

# BOSMOPOLITAN

August 2008

## Beer & Sweat 2008!

Beer & Sweat is the world's largest keg only homebrew competition by volume! The competition takes place this Saturday afternoon ending with the Best of Show judging and finally the awards ceremony in the evening. Once the awards have been given, the biggest homebrewed party that you may ever experience continues well into the evening.

**We have 245 entries registered for Beer and Sweat this year.**

This is going to be another big competition. We can certainly use all the judges we can get. If you have not already registered to judge, and you would like to judge, you can do so online.

Online registration to be a judge or steward at Beer and Sweat is still open and available online at [www.beerandsweat.org](http://www.beerandsweat.org). Just go to the website and follow the instructions.

**ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!** Contact Drawbridge Inn at [www.drawbridgeinn.com](http://www.drawbridgeinn.com) or (859)341-2800 or (800) 354-9793 to confirm. Be sure to mention "Bloatarian Beer & Sweat" to get your discounted rate!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We could still use a few volunteers to help with Registration and Raffles. Contact Jennifer at [bathingotis@yahoo.com](mailto:bathingotis@yahoo.com) to schedule your hour or two of time. It's easy and hey, you can still sample all of the fine homebrews during that time.

If you have general questions about entries, the competition, judging, or stewarding, contact Ray Snyder at [ray@beerandsweat.org](mailto:ray@beerandsweat.org).

If you have general questions about the Beer and Sweat event contact Jennifer Hermann at [jennifer@beerandsweat.org](mailto:jennifer@beerandsweat.org).

See y'all on the 16th at the Drawbridge Inn!

## Election '08

Jennifer Hermann

It's not just a new President of the United States that we will be electing this November, but also a new Bloat Board for the 2009-2010 term. We are now accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. If you are interested or have questions to ask, please talk to any one of the current officers or an elder Bloat.

November is only 4 months away and we need YOU to keep this club going!

**WE HAVE HAD ZERO OFFERS!**

This is **YOUR CHANCE** to step up and take the reins of this great organization. Elections will take place at the Treehouse during November's meeting.

## B&S Help

Registration:

Any hours from 8a-11a, 6p-10p

Raffle

Any hours from 8a-10a, 11a-12p, 5p-6p, 8p-10p

Your willingness to help out your club's event adds up to less stress for those running B&S and more time enjoyed by those that have already volunteered!

Thanks!

Jennifer

*Bosmopolitan* is the official newsletter of the Bloatarian Brewing league (BBL), the original homebrew club of the Greater Cincinnati area. Annual dues are \$24 (or \$2/month pro-rated), and include an electronic subscription to this newsletter.

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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.

#### BBL Minister's Address

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#### Advertising Rates

Advertising is graciously accepted.

The rates are as follows:

Full page: 1 issue: \$32, 3 issues: \$75  
Half Page: 1 issue: \$17, 3 issues: \$40  
Quarter Page: 1 issue: \$10, 3 issues: \$25

Contact the editor for more information, including submission requirements. Back issues are available at no cost on the BBL website at [www.bloatarian.org/](http://www.bloatarian.org/) ☺

#### Club Officers 2007-2008

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513-759-2573 [raysnyder@fuse.net](mailto:raysnyder@fuse.net)

*Treasurer:* Kevin Spatz  
513-791-9355 [kevin.spatz@bostonbeer.com](mailto:kevin.spatz@bostonbeer.com)

*Temp Secretary:* Bryan Evenson  
[bevenson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bevenson@cinci.rr.com)



## THIS SATURDAY!

#### 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 \$24 (or \$2/month pro-rated) to spare, so sign me up!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (required)

Return this form along with check (payable to the Bloatarian Brewing League) to:  
Kevin Spatz  
9557 Main,  
Cincinnati, OH 45242

# CALENDAR

## AUGUST

- 2 .....Mead Day  
Westendorf Residence  
See page 4
- 4 .....Board Meeting  
John Zellers' 7:30pm
- 15 .....Monthly Meeting  
TBD 7:30pm
- 16 .....BEER & SWEAT 08  
Drawbridge Inn, KY

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 .....Board Meeting  
Ray Snyder's 7:30pm
- 13 .....7th Annual  
Cornhole Blowout  
D&J Manor
- 19 .....Feast of Floatis Bloatus  
Treehouse 7:30pm
- 26 .....Beer & Propane  
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## OCTOBER

- 6 .....Board Meeting  
Andy Melchers' 7:30pm
- 17 .....Octoberfest  
TBD 7:30pm

## NOVEMBER

- 3 .....Board Meeting  
Location TBA 7:30pm
- 21 .....Say Cheese!  
Discussion with pairings,  
presented by Dr. David Fankhauser  
held @ Jim and Nancy Foster's  
9706 Paul Farm Lane  
Finneytown  
7:30pm

## Upcoming Competitions

### AUGUST

- 16 .....Beer & Sweat Ft. Mitchell, KY  
Contact: Ray Snyder  
Phone: (513) 759-2573  
Entry Fee: \$5 1st beer, \$4 2nd, \$3 3rd thru  
10th, over 10 are free  
Entry Deadline: 08/01/2008  
[www.beerandsweat.org](http://www.beerandsweat.org)



Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at varying locations noted within the calendar and elsewhere in the newsletter. Meetings begin at 7:30 with a toast to cenosilliphobia. All members are welcomed to attend. It's a good forum to discuss club business, new topics, not to mention a good excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a few good beers!



# HOPPENINGS

## **Bloatarians to Host Root Beer Tasting**

Darryl Dieckman

The Bloatarian's have been invited to host a root beer tasting at the Newport Public Library on Thursday October 2nd, 2008 at 7:00pm. We will provide some basic information on brewing root beers and making soda. We will also compare the homebrewed versions to various store bought brands to see who comes out on top.

If you are interested in learning more about the event and how you can help, please contact John Zeller ([john@beerand-sweat.org](mailto:john@beerand-sweat.org)) or Darryl Dieckman ([darryl@beerandsweat.org](mailto:darryl@beerandsweat.org)).

### **WE NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* Some research into the historical origins of root beer, its ingredients, and the brewing process, as well as experience brewing root beers and sodas. We can put together the presentation, unless we get a volunteer that really wants to spear-head the presentation effort.
- \* Some homebrewed root beers and sodas. Brew up a batch and we will sample it at the tasting. It does not necessarily need to a root beer. A nice orange creme, creme soda, lemon drop, hot cinnamon, or basil oregano soda would be great too. :)
- \* Some talented taste buds. So, you know how to taste hops and malts, but what about sassafras, wintergreen, and birch? We need a few refined palettes to have fun comparing homebrewed and commercial root beers.

Registration is required to attend the event: <http://www.cc-pl.org/events/viewevent.htm?id=2652>

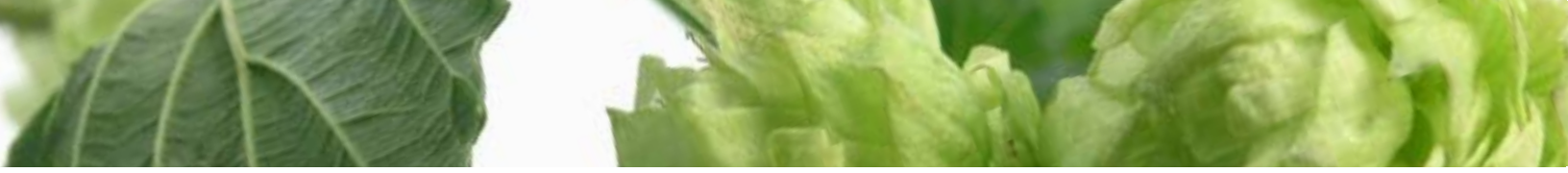
There is a topic in the forums on the Bloatarian website. If you are interested in discussing things, log into the site and start discussing.

### **Beer Quoted:**

*The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober.*

**William Butler Yeats**





# Beer & Propane

Saturday, September 26

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. No theme food this year... just wing it!

The event will take place September 26, 27 and 28th 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.

**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. So every little bit will help. Please pay attention to wood transport restrictions!

### *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.

Chuck

## Mark Your Calendar!

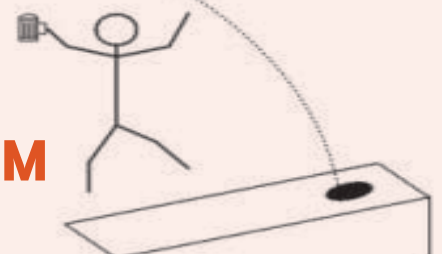
**Cornhole Blowout VII**  
**September 13th**  
**D&J Manor**



**caution! cornholing in progress!**



**WWW.CORNHOLEBLOWOUT.COM**





# The Listermann Cup

An annual competition designed to promote participation in homebrew competitions.

Prizes: Third place - \$50 gift certificate  
Second place - \$100 gift certificate  
First place - \$300 gift certificate and a trophy cup.

Object: to place in as many homebrew competitions as possible as high as possible.

“Competitions” is defined as any AHA sanctioned point distributing competition anywhere.

Participation is limited to local brew clubs within about 100 miles of Cincinnati such as Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus, Huntington, Lexington and Louisville.

Winners will be determined by the accumulation of points during a year’s time beginning on the first of July each year.

Points will be awarded per below:

Normal AHA sanctioned competitions:

- 3 points for a first in category
- 2 points for a second in category
- 1 point for a third in category
- 3 extra points for Best of Show

First round National Homebrew Competition:

- 6 points for a first in category
- 4 points for a second in category
- 2 points for a third

Second round National Homebrew competition:

- 9 points for first in category
- 6 points for second in category
- 4 points for third in category
- 12 points for Ninkasi Award
- 18 points Homebrewer of the Year

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

you have a picture of a carboy on your desk instead of your family.



## Upcoming AHA Club-Only Competitions

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008

#### IMPERIAL ANYTHING

Entries are due 10/11/08 and judging will be held 10/18/08. Entry fee \$7 (make checks payable to AHA).

#### Entry Shipping:

Sherwood Brewing Co.  
45689 Hayes Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
Attn: Sept/Oct 2008 AHA COC

Hosted by Fred Bonjour and the Clinton River Association of Fermenting Trendsetters (C.R.A.F.T.) of Macomb Township, MI, this competition covers any beer style that has been imperialized. Entries will be judged to BJCP Category 23 Specialty Beer, so entrants must include information about what they have done. The competition is not about the biggest beer, it is about a bigger beer done right.

Entries MAY specify the base beer style, and MUST state the original gravity (OG), final gravity (FG), and the type of imperialization (ABV, IBU, etc.).

Note: Beer styles that are imperial by nature (Dopplebock, Eisbock, Strong Scotch Ale, Russian Imperial Stout, Imperial IPA, Belgian Dark Strong Ales, and English and American Barleywines) MUST have OG = 1.100 or greater, and ABV = 10% or greater.

For more information, contact Fred Bonjour at [homebrew@wideopenwest.com](mailto:homebrew@wideopenwest.com).

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

#### CELEBRATION OF THE HOP (IPA)

Entries are due November 19 to November 28, 2008. Judging will be held Saturday, December 6, 2008. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

#### Entry Shipping:

Weasel Boy Brewing Company  
c/o AHA COC IPA Yeast Samples  
126 Muskingum Ave Suite E  
Zanesville, OH 43701

Hosted by Frank Barickman and the Scioto Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) club of Delaware, OH, this competition covers BJCP Category 14 styles.



## Aug Board Meeting Minutes

### Aug 4 . Zeller's WestSide Compound

In attendance: Bryan E., John Z., Darryl D., Mike C., Jennifer H., Mark H., Rob W., Kevin S., Dave L., Dave H., Andy M.

Toast at 7:55 PM

#### Beer and Sweat:

- \* No word yet from Guy Burgess about pre-Beer and Sweat dinner at Oriental Wok. Rob W. is working to contact Guy. If not an organized dinner, will just meet as a group at Oriental Wok.
- \* 237 entries so far. Registration will close at noon on Wednesday
- \* Online registration worked well. Need to tweak the entry fee rules for next year to prevent abuse.
- \* About 100 judges and stewards registered so far.
- \* Flighting to occur on Wednesday night.
- \* Goal for next year is to allow people to prepay with Paypal.
- \* Ray S. would like to change floorplan from last year. Registration will now be next to the entrance on the other side of the room. More seating will also be added.
- \* Need 120 rooms booked to avoid extra facility charge. Currently 98 rooms booked. Will remind people at registration desk to reserve room under "Beer and Sweat" group to receive discount.
- \* Limited glassware. Extra glasses will not be for sale until later in the evening.

#### NHC Wrapup:

- \* Kevin S. is still working on dividing revenue between organizing clubs. Goal to have money distributed by Beer and Sweat.

#### Upcoming Events:

- \* Aug. 24-31st - Belgian Beerfest in Maine.
- \* Sept 8th - Board meeting at the Snyders. Voting in minor bilaw changes.
- \* Sept 13th - Cornhole Blowout at D&J Manor
- \* Sept 19th - Great Feast of Floatus Bloatus at Treehouse
- \* Sept 26th - Beer and Propane
- \* Oct 2nd - Club is invited to host a root beer/homemade soda tasting and information session at the Newport Public Library. Contact Darryl if interested in attending or contributing.
- \* Oct. 6th - Board meeting at the Melchers
- \* Oct. 17th - Beer and Cheese meeting at the Fosters. Club voted not to have a guest speaker for this event. Rob W. has tentatively accepted to handle the pairings and obtaining the cheese. Will let club know if he is not available.
- \* Nov. 3rd - Board meeting at Mecklenberg Gardens
- \* Nov. 21st - Grammer's offered to host us for the November meeting. Club voted to meet at Grammer's. Still need to determine meeting topic.
- \* Dec - 12 Days of Beermas!
- \* Jan 8th - Holiday Party at Treehouse



**If you were around in 1919, just before prohibition started,  
and came upon the following poster.....**



**I mean seriously, would you quit drinking?????**

## **UPCOMING: September Boards**

**September 8 . 7:30pm**

*click to*  
**MAP IT**

**SIR RAY OF SNYDER** will host the **SEPTEMBER BLOATED BOARDS!**

**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.