Meeting times will vary according to everyone's schedules, with the exception of the at least the first night, December 3rd (Board Meeting) to be held at The Rookwood Pub. Join us at the head table for dinner at 6:30 with the Bloated Boards to follow promptly at 7:30!

*We want to see you here:*

**Monday, 12/3 The Pub at Rookwood (Board Meeting)**  
[http://www.nicholsonspub.com/pub\\_rookwood.html](http://www.nicholsonspub.com/pub_rookwood.html)  
2692 Madison Road, Suite G1, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208  
841-BRIT

**Tuesday, 12/4 - last beer judge class**  
(no pub scheduled)

**Wednesday, 12/5 Hofbraühaus Newport**  
<http://www.hofbrauhausnewport.com/>  
3rd & Saratoga at the Levee, Newport, KY 41071  
859-491-7200

**Thursday, 12/6 Brazenhead Irish Pub**  
<http://thebrazenhead.com/home.php>  
5650 Tylersville Road, Mason, OH 45040 513-229-0809

**Friday, 12/7 Vince's Other Place**  
7701 Hamilton Ave, Mt. Healthy, OH 729-4525

**Monday, 12/10 Anthony's Cigar Bar**  
<http://www.anthonysofwestchester.com/>  
7641 Voice of America Center Drive, West Chester, OH  
513-779-3455

**Tuesday, 12/11 Fox and Hound**  
<http://www.tentcorp.com/>  
5113 Bowen Drive, Mason, OH 45040 229-7921

**Wednesday, 12/12 Nicholson's**  
<http://www.nicholsonspub.com/nicholsons.html>  
625 Walnut, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 564-9111

**Thursday, 12/13 Rockbottom Brewery**  
[www.rockbottom.com](http://www.rockbottom.com)  
10 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
513-621-1588

**Friday, 12/14 Steinskeller's**  
15 East High Street, Oxford, OH 45056 (513) 524-2437

**Monday, 12/17 The Comet**  
<http://www.cometbar.com/>  
579 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 513-541-8900

**Tuesday, 12/18 Dilly Deli**  
<http://www.dillydeli.com/home.html>  
6818 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227 513-561-5233

**Wednesday, 12/19 Crooked Nail Pub**  
9303 Cincinnati Columbus Rd, West Chester, OH 4506  
513-755-7800

**Thursday, 12/20 Teller's**  
<http://www.tellersofhydepark.com/>  
2710 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

## Book Your Rooms for Nationals!

Rob Westendorf

*Plans for the 2008 National Homebrew Convention*, to be held here in Cincinnati, are coming along nicely. We have finally filled all of our major jobs, and are now working on filling out the many working staff positions. I am also pleased to announce that two additional clubs, The Brewers of Central Kentucky (BOCK, Lexington), and The Greater Huntington Homebrewers Association (GHHA, Huntington, WV), have joined us as co-sponsors. Both BOCK and GHHA are long-time supporters of Beer and Sweat. This means we now have eight clubs (BBL, CMI, DRAFT, SODZ, LAGERS, FOSSILS, plus BOCK and GHHA) acting as co-sponsors!

Our host hotel is already starting to fill up, and the AHA has not even started to advertise. At this year's convention in Denver, we handed out flyers for 2008 that had the booking information for the hotel on them. Based on this one promotion alone the hotel is already over half full! The AHA has now added the hotel information to their convention site (<http://www.beertown.org/events/hbc/index.html>), and it is possible that the primary hotel will fill up before the end of the year. (There is a secondary hotel that will be available just across the parking lot from the main hotel.) If you plan to spend any nights at the main hotel, I strongly suggest you book your room now! (No deposit is required, and the hotel's cancellation policy is very liberal.) You can find the booking information at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/brewer](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/brewer). For planning purposes, the pre-conference events, including tours and pub crawl, start on Wednesday, June 18th. The main conference starts on Thursday, and the big evening events get under way with Pro Brewers Night. Friday is the meat of the Technical Sessions (including the Bourbon Barrel Beer session), and Friday night is the granddaddy of all homebrew events, Club Night. The Technical Sessions continue Saturday, with the Grand Banquet, including announcing the winners of the National Homebrew Competition, on Saturday night.

The heavy planning will get really rolling after the first of the year. We will be asking for many hands to help with tasks big and small throughout the convention. We'll probably need a total staff pushing 75 people. If you're interested in helping out, please let us know! If you're not interested, well, we're going to draft some of you anyway :-). Thanks in advance for your help in turning this into an event to remember!

## Lasenen Group Brew

You may be unaware, however, Nettie and I have hosted a group brew for many years. After starting in June, we made the switch to October three years ago, due to conflicts with the "Nationals". That said, this year's event is on the October calendar, which will be the day after the monthly meeting, October 20th. Last year other brewers were invited to bring their gear and brew along. We shall do that again this year! Get your gear together and come and brew!! I get an early start, but, suit yourself to finish when you like.

"Bratts and Burgers" will be furnished along with other "Nettie" fixin's... Say, about 4 PM. Bring a dish of your choice! And Beer to share! Directions to the Lasenen Estate:

I-75 North to SR 129, Micheal Fox Highway. First Exit, Cincinnati ~ Dayton Road, Turn right. Go about 3 miles. First street inside of "Monroe" city limits is Stillpass Way. Turn right, go to 2nd Stop Sign. Turn Left. Left at first street. Obenour Court. Look for 940. Yellow house on left!

October is a GREAT Month for Brewing!! And it's always better when you have someone to spend that time with telling "Brewing Stories" and learning how others "Brew"!! Come on out for a good time!

Cheers!

Doug and Nettie



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

If you can't make tea or coffee without thinking about sparging

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### ...Telling Swell from Swill

Of course, as with all products, not all microbrews and home brews are created equal. Eventually, the discerning consumer will want to separate the good from the bad and the ugly.

The best-trained beer connoisseurs do so along objective standards, says Ed Westemeier, a beer reviewer for Southern Draft magazine who also judges contests in the Tristate.

"What it really boils down to," says Westemeier, "is instead of doing an evaluation in terms of whether you like it, we try to judge how close the beer comes to the classic definition of the style."

So it's more important for a bock to conform to bock standards than it is for the beer to tantalize the taste buds, though flavor does have a bearing on the overall rating. The Beer Judge Certification Program, an organization in which Westemeier participates that approves judges, uses a 50-point scale to rate brews during contests.

"It's really rare to find two judges who'll score a beer more than four or five points apart," he says. "So it's pretty objective."

Common criteria for rating beer include appearance, aroma, taste and overall impression. Most categories are relative to the style of beer that is being judged.

Some things to look out for, Westemeier says, are excessive or lack of head retention (which are equally undesirable for drinking enjoyment) and a skunky, acidic or winery smell (which is generally indicative of a defect in the product).

But with a little practice, anyone can become a beer connoisseur. And this is one hobby where no one minds practicing.



*Dan Listermann with materials needed to brew your own beer.*

## September Meeting Minutes

September 21 . Listermann's . 7:00pm

Vice President Snyder was Master of Ceremonies

\*Chuck Boyce- new strain Wyeast is in (New Belgium Fat Tire Strain)

\*Goose Island event coming to Jungle Jim's

\*Brian- Mustard Club at Mecklenberg Gardens on Oct 13, 11AM All-you-can-eat for \$10.50. Go to [mustardclub.org](http://mustardclub.org) for more details

\*Rock Bottom- Mitch Dougherty is new head brewer (go meet and greet)

\*Beer and Sweat 2007 was very good, check Jennifer for score sheets, medals at Listermann's, will be at Drawbridge Inn again next year

\*Dave H. beer judge classes on tuesdays at 7:30PM

\*Sept Meeting's Beer and Food organized by Sue- everything was delicious (as usual)

*Continued next page*

### Beer Quoted:

*Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut. — Ernest Hemingway*



## September Minutes cont.

\*2008 AHA Convention- Rob W. needs concierge for Hospitality table to recommend restaurants, give directions, etc.

Recent Events: Beer and Propane 2007 this past weekend at Mike Schwartz's house (great beer, great food, great weather, and great secret ceremony- Shhh :)

## October Board Minutes

October 1 . Listermann's . 7:00pm

Attendees: Jennifer H., Ray S., Ron and Paula S., Kevin S., Dan L., John Z., Brian B., Dave H., Rob W.

Opened with passing the bottle of Thunderbird around! (Yuck) New tradition ???

Kevin made it all better with a tasting of Utopia :)

### October

5 "Hoppy" tasting at Jungle Jim's

9 "Stone" tasting at Dilly Deli starting at 5PM

19 Oct Bloatarian Meeting- Mecklenberg Gardens- Bloat Retrospect- bring any old pics, relics, etc. and invite any Bloat Alumni that you may still have contact with to come (E-Mail Jennifer or Ray Spangler for details), barley-wines- style of the month, B&S shirts and glasses will be on sale

20 Doug and Nettie's Group Brew

27 CMI OktobersBest Competiton at the Beer Sellar

### November

5 Board Meeting- Listermann's- 7:30PM

10 FOSSILS Porters Competition (entries must be in by 11/8)

16 Bloatarian Club Meeting- Listermann's- Holiday beers- style of the month

### December

3 Board Meeting- Listermann's

No regular club meeting in December (Holiday Party to be scheduled for January-details to follow)

\*\*\*Instead, all Bloatarians are invited to partake in joining together for drinks and food at the first annual- "12 Beer Bar's of Christmas!" (See article on page 4 for schedule)

\*B&S 2008 Drawbridge Inn contract signed this week

\*B&S 2007 notes- club may consider raising entry fees slightly to offset rising expenses

- discussed next year's choices regarding entertainment, food, etc.

- this year's raffle very successful

CHEERS ALL!!! Paula :0)

## UPCOMING: November Board Meeting

Monday, November 1 . Listermann's . 7:30pm

Thanks to our Board Members for their open invitations and usage of their homes during the past summer meetings. As the weather turns to cooler temperatures we'll return to holding monthly meetings at Listermann's once again.



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gallery section of our website!

## New and Renewing Members

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

**information unavailable —  
to be updated next month!**

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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