



BOSMOPOLITAN

The Feast of Floatis Bloatus 2009

Norwood Community Center . Nov 20 . 7PM

It's time again for the Feast of Floatis Bloatus (aka Beer and Food)! Come to the Norwood Community Center for our annual pot luck. The only rule is that each dish must have been cooked with beer as an ingredient. If possible, bring a beer to pair with the food you cooked. Electrical outlet strips will be provided for those who are bringing crock pots.

The meeting starts promptly at 7PM. Come hungry and thirsty!

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

Save the Date for Holiday Social — January 9, 2010

Terraqua Club . Jan 9 . 7PM

The party will start around 7pm with a short board meeting and then a potluck style dinner. Please bring a dish to share and bring along your homebrews and festive ales or anything else that you would like to share with your fellow Bloats. The 750ml Bottle exchange will occur sometime after dinner. All you need is a gift wrapped 750ml bottle to participate!

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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

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

01/16/2010

Wizard of SAAZ III

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

Contact: Michael Krajewski - woscoordinator@gmail.com
Phone: (216) 316-1302
Entry Fee: \$6.00 per entry
Entry Deadline: 01/09/2010

01/16/2010

Elevator's Procrastinators Homebrew Competition II

<http://www.elevatorbrewing.com/>
Columbus, OH

Contact: Mark Beery - beerm123@yahoo.com
Phone: (614) 228-1192
Entry Fee: \$5.00
Entry Deadline: 01/14/2010

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!

Thirteen Days of Beermas - 2009 Edition

The schedule for Beermas 2009 Edition is set, and subject to change as always, so watch the website and your email for updates or changes!

We Bloats will be invading these fine beery establishments as below:



Bloats Showing @ CMI OktobersBest

Table 1 - Category 1/2 (7 Entries)	
Ronald Mahan Standard American 1B	2
Jim Lewellyn, Lewbrew 2009 Pils 2C	
Classic American Pilsner	3
Table 3 - Category 5 (5 Entries)	
Ronald Mahan, 5B Traditional Bock	1
Table 3 - Category 5 (5 Entries)	
Jim Lewellyn, Lewbrew's American Red 2009, 10B	
American Amber	3
Table 6 - Category 14 (12 Entries)	
Jim Lewellyn, Lewbrew's Hopcrush IPA 2009, 14B	2
Table 8 - Category 6/7 (13 Entries)	
Ronald Mahan, 6A Cream Ale	1
Table 9 - Category 9 (5 Entries)	
Richard Mahiques, Scottish Brain Eraser, 9C	
Scottish 80/-	2
Table 10 - Category 11/12 (5 Entries)	
Ronald Mahan, Robust Porter	2
Table 11 - Category 15 (6 Entries)	
Ronald Mahan, 15A Weizen	1
Bob Masters, Roggenbier, 15D	2
Ronald Mahan, Mish Dunkelweizen, 15B	3
Table 14 - Category 19 (6 Entries)	
Scott Lafollette, Old ALe, 19A Old Ale	HM
Table 15 - Category 20/21/22 (11 Entries)	
Scott Lafollette, Christmas Dark, 21B	
Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	3

Kenn Hermann

Jennifer Hermann

My fellow Bloatarian brothers and sisters,

My Dad no longer suffers from the cancer that invaded his life last summer - discovered 5 days before the NHC held here in Cincinnati. Since that time, I have had to learn to live my life according to a new normal; one that has been terribly painful at times, but also one that forced me into recognizing the deep bond that I shared with my Dad. I know that you are all thinking and praying for me and my family. You all know that I loved my father very much and you need to know that I'm okay.

I think that I may have started brewing in part because of him! I always thought it would be awesome to brew a beer that he liked. But he liked malt and I liked hops. In the end, his tastes buds changed and the only thing that he really ever requested was an "IPA libation," a.k.a. Liquid Love. Huh. Imagine that. *Smile*

Peace,
Jennifer

Our family decided that flowers just won't do for Dad's service Saturday (Nov. 7th United Methodist Church, Kent. 10am). If any Bloatarians wishes to, they can make a donation in Dad's name (Kenn Hermann) to Kent Social Services - 1066 South Water St. Kent, OH 44240

Great Crescent Brewing Hop Project

Great Crescent Brewing in Aurora, IN has received hop samples that they do not plan on using. They decided to share their surplus with the local homebrewers. They have several pounds of Celeia hops from Slovenia. These are a low Alpha acid hop (only 2.8%) with a low cohumulone content, which would make for a smooth bittering hop. Their notes say they have a noble hop aroma similar to Saaz. They are selling the hops for \$2 for a 4 oz package to cover their handling costs.

If you are interested, contact Great Crescent Brewing at dan@gcbeer.com.

Check out their website at http://www.gcbeer.com/GCB_Hop_Project.html for more details on the Hop Project. They would love to hear what you brew with these hops and how it turns out.

Tuesday 11/17 - All about making beer

The Bloatarian Brewing League will be giving a presentation on the process of making beer. Learn the basics about the brewing process from both a commercial perspective as well as a homebrewing perspective. Learn about the ingredients, the recipes, and the process used to make beer.

The presentation begins at 6:30 pm at the Lents Branch of the Boone County Public Library. Space is limited. Register online or call 342-BOOK (2665).

<http://www.bcpl.org/events/calendar/>

Lents Branch, Boone County Public Library, 3215 Cougar Path, Hebron, KY

Beer and Cheese 2009 Wrap-Up

Rob Westendorf

Another year's Beer and Cheese Night has come and gone! We sipped, we nibbled, we gained weight. Fourteen pairs were featured, in each case a member's fine homebrew was matched with an artisanal cheese. At the end of the night, nearly every last drop and crumb was gone. The "People's Choice" award for best pair went to Dave Harsh' Belgian Dark Strong ale paired with Chimay Grand Cru cheese. The second choice was Darryl Dieckmann's Hefeweizen and Cypress Grove's Purple Haze, a goat cheese spiced with lavender and fennel pollen. The third favorite was Rob Westendorf's Orval clone beer paired with Orval's own classic cheese. It should be emphasized that all of the beers were excellent, and our thanks go out to each of the Bloats that supplied beer.

All of the cheeses featured (except the Trappists) were purchased at Jungle Jims. America's Trappist cheese, Gethsemane, which is made in central Kentucky, is available at Party Source. The other two Trappist cheeses, Chimay and Orval, were purchased at the abbeys in Belgium in the week before the meeting. Chimay cheese is widely available in the US (including Jungle Jims), but usually only the beer-washed cheese is available. You have to be a little lucky to find the Grand Cru that we featured. Finding Orval in the US is rare, but it can be special ordered at some places.

Obituary

I don't know if any of you have been around long enough to have known Joe Knauber, but Joe and Sons was one of the primary sources for our supplies, prior to Dan. He ran his store out of the basement of his house in Westwood, and many of us made more than one trek there. A lot of older Bloatarians will remember him

<http://dunes.cincinnati.com/classifieds/obits/obitdisplay.aspx?st=2&id=955810&c=5&k=knauber>

Beer/Cheese

Brewer

Apple Blond Ale Reny Picot Brie (France)	Byan Evenson
American Pale Ale Carr Valley 8 year old Cheddar (WI)	Dave Harsh
Chocolate Stout Vermont Butter and Cheese Co Mascarpone (VT)	John Zeller
Barleywine Amber Valley Stilton (England)	Chuck Boyce
 Hefeweizen Cypress Grove Purple Haze Goat Cheese (CA)	Darryl Dieckmann
Smoked Wheat Troyer Smoked Swiss (OH)	Bob Masters
American Brown Ale Emi Gruyere Reserve (Switzerland)	Mike Carver
Oktoberfest Konig Ludwig King's Cheese (Germany)	Rob Westendorf
ESB Penhay Farmhouse Cheddar (England)	Phil Meyer
Classic American Pilsner Stella Fontinella (Italy)	John Zeller
Porter Rogue Oregon Blue (OR)	Phil Meyer
 Orval Clone Orval Classic (Belgium)	Rob Westendorf
Dubbel Gethsemane Trappist Aged Cheese (KY)	Phil Meyer
 Belgian Dark Strong Ale Chimay Grand Cru (Belgium)	Dave Harsh

November Board Meeting Minutes

11.2..09 . Mike Carver's Condo

In attendance: John Z., Ray S., Andy M., Mike C., Bryan E., Dave H.

Toast @ 8:00 PM

Beermas schedule is set. Ray S. to provide schedule to Andy or Bryan for posting on website.

Next month's board meeting to be at Fries Café during Beermas.

Nov club meeting: Beer and Food. Need extra plates, bowls and silverware. John Z. to contact Darryl about current stash. Ray S. to bring extension cords.

Holiday Party: Jan 9th at TerraAqua Club.

Ray S. has booked Norwood Community Center for meetings for next year.

Board is to confirm during December board meeting the topics for the 2010 meetings.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM.

Editor's Addition to minutes — COC Belgian Strong Ale entries (3) were judged and it was decided Dave Harsh's Belgian Dark Strong would be entered. Both of Mike Carver's entries were well received and debate lasted about 10 minutes.

Quotes from meeting: "Goddamn Apple homo" -Ray S., in reference to Andy

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



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.

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:

December 7 - Fries Cafe

On the First Night of Beermas!

BEER QUOTED:

"tastes like molasses and horse feed"

Debbie Mahiques, after tasting the beer half of the winning beer and cheese pairing, a Belgian strong dark ale with the Chimay Grand Cru chese

BREW THERMOMETER RIP

Dave Harsh

Attached is a photo of my deceased brewing thermometer. Purchased with my first homebrew kit (from Homer) in 1991, it had the distinction of being exact when calibrated against NBS traceable thermometers. Its probably the very last piece of equipment from the early batches I still use with the exception of a glass carboy or two.



A YOUNG EX-PRESIDENT

who's the dude?

