



BOSMOPOLITAN

Holiday Social — January 8, 2010

Terraqua Club . Jan 8 . 7PM

The party will start around 7:30pm **THIS FRIDAY. That is FRIDAY, repeat FRIDAY!**

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!

If you are interested in attending the short Board meeting we will have beforehand, we will get that started about 7pm.
Reading Terraqua Club 7713 Dimmick Road, Pisgah, OH

*“Any inaccuracies were probably due to copious amounts of alcohol.”
-Dominic Monaghan*

January Meeting - Decoction Mashing

Norwood Community Center . Jan 15 . 7PM

Learn how to get the maltiest of malt flavors in your beers by trying out a decoction mash. Rob Westendorf will talk about the process and give a brief demonstration.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

JA-EEP!!

dec 2009-jan 2010

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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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Contact the editor for more information, including submission requirements. Back issues are available at no cost on the BBL website at www.bloatarian.org/

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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

01/16/2010

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!

Hofbraühaus Keg Tapping in January

Rob Westendorf

We are confirmed to be the guest hosts for Hofbraühaus' monthly keg tapping in January. Hofbraü is now having different GACL members as their guests when they tap their monthly specialty beer. Our members will get some special pricing, but it's mostly a party and publicity event. The tapping is January 27th, at 7:00. I'm sure we need to be there a little earlier, but I will have to let you know exactly when. The beer will be "Adulterator", a doppelbock.

DUES are DUE!

Treasurer

As approved by the Board (in mid 2008), membership dues are now set at \$24 per year (or \$2 per month). If you paid dues at anytime in 2009 we made an effort to pro-rate your amount (such as at Beer & Sweat) so that we could make the new due date of January more effective to manage. This should mean that ALL MEMBERS WILL OWE DUES. Please bring a check or cash to the Social and see Mike Carver, our Secretary, or Darryl Dieckmann, Membership.

Beer Linkage:

<http://theoatmeal.com/comics/beer>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/north_east/8380412.stm

Upcoming Beer Events

Wednesday, January 6th, 4pm to close

Bell's Hopslam 2010 Release at JeanRo Bistro
413 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH

Thursday, January 7th, 6pm

Rock Bottom Brewery Perpetual Burn IPA Tapping
Fountain Square, Cincinnati, OH

Saturday, February 13

Mufasa Challenge

This date is temporary right now

Kevin Hardmann will be hosting a brewout at the Garagemahal for the Mufasa Challenge. All entries for this year's challenge must include a decoction mash.

ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR

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December Board Meeting Minutes

12.7.09 . Fries' Cafe

In attendance: Ray S., Mike C., Jim and Nancy F., Andy M., Bryan E., Dick M., Jennifer H., Rob and Roxanne W.

Toast @ 7:15 PM

Beer and Sweat: Need to schedule meeting to finalize hotel arrangement and other large scale details. Dick M. volunteered his house for the meeting. Scheduled for Sunday, time TBD.

Bockfest: Need glasses! Jennifer to talk to Darryl and Bob.

Holiday Party: All set. Bring a dish to pass and a 750 mL for the exchange. Cross your fingers on picking the Olde English!

Short board meeting to be held before the party.

Mufasa Challenge: Brewout at the Garagemahal in February. Date tentatively set for the 13th.

Hofbrauhaus keg tapping: The Bloatarians are tapping the keg at Hofbrauhaus on January 27. Discounts will be available for all Bloats in attendance.

Jan club meeting: Rob W. set to talk about decoction mashes. Short demo will be included in talk.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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



2010-2011 AHA Club-Only Competitions

Bryan Evenson

We're nearing the end of the 2009-2010 AHA Club-Only competition year. Due to some adjustments to dates on the competition schedule and our club meetings, we're making some minor adjustments to when we'll be picking our club entries for the next few competitions. We'll be making selections during the February, March and April board meetings for the respective entries for each of the next three competitions.

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.

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

January/February 2010

English Brown Ales (BJCP Category 11)

Selection at February board meeting

Entry due to WA by February 16th

March/April 2010

American Ales (BJCP Category 10)

Selection at March board meeting

Entry due to NC by April 3rd

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

We are also listing the preliminary schedule for the 2010-2011 competition year. This will be subject to change since some of the dates for the competitions haven't been finalized. However, given some of the categories for this next year's cycle we thought that club members should see the categories as soon as possible if they plan on brewing a beer (or making a mead!) for a competition. Any updates will be posted in the newsletter as needed.

August 2010

Mead (BJCP Categories 24-26)

Selection at July board meeting

Entry due to CO TBD

September/October 2010

Sour Ales (BJCP Category 17)

Selection at August board meeting

Entry due to CA by Sept 9th

November/December 2010

Strong Ales (BJCP Category 19)

Selection at September board meeting

Entry due to WA TBD

January/February 2011

English Pale Ales (BJCP Category 8)

Selection at December board meeting

Entry due to CA TBD

March/April 2011

Bock (BJCP Category 8)

Selection at April board meeting

Entry due to OK by April 16th

May 2011

Angel's Share - Wood Aged Beers (BJCP Category 22C)

Selection at May board meeting

Entry due to NY by May 12th

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

To Be Determined

OUR lager,
Which art in barrels,
Hallowed be thy drink,

Thy kegdom come,
I fill thee mug,
At home, as in the tavern.



Give us this day, our foamy head,
And forgive us OUR spillages,
As we forgive those who spill upon us,
And lead us not, into inebriation,
But deliver us FROM hangovers,

Barmen.



BEER QUOTED:

"If its a ritual, we have to do it ritually." J.Z.

"I will be your dick buffer any day of the week." J.H.

"There's more than one meaning to buffer and I could use a shine." M.H.

"I feel like Nick Nolte." J.Z.

"You look like him too." Everyone

"...dollar store tuna..." Anon.

*"I'll wear my push-up bra *and* we'll brew beer" J.H.*

I don't know the context of this remark, but that's not really the point, is it?