



BOSMOPOLITAN

MEADing — Feb 18, 2010

Norwood Community Center . 7PM

February is Mead Month. This time - we'll be talking about blending. So- bring out yer meads - especially those that are a bit too sweet, a bit too attenuated, just not quite right (note- nothing infected, though).

We'll talk about blending and then spend some time experimenting to make everyone's meads better!

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

"If it's good for ancient Druids, runnin' nekkid through the wuids, Drinkin' strange fermented fluids, it's good enough for me!"
Pete Seeger

SODZ British Beer Fest

Feb 27 . Winking Lizard . Columbus Ohio

Entries must be received by Wednesday, February 24th, unless you are a volunteer and are delivering entries the day of the competition. All All entries must be registered by Friday, February 19th. On-site delivered entries must arrive before 9:00 AM the day of the competition. Entries fees must be paid prior to the competition for your beers to be judged.

<http://www.sodz.org>

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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

Or join/renew online at www.bloatarian.org and make a secure payment via PayPal

Upcoming Competitions

03/20/2010

Brewfest 2010

Fort Wayne, IN

Contact: Ken Humont - khumont@barleyandvinebrewery.com

Phone: (260) 388-1898

Entry Fee: \$5

Entry Deadline: 03/15/2010

04/16/2010

AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round, East Region - (OH, KY, WV, VA, MD)

Zanesville, OH (Weasel Boy)

Contact: Frank Barickman - fbarickm@gmail.com

Phone: (614) 345-8750

Entry Fee: \$9 for AHA Members; \$14 for non-members.

Entry Deadline: 04/01/2010

04/23/2010

Black & Tan and I-74 Homebrew Challenge

Peoria, IL

Contact: John Martin

Phone: (309) 472-5544

Entry Fee: \$6

Entry Deadline: 04/15/2010

05/15/2010

3rd Annual Upland Brewing Company UpCup

Bloomington, IN

Contact: Caleb Staton

Phone: (812) 336-2337

Entry Fee: 5

Entry Deadline: 05/07/2010

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!

Hudy Bock 2010

Mike Carver

This is the recipe for the 2010 Hudepohl Bock that was brewed at the BarrelHouse on January 4th, 2010 by me, Mike Osborne, and Ed Westemeier. It was a great experience brewing on a commercial system for the first time. We had to change the recipe a little to adjust to what ingredients were readily available to the BarrelHouse, but it's still very close to my home-brewed version that won the competition. Hopefully it turns out well (it's lagering now), and you enjoy drinking a pint or two at Bockfest.

12 BBL (372 gallons)

Malt (All grain is from Briess Malt)

640 lbs Munich 10L

290 lbs Pilsner

50 lbs Caramel 120L

35 lbs CaraMunich

Hops 7 lbs Hallertau @ 60 minutes

Yeast WLP 830

Water Carbon filtered Cincinnati water

Mash @ 68 C (155 F) for 60 minutes

Boil 90 minutes

Ferment @ 10 C (50 F) for 12 days

Diacetyl rest @ 16 C (61 F) for 3 days

Lager @ 0 C (32 F) for 4 weeks

OG: 17.4 P (1.072)

FG: 5.0 P (1.020)

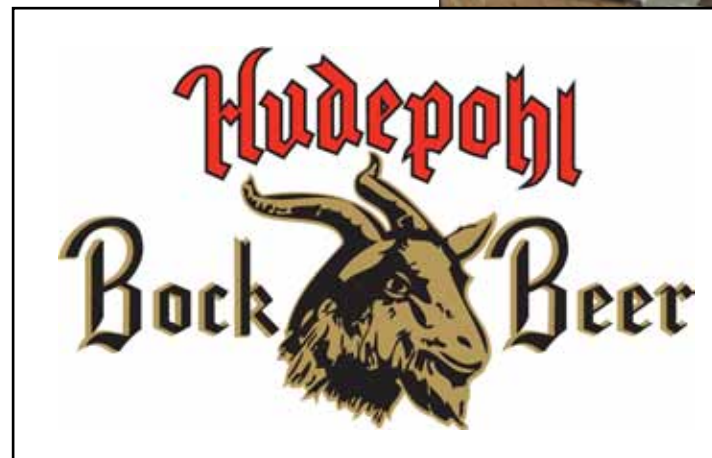
IBU: 24

SRM: 18.5

ABV: 6.9%



Bags of pre-milled grain piled on the platform ready to be mashed



Manually pouring 1015 lbs of grain into the mash tun



(L) Adding the 7lbs of hops at 60 minutes



(R) Collecting the wort in the grant



(L) Cleaning out the lauter tun



(R) Fermenter #1 cleaned and ready for the Hudy Bock

Hofbraühaus Doppelbock Keg Tapping

On January 27, the BBL were guests of the Hofbraühaus for the tapping of Adulterator Doppelbock. We showed up in force with 27 Bloatarians there to partake in the festivities.



Filling the ceremonial keg from the serving tank in the brewery



Brewer Conrad Freihofer talking about the beer



Bloats leading the parade of flags



PROSIT!

Soliciting Speaker for Style Discussion

Bryan Evenson

The board has been discussing adding some new meeting topics in the club meeting rotation. One idea proposed is to have a technical presentation focusing on a single beer style. We are looking for any club member who would be interested in leading the presentation. If there is any beer style that you are very familiar with and would like to teach others more about, let a board member know. Generally, the presentation should cover an overall discussion of the style and what to consider when brewing this style. We'd also like to have commercial and homebrewed examples to share at the meeting. It doesn't even have to be a BJCP recognized style, although Hungarian goat bile beer might not draw much interest. If you are interested in leading a presentation, please contact a board member.

DUES are overDUE!

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.

YOU CAN ALSO RENEW ONLINE! go to www.bloatarian.org and make a secure payment via PayPal.

Bockfest Press Releases

Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 6p.m. – 9p.m.: Unveiling of 2010 Hudepohl Bock & Schoenling Bock tapping at Mecklenburg Gardens. Mecklenburg Gardens, 302 E. University Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio will be hosting a sneak preview of three 2010 Bocks on the Wednesday before Bockfest officially begins. Get a special bock preview in a Cincinnati landmark. Mecklenburg Gardens, Cincinnati's oldest restaurant, will be hosting the first tapping of this year's Hudepohl Bock and Schoenling Bock. Last year, we started an annual tradition: The winning recipe in the Bloatarian Brewing League's Bockfest Bock Homebrew Competition is used to brew the following year's Hudepohl Bock. The professionally judged 2009 award winning recipe, brewed by Michael Carver of Florence, Ky., will be tapped for the first time in a Bockfest preview. The Hudepohl-Schoenling Brewing Company is bringing back Schoenling Bock after almost a quarter-century's absence. Hudepohl Bock and Schoenling Bock will only be available at Mecklenburg Gardens and Bockfest venues during Bockfest. Spaten Brewery will also have available seasonal Spaten Maibock. Mecklenburg Gardens will have a German buffet to complement the sneak preview of this year's 2010 bocks.

Saturday, March 6, 2010: Bloatarian Brewing League's Second Annual Hudepohl Bock Homebrew Competition at Bockfest Hall. From noon to 6 p.m., the Bloatarian Brewing League will be holding a professionally conducted and judged bock beer homebrew competition. The winner's recipe will be used to produce Hudepohl Bock in 2011. Hudepohl Bock is brewed in Cincinnati and is only available at Bockfest. More information about the competition can be found at www.bloatarian.org.

Mufasa Challenge Brewout

Saturday, February 13



BOSMO SEZ: Artificially imposed order is the final resting place of the ignorant and powerless.

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February Board Meeting Minutes

2.1.10 . Cock & Bull English Pub - Glendale

In attendance: Ray S., Andy M., Bryan E., Jennifer H., Darryl D., Dick M., Mike C., Kevin S., John Z., Dave H.

Toast @ 7:35 PM

Ohio Valley Distributing to hold homebrew competition amongst sales staff. Three donated kits from Rogue will be used in competition. Need three club volunteers to bring equipment and assist in brewing. To be held on February 26th. Contact Ray S. if interested in helping.

Bockfest: No raffle this year. Jennifer, Darryl, Andy and Bob to make decision on glassware.

Hudy Bock Release Party the Wednesday before Bockfest.
Location still TBD.

Parade? Contact Darryl if interested in participating.

Great Lakes tasting at Jungle Jim's on February 19th

Mead-ing on February 19th.

Bloat Open: May 15th. Mike to contact Kevin H. about site. Mike to register competition with AHA.

March Meeting: March Beer Madness? Ray to contact Brian B. to see if he can run it again this year.

Future meeting ideas? Proposed to have a tech topic on distinguishing hop varieties by brewing a set of single hopped beers. Ray to write article for newsletter. Also proposed to hold tech topic on a beer style. Bryan to write article for newsletter.

March Board Meeting location is TBD. Ray will check with Fosters to see if they are willing to host again this year.

Dave considering hosting **BJCP exam** in December. Contact Dave if you may be interested in taking the exam.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Quoted during meeting:

"iPads are for old people. No offense." Andy to Dave Harsh

"The floor recognizes Mike. That happens on the weekend sometimes." Ray Snyder

Bockfest 2010 - WAY Too Late to Brew...

So why not help out! 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.

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 1s

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

Rivertown Brewing Comany

Photos from First Day of Brewing . Courtesy of Andy Grigg



(L) Overhead shot of the brewer in action

(R) Boil kettle (left), grant (middle), and mash trun (right).



(L) Randy checking the water

(R) Jason and Randy checking out thier very first commercial mash

Rivertown Brewing Comany

Photos from First Day of Brewing . Courtesy of Andy Grigg



(L) The grant

(R) The very first wort of Rivertown Brewing. Munich Helles.



(L) Fermenter just waiting for the first batch.

(R) LOTS of bottles just waiting for the heavenly brew.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

To Be Determined

Rivertown Brewing Release Party

Brand new and fresh out of the tanks, join us and Founder/Brewmaster Jason Roeper of Rivertown Brewing to debut the newest locally brewed micro! Jason is an accomplished award-winning homebrewer who has leveraged his skill into a nice range of beers sure to make everyone happy. We'll be pouring the Helles Lager, the Oatmeal Stout, the Hop Bomb, and the Bock, and bottled beer will also be available to take home!

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Dilly Café

Noted brewmaster Andy Tveekrem returns to Cleveland to pour his energies into microbrewery

http://www.cleveland.com/taste/index.ssf/2010/01/noted_brewmaster_andy_tveekrem.html

Cincinnati organizers hope 2010 isn't Bockfest's last year

<http://cincinnati.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/stories/2010/02/08/story9.html?b=1265605200%5E2840071>

ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR

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