



BOSMOPOLITAN

BLOAT OPEN

May 22 . Norwood Community Center

Beer check-in begins at 10am. Judging starts at 11am.

Come by and socialize afterward and find out who won Best of Show. The awards ceremony will take place as soon as we have the scores tabulated. After the competition is over we will be grilling burgers and brats, and I think there might even be some beer left over to drink!

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212



Start Making Plans for Beer & Sweat 2010

Aug 21 . Drawbridge Inn, Erlanger KY

Plans are underway... and it's gonna be huge!

Room reservations are available NOW at a discounted rate for Beer & Sweat attendees!

Drawbridge Inn (800) 354-9793 Single/Double - \$77 Triple/Quad - \$87

You can also book online! www.drawbridgeinn.com

When making your reservation, a credit card is required

REMEMBER TO MENTION "BEER & SWEAT" TO GET THE SPECIAL GROUP RATE!

Visit www.beerandsweat.org for more information.

JA-EEP!!

Beer & Sweat is just 3 months away, so starting BREWING!

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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

06/12/2010

Botanical Brew Competition

<http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/>
Fort Wayne, IN

Contact: Carman Young carman.young@ci.ft-wayne.in.us

Phone: (260) 427-6446

Entry Fee: \$8.00 first entry, \$4.00 all subsequent entries

06/13/2010

Barley's Homebrew Competition

<http://www.barleysbrewing.com/downtown/index.htm>
Columbus, OH

Contact: Angelo Signorino angelo@barleysbrewing.com

Phone: (614) 228-2537

Entry Fee: 5.00

Entry Deadline: 05/26/2010

07/10/2010

Ohio Brew Week Competition

<http://www.ohiobrewweek.com/homebrew.html>
Athens, OH

Contact: Jason Klein kleinjc40@hotmail.com

Phone: (765) 404-7446

Entry Fee: \$7 first entry, \$5 each additional entry

Entry Deadline: 06/25/2010

07/16/2010

Mufasa Challenge II

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

Contact: Robert Westendorf R_Westendorf@fuse.net

Phone: (513) 245-1224

Entry Fee: \$8

Entry Deadline: 07/04/2010

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!

Beer & Deer Saturday May 29 . 2:00pm

Rob Westendorf

The 11th annual Westendorf Spring Party, christened "Beer and Deer," will be held Saturday, May 29rd. Originally part of the Bloatarian Group Brew calendar, the party has grown so big that we no longer have the time to squeeze in a brew session on the same day! I'll just have to plan for it being a day for reducing my inventory, instead of increasing it.

Beer and Deer is our celebration of the coming of summer. We'll fire up the smoker, the grill, and the deep fryer, all at the same time. While the menu is not yet firm, it will definitely include Roxanne's famous juniper berry smoked brisket, grilled polenta, and a special new deep fried dessert! Oh, and there might be a homebrew or two available. You don't need to bring anything, but side dishes and kegs are welcome (bottles too.) The party gets underway at 2:00, with the main portion of the food planned for 4:00. We hope to see you there!

Directions: From I-275 take exit 33, Colerain Avenue (on the northwest side of Cincinnati). Go north on Colerain 1/4 mile, to left on Dry Ridge Rd (it looks like you are turning into Lowe's). Bear right at the stop sign to stay on Dry Ridge, and go approximately 1/3 mile to right on Deerhollow. We're in the right corner of the cul-de-sac, at 10296 Deerhollow. If you get lost or have questions, feel free to call at 245-1224.

German Day - June 6, 2010

The Bloatarian Brewing League is a member club of the German-American Citizens League (GACL). The GACL's mission is to preserve and promote Greater Cincinnati's German heritage. The GACL's largest fundraising event is German Day, being celebrated this year for the 115th time, on Sunday, June 6th. The greatest portion of funds raised come from the German Day raffle. Prizes for the raffle are donated by various businesses and individuals, as well as by the member clubs. The BBL donation is baskets of beer! We're asking you, our members, to donate a few bottles of your favorite commercial beers (we can't raffle homebrew, there's that legal thing), which we'll assemble into baskets. With your generosity, we've been able to create as many as eight baskets in the past. Let's keep that up!

Bottles can be brought to the April or May meetings, both Board and regular meetings, or dropped at Listermann's no later than June 1st.

**Bring bottles
to Bloat Open!**

German Day Weekend Keg Tapping

Date: Wednesday, May 27 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hofbräuhaus Newport

German Day Kickoff Parade

Date: Saturday, June 6 2009

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Findlay Market

German Day Celebration

Date: Sunday, June 7 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Place: Hofbräuhaus Newport



Ewing Annual Bash & Pool Party

Saturday July 17 . Ken Ewing's Farm . Sometime after 1pm

It's party time at the Ewing Estate. Saturday July 17th, sometime after 1 PM. This will be the 9th Annual Ewing Cookout and Campout. At the very first Cookout/Campout in 2001, Ken made a Fire Ball Mead, if you can believe that. We'll have the usual deep fried turkey. Maybe some corn on the cob. Maybe a Lemon Meringue pie. Bring a covered dish, hopefully with some food in it. Bring your tent/camper and spend the night. There might even be some consumables which might contain alcohol.

Directions to the Ewing farm:

I-275 to US52 east (New Richmond, Ohio exit). Continue through New Richmond approximately 1.5 miles past where the double-highway ends, turn left on Clertmontville-Laurel Road. Road sign is on left side of road. Approximately 2.5 miles on Clertmontville-Laurel turn right on Bainum Road. After crossing bridge and climbing hill (Bainum Road takes a ninety degree left turn) go straight back Ewing Lane. The house is .6 mile back on Ewing Lane. Questions? Call 553-4856.



State Fair Homebrew Competitions

Calling all BJCP Judges and Entrants! Looking for a fun weekend getaway and a chance to earn some points? Check out the local upcoming State Fairs:

Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup — JULY 9-10th

For folks from Cincy they pay a stipend of \$100 and offer rooms at a local (nice looking) hotel for \$69. Sounds like points, a day of homebrew and \$30 in beer money to me... especially nice with places like Broadripple Brewpub (true hand pumped english style ales) and Brugge Brasserie just a short drive, and also RAM, Alcatraz, Rock Bottom and more downtown.

Details here: <http://www.brewerscup.org/>

FYI: if it still says registration is closed, that's because they have not yet opened it up for 2010 - I confirmed this via email with the organizer.

Ohio State Fair — July 17th

They will put you up in a hotel for either Friday or Saturday night so you can stay comfortably and also have a chance to check out great local beer places like Barley's, Columbus Brewing, Elevator and more.

Download the flyer with all info here: http://www.ohiostatefair.com/osf/downloadbooks/entertainment/2010homebrew_form.pdf

FYI: This competition was open only to Ohio residents. After a conversation with the director of the competition, this has now been expanded to include all members of any Ohio-based homebrew club. So even if you live in Kentucky or Indiana, if you are a current member of an Ohio based homebrew club, you may enter.

Election 2010

Prepare Ye for Elections! We will soon be electing a new Bloated Board for the 2011-2012 term.

Now is the call for nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and especially Newsletter Editor (wink wink, nudge nudge). If you are interested or have questions to ask, please talk to any one of the current officers or an experienced Bloat. November is a short 6 months away and **we need YOU** to keep this club going!

Beer Barons Tour

Thursday July 15 at 7pm - Spring Grove Cemetery

"Roll out the barrel" on this walking tour of Spring Grove's most notable beer barons. Cincinnati was a leader in the brewing industry for many years and many of the brew masters are buried in Spring Grove with beautiful monuments and mausoleums. An evening view of these magnificent tributes to German brewers is in store!

I have reserved a number of spots for Bloatarians interested in attending this event. If you would like to take one of those spots for yourself, send me an email (darryl@bloatarian.org) and I will put your name in it.

BBL Calendar of Known* Events for 2010

May 22	Bloat Open
May 28	Darryl turns 40! (shhhh!)
May 29	Beer & Deer
Jun	TBD
Jul 16	Mufasa Challenge
Aug 21	Beer & Sweat
Sept 25	Beer & Propane (DIBS)
Oct	TBD
Nov	Bloated Elections

*or so I've been told at some time or another.

May Board Meeting Minutes

5.3.10 . Rob & Roxanne Westendorf's

In attendance: Rob and Roxanne W., Ray S., Phil and Peggy M., Mike C., Bryan E., Scott L., John Z., Dave H., Jim F.

Toast @ 7:45 PM

Bloat Open: Show up at 10 AM, start at 11 AM. Bryan E. to update website to have correct times. Registration will end the 12th. Mike C. says everything is in order.

Beer and Deer: May 29th. Starts at 2 PM, food at 4 PM.

Bourbon barrel filling: June 26th at Garagemahal. All Bloats are invited for filling.

Mufasa Challenge for the July club meeting. All entries must be decoctions. Competition is registered with AHA. Depending on number of entries, the meeting may need to start earlier.

Westendorfs and Bryan E. are each driving up to NHC. If you have things to cart up to NHC, contact either the Westendorfs or Bryan E. to see if they have room.

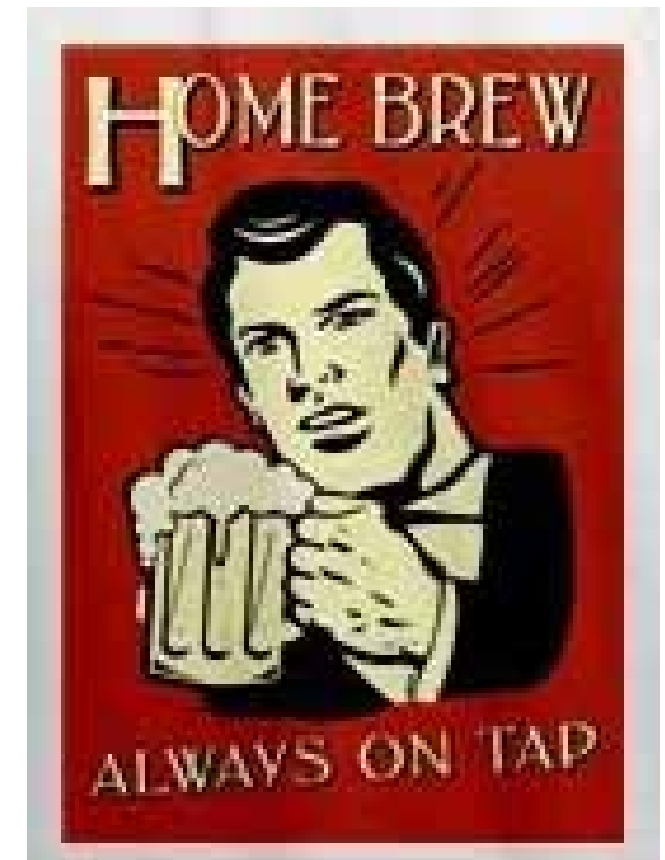
Beer and Sweat: Discussion about how to handle admission and security for Beer and Sweat. Discussion was tabled and it was decided that a separate B&S meeting is necessary. Meeting will be scheduled at a later date when all involved with B&S can attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Quotes from meeting:

"I get really good hole formation with 2 lb balls." Roxanne

"This tastes like a beer that people would say tastes very good." Dave L.'s girlfriend



2010-2012 AHA Club-Only Competitions

Bryan Evenson

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.

August 2010

Mead (BJCP Categories 24-26)

Selection at July board meeting

Entry due to CO by July 30

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 January 28

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

August 2011

Mead (BJCP Category 24-26)

Selection at July board meeting

Entry due to ND by TBD

September/October 2011

Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers (BJCP Cat 23)

Selection at August board meeting

Entry due to PA by TBD

November/December 2011

Hail to Hefeweizen (BJCP Category 15)

Selection at September board meeting

Entry due to IN by TBD

January/February 2012

TBD (BJCP Category ?)

Selection at December board meeting

Entry due to IL by TBD

March/April 2012

Stout (BJCP Category 13)

Selection at February board meeting

Entry due to CO by TBD

May 2012

Scottish and Irish Ale (BJCP Category 9)

Selection at April board meeting

Entry due to TX by TBD

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

Mahiques Residence
7573 N Pisgah Drive
West Chester, OH 45069
Monday, June 7th . 7pm

July - Harsh

August - Zeller

September - Melchers

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD

BEER QUOTED:

"It hold a 6pack and has a strap on." D.H.

"He probably didn't pull it out for a reason" R.S.

"People who are sober can see it just like that!" R.W.

"Lawnmower Meads... just 8%!" R.W.

"God, am I a wealth of knowledge or what?!" J.Z.



Caption Contest

send entries to
newsletter@bloatarian.org

ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR

**BEERS &
SWEAT** 2010

the world's largest keg - only homebrew competition