



BOSMOPOLITAN

Beer and Cheese 2009

Norwood Community Center . Oct 16 . 7PM

It's time to cut the cheese again! Back by popular demand, it's Bloatarian Beer and Cheese Night, 2009 edition. The perfect drink for cheese is beer: The craft beer and artisanal cheese industries bear a lot of resemblance, with both using traditional techniques and high-quality natural ingredients to create new and inspired products. On the taste side, beer is actually a very versatile beverage to pair with cheese. The texture of cheese and its rich thick mouthfeel complement the carbonation, maltiness, and hoppiness of beer. Conversely, the carbonation in beer acts as a palate cleanser and refresher with the intense salty, savory and rich flavors found in cheese. In addition, beer has less acidity than wine. The high acid component of wine can remove much of the flavor of the cheese from the tongue before the senses have had time to appreciate it. Finally, the cheese coating on the tongue can mask or change the flavors of wine, while the carbonation in beer can cut right through. And, of course, you wouldn't be reading this if you didn't already have an appreciation for good beer!

We need your help to pull off this meeting. I'm looking for cheesemakers willing to bring samples, and homebrewers to bring beers. If you make cheese, and have any ready to share, we'll take any variety. We also need homebrews to pair them with. Kegs or bottles are fine, but we'll need at least four bottles worth of each beer. Specifically, I'm looking for the following styles: pilsner, brown ale (English or American), bock, oatmeal stout, imperial stout, fruit lambic, Flanders Red, Pale Ale, IPA, German wheat, Scottish ale (especially Scotch ale), Porter, Cider, Smoked beer, Belgian dubbel and/or Tripel, and, since we're Bloatarians, Barleywine. In addition, we'll take any style, if you've got a beer you are willing to share. If you can help us out with cheese or a beer, please contact Rob Westendorf (513-245-1224 or R_Westendorf@fuse.net) by Wednesday, October 14th.

(Note: I will be out of the country (Germany and Belgium!) until Monday, October 12th. Please leave a detailed message.)

With your help, we'll make this an evening you'll remember for a long time.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

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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

10/17/2009

OktoberBest

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

Contact: Conan Crofoot

Phone: (513) 608-0888

Entry Fee: \$6.00 first entry, \$4 each additional

Entry Deadline: 10/13/2009

11/14/2009

Wizard of SAAZ III

<http://hbd.org/saaz/wos.html>
Akron, OH

Contact: Michael Krajewski

Phone: (216) 316-1302

Entry Fee: \$6.00 per entry

Entry Deadline: 11/02/2009

01/08/2010

Big Beers, Belgians & Barleywines Homebrew Competition

<http://www.BigBeersFestival.com/>
Vail, CO

Contact: Laura Lodge

Phone: (970) 977-0100

Entry Fee: \$5/entry

Entry Deadline: 12/30/2009

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 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!

October Group Brew - October 17

Doug Lasanen

As you well know, Nettie and I have hosted a Group Brew for many years... It originally started in June, but then, due to conflicts with the National Conferences, we moved to October. Rob Pinkerton, moved to Baltimore, so we took over his space in the calendar. (Robtoberfest was a great event!!)

At any rate, our doors are open for those to come and Brew, or just come and share their Brew!! I will start to brew about 9 AM. Others can arrive with your gear to Brew to suit yourself.

Other than Brewing, Please bring a side dish of your choice.....Meat will be furnished.....Be it Bratts, Metts, and Burgers.....Maybe Sloppy Joe's, Perhaps a huge 20 Lb Turkey.....At any rate, bring a side, and maybe some Homebrew!! Good Time is sure for all!! Snacks to be available all day.....Dinner about 4:00 PM.....OK, I Know Nettie, 4:30 to 5:00.....!!

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. Obenour Court. Look for 940. Yellow house on left!

Queen City Craft Brew Fest - October 17

Join us for an outdoor beer tasting featuring over 100 authentic craft beers, live music and great food! A VIP tasting will take place from 1-2 featuring exclusive beers and food pairings. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati. Funds raised will help provide services to the 44,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease in the Tri-state area, their families and caregivers.

Purchase tickets online at:

<http://craftbrewfest.kintera.org>

Miami Valley Beer Fest - October 24

Miami Valley Beer Fest is a non-profit, charitable, craft beer event to benefit the Resident Home Association (RHA). RHA is working in conjunction with Belmont Party Supply, a leader in the Dayton craft beer scene for 25 years, to bring you an educational and safe day of fun, food, and most importantly craft beer. Miami Valley Beer Fest will be held indoors at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in the Roundhouse from 2pm - 6pm on October 24th, 2009. There will be a limited amount of tickets available at participating bars and restaurants, as well as Belmont Party Supply.

With over 100 beers hand picked to keep even the most discerning palate pleased, there will certainly be something for everyone. With rare and limited beer abound, even seasoned veterans will find something they haven't tried yet. Come expand your palate's horizons. <http://www.mvbeerfest.org/>

Ray Snyder has 30 tickets available - they're \$35 each. Please contact him at raysnyder@fuse.net for info or purchase

Apple Picking & Cider Pressing

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Robert MacKenzie has invited us and others to an apple picking and pressing for cider at his orchard Saturday, Oct 10.

Their address is 5532 Morrow-Blackhawk Rd Morrow, Ohio 45152

More info: call 513 899-3696

Bockfest 2010 - Start Brewing Now!

March 5-7, 2010

The Bloatarian Brewing League will again be sponsoring the 2010 Bockfest homebrew competition on Saturday March 6th. 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

Kentucky Homebrew Legalization

Gary Glass, Director

American Homebrewers Association

Good news: after some discussion with lawyers at Kentucky Alcohol Beverage Control I am changing the AHA's legal status of homebrewing in Kentucky from Not Statutorily Recognized to Permitted. I have pasted in the new language we will be using. Note that the ABC lawyers specifically said that gifting or sharing homebrew is NOT legal in Kentucky. That would be something to keep in consideration when marketing club meetings and such. Homebrew competitions are legal in Kentucky, as long as consumption is limited to the judges.

Statute:

Kentucky does not have a statute specifically authorizing home manufacture of beer. Kentucky defaults to federal law, § 25.205 and § 25.206, which allow for home production of beer for personal or family use for those of legal drinking age.

Discussion:

No provision, exception or license exists for the home manufacture of beer in Kentucky. However, the Commonwealth of Kentucky defaults to federal statutes (www.homebrewersassociation.org/... link to US homebrew law page) § 25.205 and § 25.206 on homebrewing. According to Kentucky Alcohol Beverage Control, homemade beer cannot be gifted or shared. Possession of homemade beer in a business not licensed to serve alcohol is illegal, however, homemade beer can be brought into a business licensed to serve alcohol, though solely for purposes of evaluation in a homebrew competition.

So You Want To Make A SMALL Batch Bourbon Barrel Beer

Rob Westendorf

Bourbon barrel homebrews are a Bloatarian favorite. The club has produced a goodly number of group efforts, filling up an entire 53 gallon used bourbon barrel. Unfortunately, however, only a limited number of people can participate in each beer, and 50+ gallons is not an option for most individuals. At my most recent trip to Party Source I came across a new possibility for small batch experiments. Jay Erisman, a long-time friend of the Bloats and now the spirits manager at Party Source, introduced me to Wasmund's Barrel Kits. Wasmund's is the brand name for the Copper Fox Distillery (<http://www.copperfox.biz/index/>) in Virginia. They make a number of fine whiskeys, but they also offer a unique "Barrel Kit". For \$90 you get a new 2-liter oak barrel and two fifths of distilled spirits, either single malt or rye. You get to fill the barrel, and control the aging process. You can leave it in the barrel for any length of time you choose, and sample as it ages. (They recommend four to seven months for the 2-liter barrel). When it comes out, it's whiskey! And once the barrel's empty, it's ready to be refilled with beer (actually, Roxanne plans a mead). Now, 2 liters isn't a whole lot for a beer, but they also have 5 and 10-liter barrels available. If you're buying just the barrel (American oak, medium char), they're \$39 for the 2, \$59 for the 5, and \$99 for the 10-liter sizes. This is a nice option for those of you who do your own distilling.

(Oh! That's not legal, is it? Forget I said that.)



OktoberBest Homebrew Competition

October 17, 2009

Please register now to enter or Judge at Oktober's Best Zinzinnati Homebrew Competition. The competition will be held on October 17th, 2009 at 8am at Hoffner Masonic Lodge. Please sign up to Judge before October 13th.

To register please go to our web site: <http://www.maltinfusers.org>

Bring the family; spend the night or the weekend at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel And Suites 1-877-863-4780. The hotel is located near the Highway and a few minutes from Downtown and the Cincinnati Zoo.

YOU MIGHT BE A HOMEBREWER IF: you plan your vacations by which breweries you can visit.

October Board Meeting Minutes

10.6.09 . Mahiques Residence

In attendance: Mike C., Bob S., Ray S., Darryl D., Jim F., Jennifer H., Mark H., Bryan E., John Z., Dave H.

Toast @ 7:40 PM

Brian Yaeger was in attendance, author of “Red, White and Brew” is writing a book about homebrewing. Brian interviewed our club for content for his book. Much propaganda and Bloatarian lore was professed.

October meeting: Beer and Cheese at Norwood Community Center on Oct 16th. Westendorfs are organizing event. Contact Rob if you have a homebrew or cheese that you are willing to donate to the event.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 9th: Benefit Beer and Scotch Tasting at Nicholson’s
- Oct. 10th: Apple Picking and Cider Pressing at Robert MacKenzie’s See website for address.
- Oct. 17th: Lasanen Group Brew. See website for directions.
- Oct. 17th: CMI Oktobersbest. Registration due by October 10th, entries due by Oct. 13th. CMI website for add'l details.
- Oct. 17th: Queen City Craft Brew Fest. \$35 for tickets, \$55 for VIP tickets.
- Oct. 24th: Miami Valley Beer Fest in Dayton. \$35 for tickets.

Ray to clear next year’s schedule for club meetings at the Norwood Community Center.

Ray asked about November meeting topic. Was mentioned that Beer and Food had traditionally been the Sept. meeting topic, but Sept. meeting was cancelled this year because of Beer and Propane. Was suggested to make the November meeting topic Beer and Food. Board approved.

Holiday Party scheduled for January 9th(?) at the Terraqua Club.

Ray S. has Beermas schedule tentatively planned. Contact Ray if you have a request.

Beer Making Presentation at Civic Garden Center was successful. Paul K. at the Civic Garden Center asked if we’d be interested in hosting a class on growing hops. Contact Bryan E. if you are interested.

Meeting location needed for November board meeting. Mike C. volunteered to host. Board approved.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:52 PM.

Quotes from meeting:

- “There’s a significant chance that’s where my brother took me.” Darryl, in reference to Albuquerque.
- “Incline Brewing – it’s all downhill from here?” Darryl
- “Even dive bars have nipples.” Jennifer

2009-2010 AHA Club-Only Competitions

Bryan Evenson

The AHA is starting up its 2009-2010 Club-Only Competition year. This last year we've had very good participation in our club, so we are going to continue to submit entries for our club. As a refresher and for new members, the AHA sponsors six Club-Only competitions during the year, with each competition focusing on a specific BJCP style. Each AHA registered club can submit one entry.

Below is a list of the 2009-2010 Club-Only Competition schedule. 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.

This year, due to our meeting schedule and the competition schedule, we will be making our selections at the board meetings. If you would like to enter, bring your entry to a club meeting or event prior to the board meeting and give your entry to a board member.

November/December 2009

Belgian Strong Ale (BJCP Category 18)

Selection at November board meeting
Entry due to FL by November 27th

January/February 2010

English Brown Ales (BJCP Category 11)

Selection at January board meeting
Entry due to WA by February 16th

March/April 2010

American Ales (BJCP Category 10)

Selection at February board meeting
Entry due to NC TBD

May 2010

Extract Beers (BJCP Categories 1-23, at least 50% fermentables from extract)

Selection at April board meeting
Entry due to NY by May 1st

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

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

December 7 - TBD

