



BOSMOPOLITAN

March 2010

March Beer Madness

Norwood Community Center . 7PM

March Beer Madness

Bust out your brackets... You don't have to be a basketball fan to take part and enjoy March Beer Madness, but you do have to love beer. Now, I know, that's a really difficult requirement for the readers of Bosmopolitan but I expect to see you (and your taste buds) at this can't miss meeting! We'll seed commercial beers style-against-style to see who vies for the ultimate title of champion beer. You don't have to be a certified BJCP judge to participate. This is a great way for homebrewers new and experienced to exercise their mouth in a fun and friendly event. Who knows... maybe we'll all really love it if we have some green beer!

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212



Growing Hops

with Dick Mahiques

Dick Mahiques will give a short presentation at the meeting before March Beer Madness on the art of growing hops.

<- homegrown Glacier hops

JA-EEP!!

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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: _____

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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

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

05/22/2010

Bloat Open

Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Ray Snyder

Phone:

Entry Fee: TBD

Entry Deadline: TBD

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!

OgreFest

El Presidente, Bosmo and Pip of the Second Tier

Bosmo was groggy but still with me at 7:45 am last Saturday when I opened the door to find a recalcitrant Sir Pip of the 2nd Tier <pic2> standing in my driveway. After all we were still recovering from the Feb. Bloat meeting where many meads were sampled and blended. We were heading north to Columbus to be picked up by the secret bus, which then hurled us into the Cleveland area towards the Brew Kettle Brewery. Upon arrival Owner Chris Kimm and his head brew master greeted us along with other minions of Premium Beverage Supply. We had a quick tour of the brewery <Pic 3>and decimated a large qty of BBQ and wurst which was of course washed down with copious amounts of their 4c Pale Ale, Black Jack Porter, Dark Helmut Imperial Schwartzbier, Belgian Trippel and Jackhammer Barleywine. The latter being one of the better Barleywines I've had in quite awhile. We then re-boarded the bus and headed to the Brew Kettle Pub, where Ogrfest was in full regalia. This year's Ogrfest featured 24 high gravity beers that day (out of 60 beers in all). The big winner IMHO was Kuhnenn 4th Dementia Old Ale. At 11.5% ABV and 30 IBU's this beer was amazingly complex. Deep caramel notes upfront followed by big bitterness and hop aroma. At this point things are starting to become a little

fuzzy. <pic4> Suffice it to say that we survived the long day and I now have a new appreciation of the Brew Kettle and the emerging Cleveland beer scene. Next up, Gravity Head followed by a return assessment of the Cleveland scene when Andy Tveekrem opens his new deal in June.

El Presidente

Ogrfest Beer list 2/20:

- The Brew Kettle Red Eye IPA 7% ABV 75 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Old 21 Imperial IPA 9% ABV 90 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Chestnut Brown 5.7% ABV 35 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Black Jack Porter 6.8% ABV 30 IBU
- Great Divide Old Ruffian Barleywine 10.3% ABV 90 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Jackhammer Barleywine 11 ABV 40 IBU
- North Coast Old Rasputant Nitro 9% ABV 75 IBU
- Weyerbacher Hotel Ale (Imperial Porter) 8.2 % ABV 65 IBU
- Victory Yakima Twilight 8.7 ABBV ?? IBU
- Stone 2008 Russian Imperial Stout 9% ABV 50 IBU
- Thirsty Dog Siberian Night
- North Coast Old Stock Ale 8.5 ABV 35 IBU
- Great Divide Imperial Oak Aged Stout 9.5 ABV 40 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Small Batch Weizenbock 8% ABV 20 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Cream Ale 5.2 ABV 30 IBU
- Stoudts Double IPA 10 % ABV 85 IBU
- Dogfish Head Theobroma 9.2% ABV ?? IBU
- Thirsty Dog Belgian Double 8% ABV 20 IBU
- Founders Double Troupe Double IPA 9.4% 86 IBU
- Brooklyn Monster Barleywine 11.2% ABV 90 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Dark Helmut Imperial Schwartzbier 8.5% ABV 35 IBU
- Kuhnenn 4th Dementia Old Ale 11.5% ABV 30 IBU
- Thirsty Dog Belgian Imperial Stout 10% ABV 35 IBU
- The Brew Kettle 4C's Pale Ale 6.5% ABV 45 IBU
- The Brew Kettle Belgian Trippel (w/ Brett and Pedio) 9% ABV 26 IBU



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.

Hop 50

I have a small amount left in the keg from the last of Hop 50, possibly the hoppiest beer in history. I will be bringing it to this week's meeting. It's your last chance!

Rob

Saturday 3/20 - Breweriana Show

This is the largest Breweriana show held in the region. This is a great way for the homebrewers to get some trinkets for their Beer Shrine. Many local brewing artifacts, cool beer glasses, tap handles, neons, and other cool swag will be available. Bring your items to the "ALEtiques Roadshow" to have them appraised. We would gladly appraise any beer related item you bring by the show. A very large raffle of breweriana will be held. Sarah Stephens will be on site to sign her new book on Cincinnati's brewing history.

Admission is FREE. Open to the public Saturday from 9AM-2PM at the Holiday Inn Mineola Pike in Erlanger, KY just off of Exit #2 from I-275. For details visit www.queencitychapter.com

BBL Calendar of Known Events for 2010

Mar 19	March Beer Madness Hop Growing
Apr 16	Name That Beer
May 22	Bloat Open
May 29	Beer & Deer
Jun	TBD
Jul 16	Mufasa Challenge
Aug 21	Beer & Sweat
Sept	Beer & Propane (DIBS)
Oct	TBD
Nov	TBD

Homebrewer Spotlight

Roxanne Westendorf

During our monthly American Homebrewers Association Governing Committee conference call this week, one of the topics we covered is how we can continue to improve and add content to the new <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/> website. One area that was identified as needing more input sooner than later is the "Brewer of the Week" (<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/community/brewer-of-the-week>) column.

We discussed whether we were perhaps too aggressive to make it a weekly feature without some "inventory" of brewers bios. Another thought was just to rename it "Featured Brewer". Regardless, here is the deal – we need people to step up and tell their stories and share them with other homebrewers. And we want regular, passionate homebrewers, not just the Dave Logsdon's and David Houseman's of the world (not their stories aren't compelling, just need to "break the ice" with some regular guys and gals).

To make this a little easier, we developed a series of questions that anyone can take a stab at answering. If you just choose 10-12 questions, and felt like sharing something more personal, that would be great. Or if you just wanted to tell your story in your own way - great! No guarantees about when or if you might get posted, but I have a little influence and might be able to help.

So if you are feeling extra adventurous, take a stab at answering some of them and maybe you will get your picture on the home page (oh yeah, send a pic with your responses that you would like to see up on the web).

Get your name in "lights" and send your story and info to **ahaintern@brewersassociation.org**, and cc me **R_Westendorf@fuse.net** so I know we have some locals jockeying for the spotlight. It's good, clean fun, something you can print off and send to your mother, and hey, it's free! And feel free to pass this on to other homebrewers as well.

Roxanne

Do you have a homebrewing disaster you'd like to share?

What is your favorite style(s) to brew?

What style(s) will you never brew?

What was the first beer you ever brewed? How did it turn out?

Have you ever had a homebrew mistake that turned out great?

What is your favorite beer recipe?

Are you a BJCP Judge? If so, what is your rank / how long have you been judging?

Do you have a favorite homebrew trick or gadget that you've found to make your beer better/brewing easier, etc?

Do you have a good beer judging story you'd like to share with the rest of the homebrewing world?

Describe your brew system.

How frequently do you brew (times/month or /year)?

What is your favorite malt? Why?

What is your favorite hop? Why?

Do you have a favorite or house yeast? What qualities do you like about that yeast?

Do you have a good homebrew club story you'd like to share?

What got you brewing?

When did you know this was no ordinary hobby, it was an obsession?

What is your "white whale" beer - the beer you'd hunt to the ends of the earth for.

What is your favorite local craft brewery?

If you could serve your homebrew to someone famous, who would it be and what would you give her/him?

Can you send a pic or two of some labels you've created for your homebrew?

What's the most unusual ingredient you've ever used in a brew?

Do you have any pets or kids named after beer styles?

How many medals have you won from homebrew competitions?

Do you brew alone, with friends or with someone you live with?

Are you an indoor or outdoor brewer?

List some of the names you've given your beers. Which is your favorite?

National Homebrew Competition - First Round Judging

The National Homebrew Competition is quickly approaching. If you plan on entering your beers in the competition, fill out your entry form today before you forget! **Online registration is now open and will be open until April 1st.** All Ohio and Kentucky residents are members of the East region, and all Indiana residents are members of the Great Lakes region. Be sure to fill out and send your entries to the proper location! You will need to send one bottle per entry. All entries need to arrive at the proper destination by April 1st. At this time there is no club member that is driving entries up to Zanesville for dropoff; if that changes we will send an announcement to the club with the details. More details on the National Homebrew Competition can be found at <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition>.

Even if you don't plan on entering the competition, two of the regional sites are close to Cincinnati. **The East Region 1st Round Competition will again be hosted by Weasel Boy in Zanesville, OH. Judging for the East Region will be April 16-18.** The Great Lakes Region 1st Round competition has moved from Chicago to Indianapolis this year. The Great Lakes regional will take place the weekend after on April 23-25 and will be held at Sun King Brewing. Both locations are a two to three hour drive from Cincinnati. We are highly encouraging all Bloatarians to judge or steward at either location or even at both. The judging sessions for each site is tentatively set as follows:

Session	East Region	Great Lakes Region
1	Friday 6:30 PM	Friday 7:30 PM
2	Saturday 9:00 AM	Saturday 10:30 AM
3	Saturday 1:00 PM	Saturday 2:30 PM
4	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM

The Sunday morning session will only be held if it is deemed necessary. If you are interested in judging or stewarding at either competition, send an e-mail titled "NHC2010 JUDGING" to the appropriate organizer (Ron Smith, RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com, for the Great Lakes Regional and Frank Barickman, fbarickm@gmail.com, for the East Regional) with the following information:

Name
Steward or judge?
BJCP Rank and ID# (or "non-BJCP"; only necessary for judges)
Sessions available to judge (Fri PM, Sat AM, Sat PM, Sun AM)
Judging preferences (styles preferred)

If you are attending the East Regional, Ron would also like to know if you are staying in Indy on Saturday night to aid in planning any post-judging events. If you have any questions about the 1st Round Regionals, please e-mail the appropriate organizer.

March Board Meeting Minutes

3.1.10 . Foster's Ale House

In attendance: Ray S., Jim F., Andy M., Dick M., Rob W., Bryan E., Mike C., Dave H., John Z., Jennifer H.

Toast at 7:30 PM

Bockfest: Parade – meet at Arnold's at 5:30 PM.

Darryl to send announcement to group

Check with Darryl about banners

Still more need for judges and stewards?

Future Meeting locations/topics

March club meeting: March Beer Madness at Norwood Community Center. Checked with Brian B. and he is not able to be at meeting in March. Dave H. volunteered to take over. Dick Mahiques also volunteered to give presentation on growing your own hops.

April club meeting: Name That Beer at Norwood Community Center. Ray S. to check with Dave to see if he is interested in running this again this year.

April board meeting: Cock & Bull Glendale or TBD. Proposed moving date of meeting to Tuesday, April 6th. Approved.

May club meeting: Bloat Open. Date needs to be changed to May 8th. Mike C. to change date with BJCP. Mike C. also reminded group that someone needs to take over Bloat Open for next year.

May board meeting: Westendorf's residence.

June club meeting: Gadget Night at the Norwood Community Center.

July club meeting: Mufasa Challenge at Norwood Community Center.

September board meeting: Melcher's residence

Other Upcoming Events:

Peoria Beerfest April 23rd and 24th with I-74 "Black & Tan" Challenge (see right for details)

Westendorf Beer and Deer May 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

2010 Black & Tan I-74 Challenge Homebrew Competition

Sponsored by Homebrewers Of Peoria and Specialty Imports

I am going to the Peoria Jaycees Beerfest again with a group of friends (guys weekend away) but will also be judging and hope to enter the competition (I need to brew!) But, I wanted to mention this competition because if anyone is interested in entering I will gladly carry entries to the event.

This is also **The I-74 Homebrew Club Challenge**, a Homebrew club competition within this contest with a TROPHY for the winning club from clubs along the I-74 corridor. I think the Bloats need to OWN this Trophy!

Just let me know.

Andy Melchers / BBLminister@fuse.net

Categories include **only** European Amber Lager (Style 3), Dark Lager (Style 4), Amber Hybrid (Style 7), English Ale (Style 8), Scottish and Irish Ale (Style 9), American Ale (Style 10), English Brown Ale (Style 11), Porter (Style 12), Stout (Style 13), India Pale Ale (Style 14), and Strong Ale (Style 19).

Competition is Friday, April 23, 2010

Entry deadline is 5:00 PM Friday April 4, 2010.

Visit the HOP web site at

<http://hop.bradley.edu/competition.html>

for more information

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.

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 late 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:

Cock and Bull Glendale
Tuesday April 6 . 7pm

May - Westendorf's

June - Mahiques

July - Harsh

August - Zeller

September - Melchers

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD

Missed Quotes

"She wears that poison perfume too, its killer." J.Z.

"Are those local crabs?" J.Z.

"Zeller, don't make me kill you." R.S.

"Lynn has courage, huh?" J.Z.

"And I'm a happy douche bag." K.H.

"How are we going to know when you have a stroke, John?" D.D.

"I think I'm gonna scratch my balls instead." R.S. about judging J.Z.'s beer

"I stand corrected." Said to Jennifer.

"Arguing is not what I had in mind." R.S.

"It doesn't suck!" D.H. (about Listerman's Smoked Bock Bier at Bockfest)

"My cousin down tha hood makes crack" R.S.

"You gave him furry underwear?" Everyone

"Zeller, leave the goddammed cleaver alone" R.S.

"The beaver never amounted to much" J.Z.

"How did you survive with all these assholes?" A.M. to J.H.

"Is that your cocoa nips?" "It's NIBS, not nips!" - unknown

"How do you avoid pithyness?" B.S. "Don't pith in your mead!" R.M.

"You don't want her to think you're some single guy who lives with your mother" A.M. to J.Z.

"Fuck Em!" J.Z.