



BOSMOPOLITAN

March Beer Madness

Märzen 20, 2009

Bust out your brackets... You don't have to be a basketball fan to take part and enjoy March Beer Madness, but you do have to love beer. Now, I know, that's a really difficult requirement for the readers of Bosmopolitan but I expect to see you (and your taste buds) at this can't miss meeting! We'll seed commercial beers style-against-style to see who vies for the ultimate title of champion beer. You don't have to be a certified BJCP judge to participate. This is a great way for homebrewers new and experienced to exercise their mouth in a fun and friendly event. Who knows... maybe we'll all really love that mass market "American Ale" that's all the rage these days! :)

New Meeting Location!

Märzen 20, 2009

Beginning in March... The majority of BBL monthly meetings this year will be held at **Norwood Community Center**, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

Meetings will now begin gathering at 7:00pm as we must be out of the center by 11:00pm. As we are now paying to rent this space for the evening we will be relying more and more on raffle participation. Bring a couple bucks (or even better, donate something to the raffle) and support your club. Just as well, we are responsible for clean up at the end of the night. Having a few volunteers stick around to help will be appreciated. We will be proud to leave the center cleaner than we found it.

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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

Upcoming Competitions

03/16/2009

Bloatarian Open

Cincinnati, OH
Terraqua Club

Contact: Michael Carver

Phone: (314) 440-6850

Entry Fee: \$10 for unlimited entries

Entry Deadline: 05/06/2009

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 cenosilicaphobia. 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!

2009 Mazer Cup International (MCI)

Home mead competition!!

For almost two decades the most well known name in mead competitions has been the Mazer Cup. Created by Ken Schramm (author of "The Compleat Mead-maker"), Dan McConnell and Mike O'Brien, the annual event quickly became the world's best recognized and most prestigious mead competition. Even though the Mazer Cup competitions have not been held for the past few years, there has never been a more widely recognized event in the mead community.

With kind permission from Ken, Dan and Mike, the owners of Gotmead, the internet's premier source for everything having to do with mead, have taken up the torch and will sponsor both commercial and home mead competitions the weekend of April 17-19, 2009, in Boulder, Colorado. The Mazer Cup is reborn as the Mazer Cup International!!

All of the pertinent information including competition rules, entry forms, and the online entry system can be found at the Mazer Cup International website (www.mazercup.com). Entry cutoff will be 3 April 2009. Any questions regarding the event can be directed to Info@Mazercup.com and will be answered by one of our staff.

Judging for the home competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2008 Revision of the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines. Judging will be conducted by a prestigious pool of BJCP judges, professional mead makers, and Mead luminaries such as Ken Schramm. Those interested in Judging should contact Glenn Exline at Judge.Director@Mazercup.com

Regards,

Glenn Exline, Judge Director
Mazer Cup International 2009



THE MAZER CUP
INTERNATIONAL
HOME COMPETITION

AHA Rally - Upland Brewing, Bloomington, IN

Rob Westendorf

Since Roxanne is on the Governing Committee, we will be attending. If any Bloats are interested in joining us, we are willing to take on a rider or three. If you're already an AHA member you can attend for free, or extend your membership at a reduced rate.

Upland Brewing Company, Saturday, March 21st, 2009.

Bring a friend to the event. The cost is \$33 for new and renewing members.

Entrance to the event includes these opportunities:

- One-Year Membership to the AHA (reg. \$38)
- Meet Head Brewer Caleb Staton and Owner Doug Dayhoff
- VIP Brewery Tour
- Appetizers for everyone
- Chance to win great prizes from the AHA and Upland
- Everyone takes home a gift pack including a Upland pint glass, key chain and bottle opener!

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday - March 21st, 2009

TIME: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

WHERE: Upland Brewing Company
350 W. 11th St.
Bloomington, IN 47404
812-336-BEER
<http://www.uplandbeer.com>

Designated Drivers: We welcome designated drivers to the event. Entry is free, but does not include an AHA membership.

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 .

Bring your entries to the meeting this Friday!

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 Wars movie**

APRIL 16, BEER WARS

Screenings at:

**Regal Cincinnati
Deerfield Town
Center
MASON OH 45040**

**Nat'l Amusements
Cincinnati
Springdale
Showcase Cinemas
SPRINGDALE OH
45246**

**Nat'l Amusements
Cincinnati
Showcase Cinemas
De Lux Florence
FLORENCE KY
41042**

Board Meeting Minutes 3-2-2009

In attendance: Mike C, Ray S., Jim F., Bryan E., Jennifer H., Dave H., Brian B.

New monthly meeting location at the Norwood Activity Center. We need to be out of this location by 11:00 PM. Ray S. proposed moving our monthly meeting time earlier to facilitate leaving by 11:00 PM. Board agreed. Will tell club members to arrive by 7:00 PM, with the meeting starting promptly at 7:30 PM.

March Beer Madness – Brian B. has setup under control for the monthly meeting. Requested some back room help pouring beers. Ray S. volunteered.

Membership – currently only 34 paid members for 2009. Number of paying members compared to active members is low. Darryl D. has organized the membership list and will be contacting delinquent members.

Beer and Sweat – Ray S. proposed including Bloatarian membership in Beer and Sweat registration. Desirable from a legal standpoint. Ray S. also said that he should have numbers for liability insurance for events like Beer and Sweat by the next monthly meeting. Tabled discussion until the next monthly meeting when insurance numbers are in.

Bockfest - Ray S. may not be able to participate in parade. Dick M. has volunteered to take Ray's place if he is unable to participate. — 51 entries for Bockfest competition. OK on judges and stewards. Extra help wanted for raffle and "Meet the Homebrewer".

Ohio Valley Distributing wants to hold a homebrew contest for its employees to help them learn more about beer. Rogue has donated extract kits for them to use. Looking for three to five brewers to provide setup and "help" the groups brew the beer. Present members showed interest in participating. Ray S. will inform club when dates are set.

August – Newport Public Library wants us to return for another presentation. May be root beer presentation again, but it doesn't have to be.

Website – Darryl is working on new mailing list and a shop for selling Bloatware.

Bloat Open – date set (May 16th) and deposit placed on location. Will be held at TerraAqua Club.

Beer and Propane – date is set

National Homebrew Day – Ray S. asked if we would want to host a location for National Homebrew Day. Jennifer offered her house. Jennifer will work on registering as an official location.

Bloatwear

It's time again for T-shirts. We started taking orders last meeting and will continue through the march meeting. Or you can place an order to me on line at chuckb43@fuse.net We have short sleeve or long sleeve, with or without pocket.

The breakdown is as follows.

Size - M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Price - Long Sleeve \$16.00

Short Sleeve \$13.00

To place an order email me with your preference , Short Sleeve, Long Sleeve w/ pocket or Long Sleeve without pocket. Short sleeve shirts do not have a pocket.

If you wish to prepay send a check payable to :

Chuck Boyce

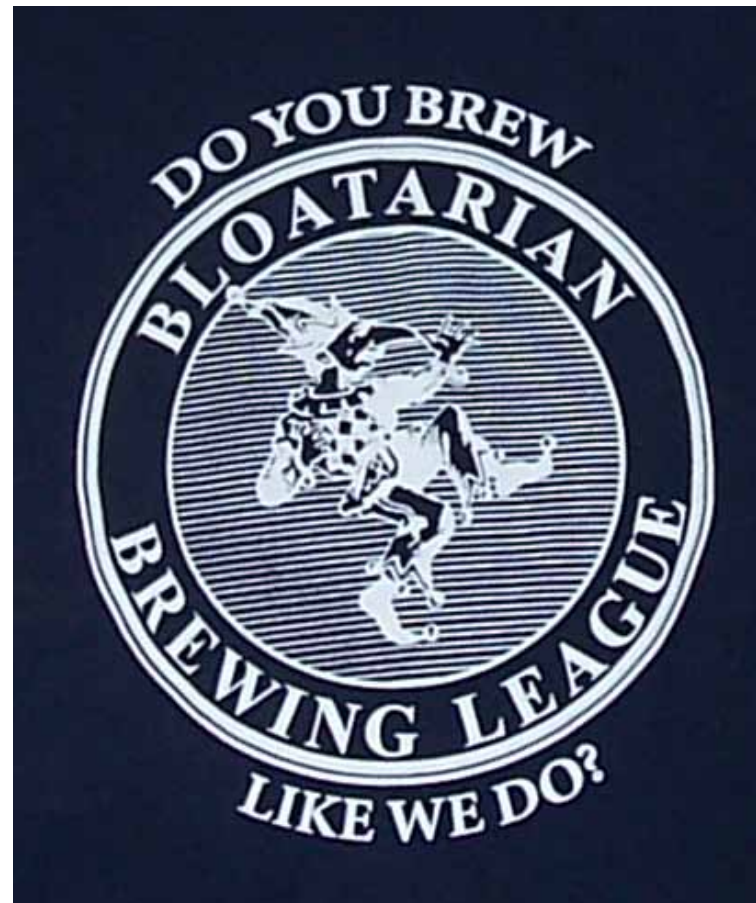
3922 Mantell Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Remaining money will be collected at the March meeting, delivery is planned for the May/Bloat open.

Any questions call me at Listermann's 731-1130.

Thanks,
Chuck



2009 AHA Governing Committee Election

Your AHA Governing Committee representatives play a critical role for YOUR Association. The AHA Governing Committee helps develop the benefits and programs of the AHA and provides direction for the AHA Staff. Please cast your vote today!

See American Homebrewers Association Governing Committee for information on the current AHA Governing Committee. There are three (3) available seats.

Further information and voting at:

<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/election.html>

Overheard at BJCP Class

Jennifer to Dave Harsh: *"Is that your little thing?"*
—at least she was talking about his 7oz bottle of Barleywine

Jennifer: "You're not far from where you are"

Jennifer: You know you're a Beer Geek when you talk about a beer by it's style number

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

April 6 - Jim & Nancy Foster

9706 Paul Farm Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45231

May 4 - D&J Manor

June 1 - Dan Listerman's Campout

July 6 - Dave Harsh

August 3 - John Zeller's Westside Patio

September 7 - Andy Melchers

October 5 - TBD

November 2 - TBD

December 7 - TBD

BEER & SWEAT BOARD DESPERATELY 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?!?

It will be difficult to continue this wonderful event if the same people are forced to run it every year.

We need coordinators for:

- Raffle
- Competition
- Event
- Registration

Contact Jennifer for opportunities



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 WEEKS 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! 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.

Bockfest 2009 Results

March 7, 2009

Sponsored by Bloatarian Brewing League

54 Entries

BEST OF SHOW

Lance York, Bloatarian Brewing League, Maineville, OH (5B) Traditional Bock #1

BEST OF SHOW RUNNER UP

Ron Mahan, Bloatarian Brewing League, Alexandria, KY (23A) Hazelnut Bock

CHRISTIAN MOERLEIN 2010 HUDEPOHL BOCK

Michael Carver, Bloatarian Brewing League, Florence, KY (5B) Traditional Bock

5A - Maibock/Helles Bock (14 Entries)

- 1 Nathan Schwab, Missoula, MT
- 2 Rob Westendorf, Bloatarian Brewing League, Cincinnati, OH
- 3 Mark Bransford, Bastrop, TX

Double Barrel Bock
Helles Bock
St. Mark's Mai o Mai Bock

5B - Traditional Bock (18 Entries)

- 1 Lance York, Bloatarian Brewing League, Maineville, OH
- 2 Jason Roeper, Bloatarian Brewing League, Amelia OH
- 3 Jerome Wilson, New York, NY

Traditional Bock #1
Bock
Cerberus Bock

5C - Doppelbock (11 Entries)

- 1 Rick Garvin, BURP, McLean, VA
- 2 Bunker Bunch Brewers, Music City Brewers, Nashville, TN
- 3 Richard Mahiques, Bloatarian Brewing League, West Chester, OH

Munchener Tram 27
Bunker Bock
Mutilator

5D - Eisbock (3 Entries)

- 1 Dave Harsh, Bloatarian Brewing League, Cincinnati, OH
- 2 Mark Forrester, Music City Brewers, Nashville, TN
- 3 Paul Shick, Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOBs), Cleveland Hts, OH

Eisbock
The Ice Man Cometh
Eisbock

15C - Weizenbock (4 Entries)

- 1 Bob Stephenson, Bloatarian Brewing League, West Chester, OH
- 2 Ron Mahan, Bloatarian Brewing League, Alexandria, KY
- 3 Mark Forrester, Music City Brewers, Nashville, TN

Weizenbock
Weizenbock
Wise Guy Weizen

Specialty Bock (4 Entries)

- 1 Ron Mahan, Bloatarian Brewing League, Alexandria, KY
- 2 Jerry Sadowski, Brewers Of South Suburbia (BOSS), Crete, IL
- 3 Ron Mahan, Bloatarian Brewing League, Alexandria, KY

(23A) Hazelnut Bock
(22c) Wood-Aged Doppelbock
(23A) Apricot Helles Bock



Bipartisan Tax Relief Legislation For Brewers Introduced

The Beer Institute and the Brewers Association applauded members of the United States House of Representatives for the introduction of H.R. 836 the Brewers Excise and Economic Relief (BEER) Act, which effectively returns the federal beer excise tax back to its pre-1991 level of \$9 per barrel.

“There is strong, industry-wide support for this legislation, and we thank Congress for its bipartisan effort to institute tax fairness for one of the most productive sectors of the American economy,” said Tom Long, President and Chief Commercial Officer of MillerCoors, and Chairman of the Beer Institute. “We commend Reps. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) and Tom Latham (R-IA) for their leadership on this important issue, and we urge Congress to help provide relief to low- and middle-income families and businesses in America’s brewing community by passing this legislation as quickly as possible.”

Today, there are over 2,053 brewing companies in the United States operated by national brewers, regional brewers, regional craft brewers, microbrewers, and brewpubs. These job-creating businesses are in every state in the nation. In fact, a majority of Americans live within 10 miles of a brewery. In addition to reducing the tax burden on large brewers and beer importers the legislation introduced today provides specific relief to small brewers by reducing their tax burden from \$7.00 to \$3.50 per barrel.

“This type of tax relief can act as a stimulus to America’s small breweries,” said Rich Doyle, cofounder of Harpoon Brewery and Chairman of the Brewers Association. “While our industry has been able to remain successful in the recent past, we’ve faced raw material cost increases that have reduced our margins and severely challenged our bottom line. This measure would go a long way toward sustaining our businesses and our employees, benefiting local communities in all 50 states.”

The 1991 doubling of the federal excise tax remains the only so-called “luxury tax” still in place. All of the taxes on luxury products such as yachts and jewelry that were increased that same year have since been

repealed due to the devastating consequences they had on jobs, the economy and the industries impacted. Today, more than 40 percent of the retail price of beer is comprised of various taxes, and beer taxes at all levels of government add up to more than \$36 billion annually.

“At a time when the economy is struggling and manufacturing jobs are being lost, America’s brewers, beer importers and suppliers stand out as a rare positive story of local businesses committed to good-paying jobs and contributing billions of dollars in economic activity,” said Jeff Becker, President of the Beer Institute. “This relief will preserve American jobs and help breweries -large and small- remain competitive now and in the future.”

Directly and indirectly, the beer industry contributes approximately \$190 billion annually to the U.S. economy and provides more than 1.7 million jobs with wages and benefits of nearly \$55 billion.

“Many small breweries are family-run operations situated in small towns and communities across the country,” added Charlie Papazian, President of the Brewers Association. “These are exactly the types of small businesses that provide important local jobs and need tax relief in this struggling economy.”

Approximately 50 percent of all beer purchased in the United States is by consumers with household income of \$50,000 per year or less. That means the relative impact of beer excise taxes on households in the lowest income brackets is 6.5 times greater than those with the highest incomes.

Companion legislation is expected to be introduced in the United States Senate in the coming weeks.