



BOSMOPOLITAN

Name That BEER! — Apr 16, 2010

Norwood Community Center . 7PM

Think you can distinguish an ale from a lager? Do you know the difference between American and English Barley-wines? Do you think that you would be able to distinguish an American Lager from a German Lager? You'll get the chance to try at Name That Beer!

Here's how it works: You'll be given samples of a commercially available beer. You must first decide is it an ale or a lager? (1 point). Then define the general style (Example: Belgian Strong Ale, another point.) Now, can you name the correct sub-style? (Belgian Tripel, a third point). Finally, can you name the exact brand of beer? (In this example, Westmalle Tripel, another two points.) He/She who tallies the most points after five beers will be crowned the Big Shot Bloatarian Beer Nerd of the Month (Quite an honor!) To make things a little easier, for each beer we'll recruit a victim... er, expert, who will taste the beer and give impressions and guesses to the group. This gives you a chance to compare your tasting skills with some of our more experienced members, and maybe improve your overall palate. This fun and challenging April meeting promises to be another great one in what's become an annual event.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212

BLOAT OPEN

May 22 . Norwood Community Center . Beer check-in begins at 10am. Judging starts at 11am.

All BJCP categories are open for entry and entries can be either kegs or bottles or 2-liters. Meads and ciders are welcome but are not eligible for Best of Show. If you are submitting bottles, we will need at least two for each entry (enough for two rounds of judging).

Cost - \$10 for unlimited entries. All first time competitors can enter as many as they want for free!

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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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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 the 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:
Mike Carver
998 Mistflower Lane, Florence, KY 41042

Or join/renew online at www.bloatarian.org and make a secure payment via PayPal

Upcoming Competitions

04/23/2010

Black & Tan and I-74 Homebrew Challenge

<http://hop.bradley.edu/competition.html>
Peoria, IL

Contact: John Martin fmh3@yahoo.com

Phone: (309) 472-5544

Entry Fee: \$6

Entry Deadline: 04/15/2010

05/15/2010

3rd Annual Upland Brewing Company UpCup

<http://uplandbeer.com/>
Bloomington, IN

Contact: Caleb Staton caleb@uplandbeer.com

Phone: (812) 336-2337

Entry Fee: 5

Entry Deadline: 05/07/2010

05/22/2010

Bloat Open

<http://www.bloatarian.org/>
Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Michael Carver treasurer@bloatarian.org

Phone: (314) 440-6850

Entry Fee: See article in this issue

Entry Deadline: 05/12/2010

06/12/2010

Botanical Brew Competition

<http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/>
Fort Wayne, IN

Contact: Carman Young carman.young@ci.ft-wayne.in.us

Phone: (260) 427-6446

Entry Fee: \$8.00 first entry, \$4.00 all subsequent entries

Find more competitions here:

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

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 7:00 with a toast to cenosillicaphobia. 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!

Bloat Open 2010

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This is a Bloatarian Club Only Competition. You must be a member to enter a beer into the competition. If you are not already a member of the club you can join the club at the pro-rated annual membership of \$16.

This will make you a member of Cincinnati's largest homebrewing club AND allow you to enter as many beers in the Bloatarian Open as you can muster.

If you are already a member of the club then your 2009 Dues Must Be Paid in order to enter the competition. Dues were due on January 1st and are \$24 for a full year membership.

You DO NOT need to be a Bloatarian member to judge/steward, and you DO NOT need to be a certified BJCP judge to judge. With a competition this large (171 entries last year) we can never have enough volunteers,

so go sign up at www.bloatarian.org

Remember, you don't have to be a member to judge or steward, so bring your friends from outside the club to help. Even if you're not stewarding or judging, come by and socialize afterward and find out who won Best of Show. The awards ceremony will take place as soon as we have the scores tabulated. After the competition is over we will be grilling burgers and brats, and I think there might even be some beer left over to drink!

Beer check-in begins at 10am.

Judging starts at 11am.

Bloatarian Open

German Day - June 6, 2010

The Bloatarian Brewing League is a member club of the German-American Citizens League (GACL). The GACL's mission is to preserve and promote Greater Cincinnati's German heritage. The GACL's largest fundraising event is German Day, being celebrated this year for the 115th time, on Sunday, June 6th. The greatest portion of funds raised come from the German Day raffle. Prizes for the raffle are donated by various businesses and individuals, as well as by the member clubs. The BBL donation is baskets of beer! We're asking you, our members, to donate a few bottles of your favorite commercial beers (we can't raffle homebrew, there's that legal thing), which we'll assemble into baskets. With your generosity, we've been able to create as many as eight baskets in the past. Let's keep that up!

Bottles can be brought to the April or May meetings, both Board and regular meetings, or dropped at Listermann's no later than June 1st.

German Day Weekend Keg Tapping

Date: Wednesday, May 27 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hofbräuhaus Newport

German Day Kickoff Parade

Date: Saturday, June 6 2009

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Findlay Market

German Day Celebration

Date: Sunday, June 7 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Place: Hofbräuhaus Newport



BJ's Beer Dinner with Stone Brewing on Tuesday 4/20

If you don't already have plans on 4/20 why don't you make plans to come to BJ's Brewhouse for their first beer dinner featuring beer and food pairings from Stone Brewing.

When: Tuesday, April 20th, 2010 at 7pm

Where: BJ's Brewhouse at Tri-County Mall

Cost: \$30-\$35

Reservations:

513-671-1805 (restaurant),
513-544-1955 (Tom)

Details:

6 courses each paired with a 5oz pour of Stone beer
Oak Aged Arrogant Bastard
Stone Sublimely Self-Righteous Ale
And many more...

Dinner served family style

Mufasa might be there, they are still working out his schedule.

The beer dinner is already 1/2 sold out. Call the restaurant to make reservations. If all those spots are full, give Tom a call because he has some extra spots for those "special" people.



Upcoming Competitions and Beer Festivals

Bryan Evenson

May is shaping up to be a busy month for homebrew competitions and gatherings. In addition to the Bloatarian Open on May 22nd, there are several other neighboring homebrew competitions and beer related events.

First, we will again be joining CMI for a brewout on **National Homebrew Day at Donauschwaben on May 1st**. Check the website for more details soon.

Next is the **Bluegrass Cup in Lexington, KY on May 8th**. This is the 2nd annual competition run by BOCK. It is being held in conjunction with the Lexington Craft Beer Festival. The homebrew competition will start at 9 AM and conclude later in the afternoon before the Craft Beer Festival starts at 4PM. Check out BOCK's website at <http://www.bockbrew.com/BluegrassCup.html> for more information on both the homebrew competition and the festival.

The following weekend Upland Brewing in Bloomington, IN will be hosting their annual **UpCup Competition and AHA Rally on May 15th**. The winner of the UpCup will be the recipe that Upland uses for their GABF Pro-Am Competition entry. Homebrewers are limited to one entry per person.

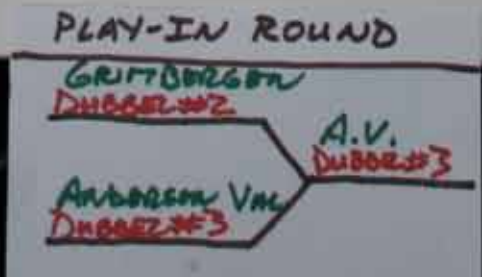
Finally, Alltech Brewing will be hosting their **4th Annual Kentucky Brew Off in Lexington, KY on May 22nd**. This is their competition to select their entry for their GABF Pro-Am Competition. All entrants must brew on-site at Alltech on May 22nd and use Alltech's house yeast (to be provided by Alltech during the brew day).

BBL Calendar of Known* Events for 2010

Apr 16	Name That Beer
May 22	Bloat Open
May 29	Beer & Deer
Jun	TBD
Jul 16	Mufasa Challenge
Aug 21	Beer & Sweat
Sept 17	Beer & Propane (DIBS)
Oct	TBD
Nov	TBD

*or so I've been told at some time or another.

MARCH BEER MADNESS 2010



The Brickskeller

Dave Harsh

If you've been in Washington D.C. and haven't made it to the Brickskeller, you probably need to just turn in your funny hat and resign from the Bloatarians right now and avoid the embarrassment. Why? Well, the menu describes the Brickskeller as a "Dining House and Down-Home Saloon" but that doesn't really do it justice. The food is acceptable - pretty standard appetizers, sandwich, burger and pizza fare. The quality isn't bad either, but you aren't there to eat.

Once you get past the food listings on the first five pages of the menu, you get to the beer list, where the fun really starts. And there are twice as many pages devoted to beer as there are to food - and all in 10 point font (no comic sans, either!). Our waitress was a bit uninformed on beers. When one beer I ordered was out of stock (Rader Ambre), she recommended Chimay if I liked brown ales. Please - like I go through a two page list of Belgian ales to order that! I was able to find beers I had never had which was the point!

The tap list wasn't long, but included 2010 Bigfoot and 2006 Old Foghorn. And if you wanted to get international, you could choose from Rodenbach, Lindeman's Framboise, Hoegaarden, or my favorite, Oud Beersel's Framboise.

It is necessary to properly toast when enjoying malt beverages, and the Brickskeller provides you with a page of toasts from around the world. I already knew to say "Prosit" in Germany or "Slainte" in Ireland, but now I know to say "Saha Wa Afiab" in Morocco, "Gezula" when in Albania, or even "Oogy Wawa" in Freedonia. The only toast I found missing was "Ja-eep" for Bloataria.

The Brickskeller is an easy walk from Dupont Circle at 1523 22nd St. N.W. in Washington D.C. Go there. That's an order.

Toasts From Around The World

"Work is the curse of the drinking class" - Ogden Nash

Albania	Gezula	Lithuania	I Sveikata
Arabic	Besalamati	Malaya	Yam Seng
Armenia	Genatzt	Malaysia	Slamat Minum
Austria	Prosit	Mexico	Salud
Azerbaijan	Saghligha	Morocco	Saha Wa Afiab
Bali	Selamat	New Zealand	Kia-Ora
Belgium	Op Uw Gezonheid	Norway	Skaal
Brazil	Saude	Old English	Wes Thu Hale
Burma	Auug Bar See	Pakistan	Zanda Bashi
China	Gampej	Persia (Iran)	Salaamati
Croatia	Zivjeli	Philippines	Mabuhay
Czech Republic	Na Zdravi	Poland	Na Zdrowie
Denmark	Skaal	Portugal	A Sua Saude
Egypt	Fee Sihetak	Romania	Noroc
England	Cheers	Romania	Im Sanatatea
Esperanto	Ja Zia Sano	Romania	Dumneavoastra
Estonia	Terviseks	Russia	Za vashe z-dorovye
Ethiopia	Letenatchie	Scotland	Shainte mhoiz
Finland	Kippis	Siam	Kvam Suk
France	A Votre Sante	Slovak Republic	Na Zdravie
Freedonia	Oogy Wawa	South Africa	Gesonohheid
Georgia, Republic of	Guamardjos	Spain	Salud
Germany	Prosit	Sudan	Sabatuk Fy
Greece	Iss Ighian	Swahili	Afya
Greenland	Kasugta	Sweden	Skal
Hawaii	Okole Maluna	Switzerland	Proscht
Hawaii	Hauoli Maoli Oe	Syria	Enta Salem
Holland	Proost	Syria	Kull Sana Wo
Hungary	Egeszsegetekre	Tagalog	Mubuhcly
Iceland	Samtaka Nu	Tahiti	Manuya
India	Aancliid	Tanzania	Kwa Afya Yako
Indonesia	Selamat	Thailand	Chai-o / Sawasdi
Ireland	Slainthe	Tibet	Phun Tsun Tsok
Israel	L'Chaim	Tibet	Tashidelek
Italy	Alla Tua Salute	Tonga	Ofe Atu
Japan	Kan pai	Turkey	Serefinize
Korea	Kong Gana UI Wi-Ha-Yo	Ukraine	Budjmo
Korea	Mansei	Ukraine	Na Zdorovya
Kyrgyzstan	Den Sooluck Yuchun	Wales	Lechyd Da
Latvian	Lai Ta Buda Ruc	Wales	Twill Din I Bob Sais
Latvian	Priejka	Wales	Yechud Dda
Latvian	Uz Veselibu	Yugoslavia	Na Zdraviye
Lebanon	Vesar	Zulu	Poo-Zim-Pee-La

District Chop House and Brewery

Dave Harsh

I'll admit my goal on this particular day had not been going to the microbrewery for lunch, but after a visit to the International Spy Museum with the kids, we walked down the street looking for a casual lunch. Providence did, in fact, provide and we came walking past the District Chop House and Brewery just a half block down from the Museum in one direction (Verizon Center is close in the opposite direction.) So for the record, I guess I should make it clear we are in Washington D.C. off the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop of the Metro. Easy to get to, even if your visit was on purpose!

I should mention the food since we were there for lunch. But since this wasn't a trip only about the food, I'll just say the food was good, as was the service and selection. This isn't a five star restaurant, but not pub grub either. Options range from sandwiches to a steak or pizza. Even my vegetarian daughter found something to her liking. So you won't starve - on to the beer. There is also a bar area so you don't have to sit at a table for a meal if that's not part of your plan.

I ordered the sampler (of course) and was pleased to see a 3-4 ounce serving of all six beers currently available. Others were listed on their board but not currently on tap. Their board was interesting in that it included a small scale in the description that rated body (=malt), hoppiness, and alcohol levels. I didn't actually notice the board until I was leaving and believe their ratings are actually fairly accurate.

First up was the "Light" - I was disappointed that a brewpub would stoop to such levels but was pleasantly surprised. It was actually a German Pils - crystal clear, light bodied and light amber. There was moderate hop bitterness and flavor from Hallertauer hops. The malt was light and grainy but this was no beer for someone who normally drinks a Budmilloors!

The seasonal was a Bavarian Hefeweizen according to the waiter - but as I was leaving I saw the board listing it as a Dunkelweizen! All those opinions I had written about it being too dark and full bodied for style went right out the window. The yeast profile was strong banana and bubblegum with no real trace of clove; I consider that a flaw in a German wheat. The malt was a bready/wheaty combination that tasted great.

The Amber Ale. My least favorite of craft beers because so many are bland, underhopped beers made for people who want to drink a craft beer but don't want the accompanying flavor. Luckily, this had a medium-high bitterness and that crystal malt sweetness you would expect. Not a wimpy version of the style.

The Brown Ale was essentially a London Brown that like the Amber, just isn't one of my favorite styles. The aroma was only a faint roasted malt without esters or hops. The same can be said for the flavor - roasted malt with a low-medium bitterness. The beer was a beautiful dark reddish copper and without any defects; it was just a bit boring.

The Stout was described as an Oatmeal Stout on the board, but struck me as more of an Dry/American Stout combination. It was served on nitrogen and featured a roast and coffee flavor and aroma. There was a hint of diacetyl in the aroma and this became more dominant as the beer warmed and got distracting. There was also a hint of yeast-derived fruitiness. Medium body with low bitterness, this beer just doesn't fit into the style guidelines.

Last up was the Imperial Stout - a jet black, medium-full bodied beer with an intense dark fruit/plum/raisin aroma and flavor that was backed up with a medium bitterness. The ferment was clean - this beer featured the dark malt and hop bitterness and was outstanding.

So in closing, I can highly recommend a stop at the District Chop House. You'll get good quality food and an ample selection of high quality beers. Now if I only knew who played in the Verizon Center I could recommend it as a pre-game location for whatever sport!

April Board Meeting Minutes

3.6.10 . Phil & Peggy's

In attendance: John Z., Phil and Peggy M., Rob and Roxanne W., Kevin S., Ray S., Mike C., Scott L., Jim F., Darryl D., Dave H., Dick M.

Upcoming events:

Name That Beer – anyone contact Dave L. yet? Ray S. to contact Dave; if not available will put out a call for someone else.

Bloat Open May 22nd at Norwood Community Center. Mike C. to solicit help as needed.

Beer and Deer at Westendorfs on May 29th

Upland UpCup in Bloomington May 15th

Bluegrass Cup hosted by BOCK in Lexington, KY on May 8th

Alltech Brewout on May 22nd – same day as Bloat Open

Campout scheduled for Sept. 17th. Ray to talk to Mike S. for start of organization of campout.

National Homebrew Day May 1st. Brewout scheduled with CMI at Donauschwaben. Bryan E. to contact Chris to check for needed help.

AHA Club Night. Enough donations to justify separate booth? If interested in donating, contact Rob W. Rob will decide whether to pair with other clubs based on interest.

Beer and Sweat. Still need raffle coordinator. Darryl to put out call to group asking for raffle coordinator.

Darryl to get with Scott L. about AHA listing for Beer and Sweat,

2010 Black & Tan I-74 Challenge Homebrew Competition

Sponsored by Homebrewers Of Peoria and Specialty Imports

I am going to the Peoria Jaycees Beerfest again with a group of friends (guys weekend away) but will also be judging and hope to enter the competition (I need to brew!) But, I wanted to mention this competition because if anyone is interested in entering I will gladly carry entries to the event.

This is also **The I-74 Homebrew Club Challenge**, a Homebrew club competition within this contest with a TROPHY for the winning club from clubs along the I-74 corridor. I think the Bloats need to OWN this Trophy!

Just let me know.

Andy Melchers / BBLminister@fuse.net

BRING ENTRIES TO THE APRIL 16 MEETING

Categories include **only** European Amber Lager (Style 3), Dark Lager (Style 4), Amber Hybrid (Style 7), English Ale (Style 8), Scottish and Irish Ale (Style 9), American Ale (Style 10), English Brown Ale (Style 11), Porter (Style 12), Stout (Style 13), India Pale Ale (Style 14), and Strong Ale (Style 19).

Competition is Friday, April 23, 2010

Entry deadline WAS 5:00 PM Friday April 4, 2010.

Visit the HOP web site at

<http://hop.bradley.edu/competition.html>

for more information

2010-2012 AHA Club-Only Competitions

Bryan Evenson

If you are interested in entering, bring two bottles (or a 2-Liter filled from a keg, or the whole keg!) to the meeting which we will be selecting our club entry. As a reminder, if we select your entry, it is your duty to package and ship your beer in time for the competition. Some of the competitions occur soon after we select our entry. If you won't be able to ship your entry yourself, then supply two extra bottles (brown or green bottles, 10 to 14 oz) and we'll take care of shipping your entry if we select your beer.

Go to http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club_only/index.html for more information on the AHA Club-Only Competitions.

August 2010

Mead (BJCP Categories 24-26)

Selection at July board meeting

Entry due to CO by July 30

September/October 2010

Sour Ales (BJCP Category 17)

Selection at August board meeting

Entry due to CA by Sept 9th

November/December 2010

Strong Ales (BJCP Category 19)

Selection at September board meeting

Entry due to WA TBD

January/February 2011

English Pale Ales (BJCP Category 8)

Selection at December board meeting

Entry due to CA January 28

March/April 2011

Bock (BJCP Category 8)

Selection at April board meeting

Entry due to OK by April 16th

May 2011

Angel's Share - Wood Aged Beers (BJCP Category 22C)

Selection at May board meeting

Entry due to NY by May 12th

August 2011

Mead (BJCP Category 24-26)

Selection at July board meeting

Entry due to ND by TBD

September/October 2011

Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers (BJCP Cat 23)

Selection at August board meeting

Entry due to PA by TBD

November/December 2011

Hail to Hefeweizen (BJCP Category 15)

Selection at September board meeting

Entry due to IN by TBD

January/February 2012

TBD (BJCP Category ?)

Selection at December board meeting

Entry due to IL by TBD

March/April 2012

Stout (BJCP Category 13)

Selection at February board meeting

Entry due to CO by TBD

May 2012

Scottish and Irish Ale (BJCP Category 9)

Selection at April board meeting

Entry due to TX by TBD

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings for the year will be held at these dates and locations:

Westendorf Residence
10296 Deerhollow Drive
Monday, May 3rd . 7pm

Directions: From I-275 take exit 33, Colerain Avenue (on the northwest side of Cincinnati). Go north on Colerain 1/4 mile, to left on Dry Ridge Rd (it looks like you are turning into Lowe's). Bear right at the stop sign to stay on Dry Ridge, and go approximately 1/3 mile to right on Deerhollow Drive. We're in the right corner of the cul-de-sac, at 10296 Deerhollow Drive. If you get lost or have questions, feel free to call at 245-1224.

June - Mahiques

July - Harsh

August - Zeller

September - Melchers

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD



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