



BOSMOPOLITAN

Gadget Night / Swap Meet — June Meeting

Norwood Community Center . June 19 . 7pm

Got Cool Brew Gear?

Bring it along and show off your brew gadgets! All homemade gear, gadgets, whatch-a-macallits, thing-a-majiggers and do-hickeys welcome and fully encouraged! This will also be a swap meet so it's a great excuse to clear out your old brew stuff that you're not using anymore. New brewers... this is a GREAT time to pick up some cheap gear.

Bring some homebrew to share, maybe something to donate to the raffle, and a friend! As always at the Norwood Community Center we will be grilling out and generally having a great time. 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.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

BEER & SWEAT 2009

Beer & Sweat is just 2 months away, so starting BREWING! Visit www.beerandsweat.org for hotel information and make your reservations TODAY. We are still looking for some helping hands to take over the project for the next few years. If you have any interest in assisting, please come the planning meeting **Wednesday, June 17th, 7:30pm at D&J Manor**. Show up and learn what it takes to run the biggest keg-only-competition in the world! Please note that if you do show up, it will be up to you to decide if this is something that is of interest to you.

We won't pressure you. At least, not right away. Cheers! Jennifer

THIS FRIDAY!

JA-EEP!!

June 2009

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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.

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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

07/11/2009

Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition

<http://www.ohiobrewweek.com/homebrew.html>

Athens, OH

Contact: kleinjc40@hotmail.com

Phone: (765) 404-7446

Entry Fee: \$7 first entry, \$5 every additional entry

Entry Deadline: 06/18/2009

07/17/2009

Mufasa No-Hop Challenge

Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Roxanne Westendorf

Phone: (513) 245-1224

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Entry Deadline: 07/05/2009

07/18/2009

TRASH XIX

<http://trashhomebrewers.org/TRASHXIX>

Pittsburgh, PA

Contact: peter_kozlowski@fastmail.fm

Phone: (412) 952-9474

Entry Fee: \$6 per Entry

Entry Deadline: 07/11/2009

07/18/2009

Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

<http://ohiostatefair.com/>

Columbus, OH

Contact: b.chance@expo.state.oh.us

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!

Bloatarian Open BOS Recipe — Belgian Tripel

Rob Westendorf

I've always argued that the Bloat Open BOS winner should have his recipe in the newsletter, so I guess it's my obligation to do so now. Here you go:

Belgian Tripel

11.5 lb Dingeman's Pils malt
0.25 lb Aromatic Malt

Mash at 149° for 90 minutes

Boil 90 minutes. Add 1.5' clear candi syrup at end of boil.

0.7 oz Aurora pellets for 60 min (about 21 ibu)

0.3 oz Sterling whole for 15 min (about 2.1 ibu)

0.3 oz Hersbrucker whole for 15 min (about 1.1 ibu)

0.5oz Saaz pellet for 5 min (less than 1 ibu)

WYeast 3522 Belgian Ardennes yeast, fermented at 63° for first three days, then raised to 74° for finish and secondary.

OG 1.076 FG 1.009
Approximately 25 IBU

Rob won this handsome engraved marble award for his excellent tripel!



German Day Baskets

The Westendorf's

A big "Danke Schoen" goes out to the various Bloatarians who donated beers for our annual donation for the German Day Raffle! This raffle is the primary fundraiser for support of the German Heritage Museum, maintained by the German-American Citizens League. The prize baskets from the member clubs of the GACL go a long way toward making the raffle very popular, and therefore very successful. Thanks again to everybody who contributed!

Below is a pic of the donated baskets.





Beer & Sweat 2009

Jennifer Hermann

So it seems that a few of our friends were hitting the homebrews early on April 1st since they fell for Beer & Sweat being cancelled. (Mahiques forgot that it was April Fool's Day.)

Beer & Sweat will happen as usual! The world's largest (by volume) keg only homebrew competition has happened the third Saturday in August for the past 23 years. This year will be no different in that respect. What needs to be different is the administration that will run it. The current administration will not be making plans to run the competition in the future. NOW is the time for YOU to step up and learn what it takes to help run a fantastic event! NOW is the best time for you to be involved, while you still have the current administration available to shadow!

The major responsibilities are highlighted below. Please contact us for more details! We want to help the next administration be as successful as we have been!

Event Director – currently, Jennifer Hermann

Most of your tasks happen before the event so that you are free to trouble shoot and put out fires during the event. Major tasks include negotiations with the hotel, ordering medals and glassware, sending announcements, organizing “booth sitters” for registration and raffle, looking pretty and smiling a lot.

Competition Organizer – currently, Ray Snyder

Your primary responsibility is running the competition portion of the event. You need not BJCP certified, but should have a strong interest and knowledge of the style guidelines. You will work with the current BBL President to present the awards at the award ceremony. You need not know Bosmo personally; you will be formally introduced at the appropriate time.

Beer & Sweat 09 continued

Tabulation Specialist – currently Darryl Dieckman

Your primary responsibility is tabulating judge's scores and points for other awards and assisting the Head Steward. You need not be sober the entire day.

Raffle Coordinator – currently John Zeller

Most of the work needs to be done well in advance of the competition. You'll solicit sponsors through letters, emails, phone calls for items that we can raffle at Beer&Sweat. We have a standard list, with a few being added as the years go by, so this is in no way a cold calling session! Most of your work is done well before the day of the event. Heavy procrastinators need not apply. You'll only stress yourself out. Right John?!

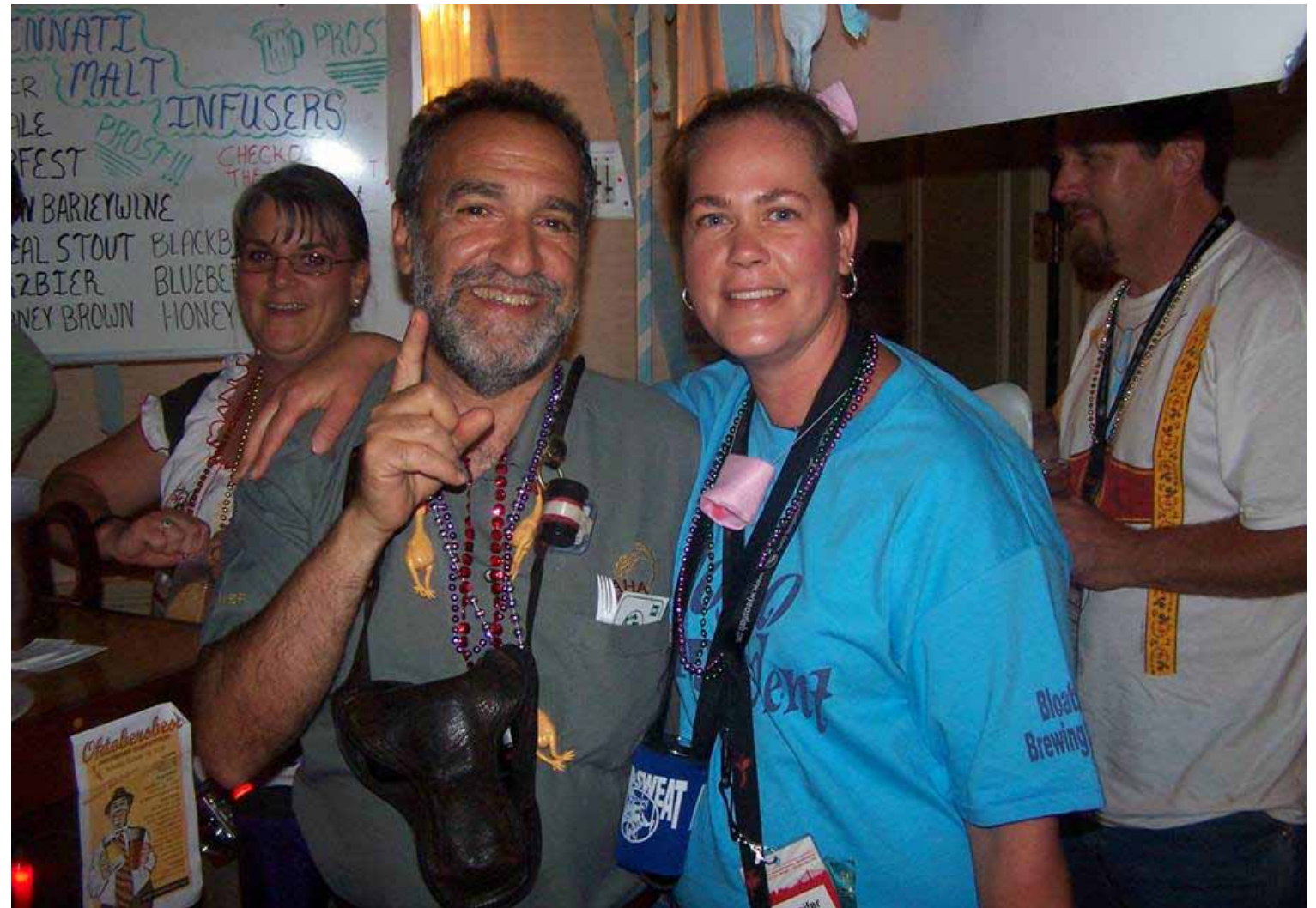
This list is not an exhaustive of every detail. But these are the 4 main positions that need to be filled ASAP. Contact Jennifer for further details.

Instructors Needed for Beer Class

Bryan Evenson

The Bloatarians have been invited to lead a one day class on Basic Beer Making by the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati. We are looking for some volunteers to help with the presentation. We are looking for anywhere from two to four people to help out. The class is tentatively scheduled for September 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM, depending on whether we can find volunteers to present.

What is in the presentation and how it is run will be entirely up to you! They are open to the idea of a demonstration; there is enough time to show an extract batch, but we'll need to check out the facilities to see if a demo would be a good idea. This is a great opportunity for beer education and possibly getting some new members. If you're interested in helping with the presentation or leading the effort, please contact me at secretary@bloatarian.org.



June Board Meeting Minutes

6.1.09 . Haus Listermann Campout

In attendance: Dan L., Chuck B., Andy M., Doug L., Jennifer H., Darryl D., Mark H., Bob S., Ray S., Brian B., Mike C., Dave H., John Z., Dick M., Maggie Mae

Meeting started at 7:50 PM

Membership: Darryl has finished syncing the active membership list with people that have their dues paid. Will focus on contacting delinquent members.

Campout: Scheduled for Sept 19th. BBQ competition will include chili, pork explosion and general BBQ categories. Coordinator needed for BBQ competition. See Ray if interested.

Jungle Jim's Beerfest: Jungle Jim's will have a Meet the Homebrewer booth at this year's Beerfest. Ray is looking for two volunteers to booth-sit with two members from CMI. Andy M and Bryan E volunteered.

AHA Club Only Competition: next entry is Amber Hybrids. Selection will occur at July monthly meeting.

July – Kevin H. is starting to host a homebrew tasting in July. Meant to be a continuation of the tastings from the BJCP class in a less formal setting. Tentatively scheduled for first Thursday in July.

Beer and Sweat: Raffle requests going out. Meetings to be schedule to finalize plans for this year.

General News:

Ewing Campout scheduled for July 18th.

Mead Day at the Westendorf's, August 1st.

CMI's BrewStock on August 1st. Brewout at Camp America.

SODZ British Beer Fest on June 13th. Entries due on June 5th.

Brazenhead Emerald Pint Club on the 9th, Bloatarians will host with homebrew as the topic. Darryl and Ray plan on attending; check with Ray if interested in helping.

September 12th Basic Homebrewing class at Cincinnati Civic Garden Center from 10 AM to noon. Contact Bryan E. if interested in helping.

September 17th Cincinnati Brewing History presentation at the Campbell County Public Library. Contact Brian Becker if interested in helping.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Does this make you thirsty?!

Phil and Lisa McDermott

Lisa and I took a short trip up to Michigan last week. I think this board at Founders brewery speaks for itself. And yes, they strictly enforce the no growlers to go rule on their specialty ales that are only available at the brewery on tap.

Can you say Delicious!!



The most-humble brewer ever

John Zeller won 1st place with his C.A.P. and even better, won Best Of Show at the B.O.C.K. competition, Congratulations, You are the man!

John won 5lbs of pale malt, a Sam Adams hat and a certificate from Dr. Gary Spedding at Distilling Analytical Services for a complete comprehensive beer package chemical analysis.



The Mufasa No Hop Challenge July 17th, 2009 Cincinnati, OH

Are you bummed out because you can't get the hops you want? Or maybe because you just can't afford them anymore? Maybe it's time to try something else! The *Mufasa No Hop Challenge* is a new competition accepting all of the BJCP style categories. There's just one catch - you guessed it - *you can't use any hops!* Put on your creativity hat, and try something new (or maybe something old). We have been challenged by Michael Ferguson, aka *Mufasa*, the Director of Contract Brewing for [BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#), to create new beers without the use of hops.

The entry deadline is July 5th, and beers must be received by July 14. The entry fee is only \$5. Send your entry information, including BJCP base style, as well as all of the ingredients you used as "bittering" agents, to

[Roxanne Westendorf](#).

Entries should be shipped to:
**Mufasa No Hop Challenge,
Listermann Brewing,
1621 Dana Ave.,
Cincinnati, OH 45212**

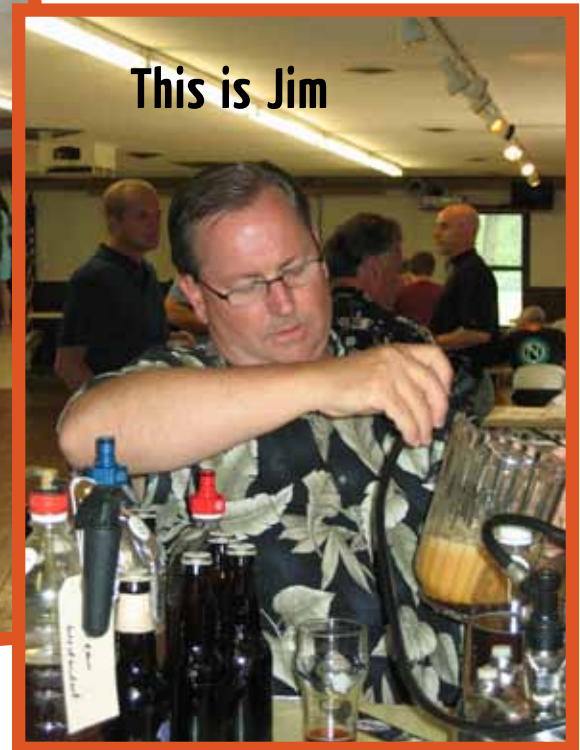
Entry must be accompanied by payment



Bloatarian Open

5.16.09 . Terraqua Club

photos courtesy of
John Zeller



This is Jim



Ehhh!



This is Mike



This is for Zeller



Ewing Annual Bash & Pool Party

Saturday July 18 . Ken Ewing's Farm

Deep Fried Turkey, Homemade Pies (Lemon Meringue, Hint, Hint, NL) and other delicious offerings followed by Bloats washed down by gallons of homebrew. Why wouldn't you attend? After a day of swimming, fishing, hiking, cornhole, eating and Beer, Beer and more Beer, so why drive home? Bring a tent or crash in the house. And of course kids are welcome. The Ewing pool is not open, but Jay and Chris built an inground pool that is twice the size of the Ewing pool and will be open for everyone to enjoy.

Directions to the Ewing farm:

I-275 to US52 east (New Richmond, Ohio exit). Continue through New Richmond approximately 1.5 miles past where the double-highway ends, turn left on Clertmontville-Laurel Road. Road sign is on left side of road. Approximately 2.5 miles on Clertmontville-Laurel turn right on Bainum Road. After crossing bridge and climbing hill (Bainum Road takes a ninety degree left turn) go straight back Ewing Lane. The house is .6 mile back on Ewing Lane. Questions? Call 553-4856.



DRAFT Infused Bloated SODZ fest

SEPTEMBER
18-20

Key highlights:

FRIDAY NIGHT -

BARLEYWINE VERTICAL - break out those bottles of OLD Bigfoot and other fun barleywines!

Camping - tent, pop-up, rv, trailer, or trojan goat.
Pls RSVP if bringing RV

SATURDAY -

Live Music and BBQ competition (non sanctioned) w/ Ribs, Chili, and Pork Explosion categories.

Group Brew - Brewers will have access to water and limited (shared) electric. Grain disposal service provided.

Bloatarian Ceremony and awards

Bonfire

Camping

SUNDAY -

Communal breakfast, teardown, cleanup

contact Ray:
raysnyder@fuse.net
for RSVP or questions

10915 North Shore Dr
Hillsboro Ohio 45133

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

July 6 - Dave Harsh's Dorm
4017 Beechwood, Cincinnati, OH 45229

Old maps sometimes show Rose Hill Ave coming out onto Reading Rd. This is incorrect, it goes off of Clinton Springs Ave. just west of Reading. About 100 yards in, the road forks and Beechwood is the left fork. Parking is permitted only on my side of the street. Depending on the weather, we'll either be on the back porch, in the backyard or in the basement. If the gate is open, come around back instead of through the front door.

House is green stucco, street number is next to driveway near sidewalk.

August 3 - John Zeller's Westside Patio

September 7 - BBL Minister's Bungalow

October 5 - Dick Mahiques

November 2 - TBD

December 7 - TBD

Come celebrate Mead Day August 1st with the Cincinnati Malt Infusers!

The Cincinnati Malt Infusers request the honor of your presence to join us on August 1st of this year to celebrate AHA Mead Day! We will be celebrating with our new event, BREWSTOCK© at Hannon's Camp America. The concept is simple-we want to have as many people and clubs join us as possible for a huge group brew! We will have live bands, a mead making seminar for new brewers, and two full, huge, truck loads (directly off water trucks) of city municipal water. We will also have a "topped" off well for running chillers off multiple faucets and a network of food grade hoses.

Long outgrown your old bucket setup you had for the first two times you brewed? Bring it! We will have a equipment swap meet-barter, trade or sell your unwanted equipment!

Worried about your beer or mead sitting out all weekend on a hot, August day? Don't be! We hijacked one of their oversized, air-conditioned cabins to accommodate all storage of your carboys containing your new creations. This cabin will be blacked out and setup to accommodate dozens and dozens of carboys.

We will have camping, both primitive and electric sites available. Bathrooms and showers will be available to all campers. Pop-up campers and motor coaches are welcome!

Music will not be stopped by any inclement weather. We have an indoor stage in a large barn that opens up to let all the music out and the attendees in. We have a dedicated sound guy to help support the bands whatever their needs. Presently we have six bands scheduled, representing diverse musical interests. Each band is scheduled to play a 45 minute set with breaks in between.

For those of you who are not inclined to camp, Hannon's Camp America has available several air conditioned cabins, a bunk house and a lodge house for a reasonable fee. To arrange accommodation in one of these, please contact Hannon's Camp America at: 513-798-2794 or email their executive director at Elizabeth@hannonscampamerica.com

Come out and join us! Clubs, people and organizations from all over the country are being invited. This event is being promoted beginning June 13th, complete with flyers, logos, some media, etc. At this time it will also be detailed on the Cincinnati Malt Infusers new website (www.maltinfusers.org) which is currently in its final stage of development. For questions regarding this event, please contact Chris Nascimento at cmnase@yahoo.com or call at 513-304-4763. If you, your homebrew club, or organization are interested in attending, please respond with an email as we are trying to get a estimate to ensure all attendees are properly accommodated.

Have a homebrew shop? Own a tap house? Want to promote your business? We are now actively seeking advertisers and sponsors. For more information on how you can participate, please contact Chris Nascimento at cmnase@yahoo.com or call at 513-304-4763.