

BOSMOPOLITAN

September 2008

The Feast of Floatis Bloatus!

Sept 19 . 7:30pm . Treehouse

It's that time again for some delicious Brew Stew, Smoked Porter Chili or Stout Ice Cream at the September meeting at Treehouse! We will forego the usual grilling fare, your delicious taste tempting treats will be our menu. Bring what you like; main entrée, appetizer/side dish or dessert. The only stipulation is that the recipe must contain beer as an ingredient. No competition this year, although it has been mentioned that maybe the winner should be the person who is asked the most for their recipe! Index cards will be available to fill out to add name of dish/chef for bragging rights or no index card should you wish not to be recognized for your dish if the chef had a bad day - "beer surprise, anonymous." Think of what type of beer (IPA, lager, stout, etc) would pair well with your dish and we will put that on the index card also. As usual, bring your homebrew to share. In order to partake in the delicacies, you must bring a dish. BBL will provide plates, napkins and utensils. Please bring serving utensils for your dish if necessary.



Directions to Treehouse
can be found on the Bloat Website
www.bloatarian.org

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 Bloated 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 2 months away and we need YOU to keep this club going!

WE HAVE HAD OFFERS for

- ♦ PRES & VICE
- ♦ TREASURER

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

Imperial Cream Ale Bastard Son of Zeply Competition Results

Judged at Treehouse during July's monthly meeting. And the winners were:

1. PHIL McDERMOTT

2. Darryl Dieckmann

3. Ken Ewing

Honorable Mention: Doug Lasanen

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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/ 

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Treasurer: Kevin Spatz
513-791-9355 kevin.spatz@bostonbeer.com

Temp Secretary: Bryan Evenson
bevanson@cinci.rr.com

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

SEPTEMBER

- 8Board Meeting
Ray Snyder's 7:30pm
- 137th Annual
Cornhole Blowout
D&J Manor Mid Afternoon
Grill starts @ 4pm
Cornhole Tourney @ 5pm
- 19Feast of Floatis Bloatus
Treehouse 7:30pm
- 26Beer & Propane
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OCTOBER

- 2Root Beer Tasting
Newport Public Library 7:00pm
- 6Board Meeting
Andy Melchers' 7:30pm
- 17Octoberfest
TBD 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

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

Upcoming Competitions



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) or Darryl Dieckman (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:

Women and drink. Too much of either can drive you to the other.
Michael Still



Kelsey's Beer Cooking Party

Where: Doyle's Club
37 Mary Ingles Highway (Rt. 8)
Dayton, Kentucky
(Across From Former F&n Steakhouse)

When: Saturday Sept. 20th 2008 10:00am Til ?

Why: Beer Is Good, And To Spread Some Interest For
Home Brewing

Please Bring A Covered Dish And A 6 Pack Of Your Favorite Home Brew
To Share

Hot Dogs, Bratts, Mets, Cincinnati Chili And College Football Provided

Please RSVP

Call: Dan Kelsey 513-729-3115

BEER JUDGE CLASS WINTER 2009?

If you've been putting it off, you may have another opportunity to participate in a study class for the Beer Judge Certification Exam. I'm considering running a class this winter, probably starting in mid-January with an exam scheduled in April or May. One major difference would be that your cost would include your exam fee to prevent those who back out at the last minute from having that opportunity (If you take the TIME to take the class, you might as well take the exam since you can't be sure the exam will be aROuNd here again anytime soon!).

The class would probably run 15 weeks; it would include the usual combination of style tastings, practice exam questions, and technical discussions. Total cost will probably be \$150, if you would be retaking the exam, you'd get the usual discount. I don't plan on opening this up to non-BBL members - believe or not the club will be subsidizing part of the cost here! Finding a commercial example of every style can be daunting... but we do our best.

If interested, contact me (Dave Harsh) directly at dkharsh@fuse.net - if you've said something to me at a meeting, just assume I've forgotten and email me!

Thanks!

Lasanen 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 be the day after the monthly meeting, October 18th. 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" fix-in's... Say, about 4 PM. Bring a dish of your choice! And Beer to share!

Directions to the Lasanen 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. Obe-nour 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



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

Evenson Cookout

Saturday, November 1

On November 1st, Anita and I will be hosting a cookout at our house in Forest Park. I'll be firing up the smoker and cooking some pulled pork. Burgers, hot dogs and some non-meat alternatives will also be provided. Bring a side dish and of course some beer! I don't keg, so plan accordingly for your setup if you are bringing a keg. Pulled pork will be hitting the table around 6:00 PM. Feel free to stop by anytime after 4:00 PM. Kids welcome.

Bryan Evenson
837 Exmoor Dr
Forest Park, OH 45240
513-305-2483



Club By-laws

Ray Snyder

Ray Snyder led a review and discussion of the club's by-laws at the September Board Meeting. Several recommended changes emerged and are detailed below. Although they are mostly changes in the roles and responsibilities of the elected officers, they will require a club vote before they can be made official. **THE VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, ALONG WITH THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** These changes will be also be reviewed at the September meeting. Any questions or comments may be directed to any board member. The current bylaws can be found www.bloatarian.org/

1. ARTICLE IV-1 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. The following positions make up the list of elected officers.

President

Vice President

Minister of Propaganda

Minister of Commerce and Finance

President Emeritus

B. Other approved positions may be established and abolished at any time by the elected officers. Ordinarily, these positions include:

Competition Master

Raffle Coordinator

Event Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Membership Chair

Yeastmeister, etc.

SECTION IV.2 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

1. Adds the following sentence to the President's responsibilities

The president is also responsible for inter-club diplomacy and is the defacto ceremonial figurehead.

2. Adds the following sentence to the Vice President's responsibilities.

This officer is also responsible for club competitions and general operations.

3. Adds the following sentence to the Minister of Propaganda's responsibilities.

The Minister of Propaganda shall also be responsible for the newsletter and official club web sites.

4. Adds the following sentence to the Minister of Commerce and Finance responsibilities.

The Minister of Commerce and Finance shall also be responsible for club fund raising and outside legal affairs

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

you have a separate email folder just for homebrew.



Julie Bensing has graciously offered her home & Estate for the
LAGERS (& Friends) Annual September Fund Raiser!!

You're invited To the 1st Annual
LAGERS and Friends
" CHILI FEAST "

September 20, 2008
4pm until sunrise Sunday!

2412 Tunnel Mill Road, Charlestown, IN 47111.
This is about 25 minutes from Louisville

Bring your favorite prepared chili, in a crock pot, to be sampled by all. You can also bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to compliment your chili. For you non-chili lovers, there will be grills available for your use. Don't forget to bring a raffle item(s) and money for raffle tickets. Also, everyone bring a lawn chair.

Empty beer cups are not welcome at this event. Brewers are encouraged to bring kegs/bottles. Non-brewers bring commercial beer. Bring your sleeping bags, tents, campers, etc. and plan on staying overnight.

This is an Adult event, so if you bring your kids, bring duct tape, otherwise, they'll be fed to the dogs!

Directions from Louisville-

Take 65 North Across the Kennedy Bridge

Take the Clark Maritime exit onto 265- you'll be going east

Take the Charlestown exit onto 62- you'll still be going east

Go about 7 or 7.5 miles on 62

When you get to Charlestown (you'll see a 'Welcome to Charlestown' sign) there will be a light

Go forward thru the light

Take the second left, this is Monroe St., (Webb Auto Shop is on the corner)

Go to a stop sign, go forward thru the sign

Tunnel Mill will be the first right after the stop sign

Follow Tunnel Mill for about 1.25 miles

Then you'll come to a 90 degree curve to the left,

My house is the next house on the right after this curve

This is the only house on the right until the next 90 degree turn- at which point you will have passed me!

My house is yellow with white trim and green doors, roof and shutters, the house number is 2412 and it's posted at the end of the drive. Please ignore the 'No Trespassing' signs (unless you're a sales person!)

If you have any trouble, call Julie, 812-987-3322



Upcoming AHA Club-Only Competitions

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.

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.



Sept Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 8 . Sir Ray of Snyder's Outdoor

In attendance: Ray S., Bryan E., Andy M., Jennifer H., Darryl D., Mike C., Doug L., Dave H., Brian B., John Z

Toast @ 7:50 PM

Upcoming Events: Sept 13th – Cornhole Blowout

Sept 13th – Dayton Beerfest. More judges needed. Contact DRAFT if interested in judging.

Sept 19th – Great Feast of Floatis Bloatus at Treehouse. Jennifer H. and Darryl D. will be out of town and are looking for someone to bring paper plates, bowls, plastic silverware and napkins to meeting.

Oct 2nd – Root Beer Tasting at Newport Public Library. Plans are taking shape. Contact Darryl D. if interested in participating.

Oct 6th – Board Meeting at Melchers

Oct 17th – Beer and Cheese at the Fosters.

Nov 3rd – Board Meeting at Mecklenburg Gardens. Will meet for dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting to start at 7:30 PM.

Nov 21st – Monthly Meeting at Grammers. Nominations for officers for next term.

December – Beermas! Ray is working on list of stops.

Jan 10th – Holiday Party and Officers Induction Ceremony at the Treehouse.


Ray S. committed to writing two articles for the newsletter in the near future.

Dave H. also committed to writing an article

Bilaws: Ray S. presented proposed changes to current bilaws. Ray stated that the proposal was a clarification of duties to more closely match current operation, to which the attendees agreed. Proposed changes will be voted upon during the next board meeting. Contact Ray for more information.

Beer and Sweat: Overall ran much smoother than last year. Still setting up post-mortem meeting. Final numbers are not in, but looks to be a good showing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM



Overheard at Beer & Sweat

"Less head, more judging"

G. Strong

"I get so hot in here."

D. Lasanen

"But when he gets cold..."

N. Lasanen

"I believe in Bigfoot. I buy a case of it every year."

Anon.

Mentioned in an email.....

"Cool carbonated water is nice. Cold carbonated scotch is better."

Darryl

UPCOMING: October Boards

october 6 . 7:30pm

click to
MAP IT

THE MINISTER OF PROPAGANDA will host the OCTOBER BLOATED BOARDS!

3023 Hull Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211

South I-75 to West on I-74, Exit at Montana Ave and turn left going up the big hill. Turn Right at Westwood Northern Blvd. Left at Wardall, Left at Epworth, Right at Hull and it's the 5th house on the left, a blonde brick with big porch.