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From the desk of President Sixpac O'Bosmo

2009 will be a busy year for the Bloatarians. We have a new board with a lot of enthusiasm and talent, a new permanent meeting site (details will be released soon), and many opportunities for improving the beer culture of Cincinnati.

As always, competitions will be a major priority and will include:

- Bockfest - with a lot more entries and the selection of a recipe for the 2010 Hudy Bock from one of them.
- Bloatarians Open - in a new location that has lots more space.
- Beer and Sweat (with no major changes from last year)
- The Mufasa No-Hop Challenge (judging will be at the July Meeting)
- AHA Club Only Competitions
- More winning entries in the nationals!!
- Participation in CMI's Oktobersbest, the SODZ British Beer Fest, and the Alltech Lexington GABF Pro Am competition

We will continue our social and beer culture activities, including:

- Gravity Head
- Dayton Cask Ale Fest
- Cornhole Blowout
- Beer and Propane (new and improved -the annual campout will include a BBQ competition, live music, and extending the invitation to other regional clubs)
- Bockfest Parade
- The Ewing Campout
- Womens Wine Weekend and the McPartlin and Lasenan Group Brews
- The Feast of Floatis Bloatus

So hold on to your silly hats for a 2009 filled with plenty of chaos and disordered thinking...

JA-EEP!!

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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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Bockfest 2009

March 6-8, 2009

The Bloatarian Brewing League will be sponsoring the 2009 Bockfest homebrew competition on Saturday March 7th. This bock-only competition will be held at Bockfest Hall in downtown Cincinnati and is part of the weekend long celebration of all things bock.

Categories: The Bockfest Competition is strictly limited to the following categories as defined in the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines.

5A - Maibock/Helles Bock

5B - Traditional Bock

5C - Doppelbock

5D - Eisbock

15C - Weizenbock

22* - Smoked and Wood Aged (bocks)

23* - Specialty (bocks)

*Base style must be 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, or 15C and must be clearly indicated on the entry.

www.bloatarian.org/bockfest.html for more info

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

Upcoming Competitions

03/07/2009

Cincinnati Bockfest

Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Ray Snyder

Phone: (513) 515-0799

Entry Fee: \$5 first entry,

\$4 subsequent entries

Entry Deadline: 02/25/2009

07/18/2009

Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

Columbus, OH

Contact: Brett Chance

Phone: (614) 644-4126

Entry Fee: \$5

Entry Deadline: 06/20/2009

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 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!

BRING OUT YOUR MEADS... BRING OUT YOUR MEADS!*

Febrewary 20, 2009

Febrewary is Mead Month. Learn about the types of meads, a little about judging mead (and how it's different than judging beer) and a very brief overview of the process. Oh, yeah - we'll also be tasting some meads, too! After the formal presentation, we can informally talk about getting creative with meads and share ideas.

Please bring meads to sample if you have them!

The Febrewary MEADing will be held at:

Reading Terraqua Club
7713 Dimmick Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241

275 to Route 42 – Go North – Go to UDF on right (that's Dimmick Road)
Take a right (East) go about ½ mile or so till the sign on right.
Follow the long driveway to the Club house.

Also, We will need a few people at the end of the meeting to help clean up so it is not necessary to come back Saturday morning to clean before the next member uses it.

Thanks



We don't EVER want to get old!!

Cheers; Mary & Ken



AHA Club Only Competitions for 2009

The last few months we have been encouraging people to submit beers for the AHA Club Only Competition. This has led us to enter beers in the last two competitions, which we have not done as a club for some time. We'd like to keep this trend going. Remember that we are only allowed to submit one entry as a club for these competitions, which we have been doing with a mini-BOS judging. So not only is it keeping us in the habit of entering beers in competitions, it is giving club members the ability to keep their judging skills from getting dusty. We took a look ahead for the year, and by planning things out we are able to schedule the entry selection for each competition during a regular monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2009.

March/April Competition: Beers with OG over 1.080

Select entry during March monthly meeting on March 20th.
Entry due to MN by March 28th.

May Competition: Extract Beers

Select entry during April monthly meeting on April 17th .
Entry due to TX by May 2nd.

August Competition: Amber Hybrid Beers

Select entry during July monthly meeting on July 17th .
Entry due to CO by August 19th.

September/October Competition: European Amber Lagers

Select entry during September monthly meeting on September 18th.
Entry due to KS by October 9th .

November/December Competition: Belgian Strong Ale

Select entry during November monthly meeting on November 20th.
Entry due to FL by November 27th.

January/February Competition: English Brown Ales

Select entry during Holiday party. Entry due to WA by February 16th .

Go to

http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club_only/

for more details on each competition or on the AHA Club Only Competition program. And remember, the club will reimburse you for any shipping charges or entry fees related to these competitions. All it will cost you is a few bottles of beer! Any club member who is interested can be involved with the judging. It's a great opportunity to be involved in a BOS style judging panel, which is very difficult to be involved with in a formal competition unless you are a high ranked judge. So post the schedule on your beer fridge and bring a few extra bottles to the club meetings!

In the News:

>> **Beer brewing once helped define us**

2009 BJCP Class Pics



Clockwise:

Dick cheeses it up

Sir Ray of Snyder

Greg looks for more of "my preciouuuuussss"

Minister looking horrified, probably at something Zeller said



Porter, Beer Guarddog

Harsh looking pensive

Mark Hill

The group



Mufasa's No-Hop Challenge Brewout



Clockwise:

Doug asks Darryl "Are you really going to put that crap in there?"

Doug's brewing setup

Zeller attends to his Quinine Cream Ale

Phil works while Lisa was off drinking.

The Evenson Family with new baby Margaret

Mike Carver chilling his big belgian brew

Kind host Kevin Hardman finished early with his new toy (brew kettle) in order to help feed the crew

Facts: 10 Brewers & 100 gallons of beer were brewed, 40 people came to partake in the beer and deer menu. (Deer Chili, Deer Brats & Deer burgers....)

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

March 2 - Mike Carver's
998 Mistflower Lane
Florence, KY 41042

April 6 - Jim & Nancy Foster's

May 4 - D&J Manor

June 1 - Dan Listerman's Campout

July 6 - Dave Harsh's

August 3 - John Zeller's Westside Patio

September 7 - Andy Melchers'

October 5 - TBD

November 2 - TBD

December 7 - TBD

BEER & SWEAT BOARD NEEDED

Fresh faces needed for the 2009 B&S Board Committee. Volunteers will apprentice this year and take over next year. It's a smooth running operation with a great set of guidelines in place and knowledgeable people available for guidance.

Does require time and legwork... but it's not that difficult. Besides, what have you given back to your brewclub lately?!?

We need coordinators for:

- Raffle
- Competition
- Event
- Registration

Contact Jennifer for opportunities

Equipment Available

Sadly and regretfully I have decided to sell ALL my brewing equipment. Its fairly vast.

- 2 fitted 1/4 barrel boiling kegs with lids. one 1/4b keg in orig. condition
- many glass and plastic carboys
- lots of champagne bottles
- 8 - 5 gal cornelius kegs / fittings / taps
- filter system
- 1 party pig
- 3 CO2 tanks (varying sizes)
- buckets, funnels and a host of other hardware gadgets
- approximately 30 lbs pellet hops varying
- books
- etc...

contact: Michael Devanney

National Homebrew Competition 2009

The AHA recently announced the dates for entry acceptance for the First Round of the National Homebrew Competition. Entries will need to be received between March 25th and April 8th. That's less than two months away! As a club we'd like to see more Bloatarians getting medals, which will take a little luck and a lot of entries. If you haven't already, go through your cellar and see what you have for beer, meads and ciders! There's still time to brew another entry or two if you have a free weekend. If you're looking for some critical feedback or need some help figuring out which category an entry really belongs, bring your beer to a meeting and ask one of your fellow Bloats.

In addition, our region will need a lot of judges and stewards to judge all those entries. Last year our region had 470 entries, and odds are there will be more entries this year. The date for First Round judging has not been set, but it will be in April at Weasel Boy Brewing Company in Zanesville, OH. We'll post more information as we learn more. Look at the AHA's National Homebrew Competition's website <http://www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html> for up to date information on the competition.

From the Czar of Bloat Retention - 2009 Dues are Due

My fellow Bloatarians, as the appointed Czar of Bloat Retention, it is my duty to inform you that membership dues for 2009 are due. Last year the board made a change to our membership policies in order to make the management of memberships and dues simpler. Bloatarian memberships run from 12:00 am January 1st through 11:59 pm December 31st, with the exception of last year when there was a leap second and I generously extended your membership through 11:60pm on December 31st. If you recall paying your dues last year then you may also recall some mental gymnastics to calculate your prorated membership such that you would only be paying up through December 31st.

Here is a quick summary of how things work:

- Membership spans the calendar year.
- Membership renewals are \$24 for the full year.
- New member dues are pro-rated at \$2/month for the balance of the year.
- Membership includes your spouse or significant other.

This means that if you have not paid your dues for 2009, then your membership has expired. Please direct your membership payments to me (Darryl) so that I can update the membership roster.