



BOSMOPOLITAN

Gadget Night / Swap Meet — June Meeting

Norwood Community Center . June 19 . 7pm

Got Cool Brew Gear?

Bring it along and show off your brew gadgets! All homemade gear, gadgets, whatch-a-macallits, thing-a-majiggers and do-hickeys welcome and fully encouraged! This will also be a swap meet so it's a great excuse to clear out your old brew stuff that you're not using anymore. New brewers... this is a GREAT time to pick up some cheap gear.

► **Norwood Community Center**, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

Make Your 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.

THIS FRIDAY!

JA-EEP!!

**Beer & Sweat is
just 2 months away,
so get BREWING!**

June 2010

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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

07/10/2010

Ohio Brew Week Competition

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

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

08/08/2010

Cuyahoga County Fair

Berea, OH <http://www.cuyfair.com/>

Contact: James Lewandowski FairGuy01@yahoo.com

Phone: (440) 334-6022

Entry Fee: flat \$10 fee if entry is postmarked by July 19th.

\$12 if postmarked by July 29th.

Entry Deadline: 07/29/2010

09/11/2010

Dayton DRAFT Beerfest Competition

Dayton, OH <http://www.daytondraft.org/>

Contact: Brian Sanders brianbrews@hotmail.com

Phone: (937) 306-2463

Entry Fee: \$5 per entry

Entry Deadline: 09/01/2010

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 cenosilicaphobia. 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!

Election 2010

Mike Carver . Bloat Open Director

The goal was to submit beers that weren't the most well known versions of the style, but are still listed as examples in the BJCP guidelines. In my opinion many judges, both experienced and novices, focus on one beer to define a style, and judge all beers in the category against that beer. I think as judges we need to remember that the style guidelines allow for a very wide range within most styles.

To quote from the preface to the BJCP style guidelines: "Understand that most beer styles are not defined by a single beer. Many styles are quite broad and can encompass multiple stylistically accurate variants. Do not let your understanding of a single beer limit your appreciation of the full range of each beer style."

My prediction was that the commercial beers in this competition would not score well, and not place in most categories. If you look at the results, I think you'll agree that my prediction turned out to be accurate. The quality of the beer entered in this year's Bloat Open was amazing, so I'm not surprised that the commercial beers had a tough time placing. However, I think if the beer is listed in the style guidelines, it should probably score at least in the high 30's, which would have placed it in the running in most categories.

Some people have mentioned that the condition of the commercial examples could have been bad. While I couldn't eliminate this variable, I did everything I could to make sure the beer was good. Every bottle was bought from the walk-in cooler shelves at Party Source, and I tried each sample before or during judging to make sure it was in good condition.

I will return all beer scoresheets to the judges so they can see how they judged the commercial beer. Hopefully this was a fun and educational experiment for everyone involved. After all, that's why our club exists - to have fun and learn about beer.

FLIGHT	STYLES	COMMERCIAL EXAMPLE	CATEGORY	ASSIGNED SCORE	PLACE
1	Pilsners/Lagers	Shiner Bock	4A	32.5	DNP
2	Bocks	Tucher Bajuvator Doppelbock	5C	35	3rd
3	Hybrids	Flying Dog Old Scratch	7B	31	DNP
4	English Pale	Goose Island Honkers Ale	8B	32	3rd
5	Scottish & Irish/English Brown	Avery Elle's Brown	11C	29	DNP
6	American Pale Ale	Left Hand Jackman's APA	10A	24.5	DNP
7	American Amber/Brown	Brooklyn Brown	10C	33.5	DNP
8	Porter/Stout	Rogue Mocha Porter	12B	31	DNP
9	IPA	Harpoon IPA	14B	31	DNP
10	German Wheat/Belgian & French	Blanche de Bruxelles	16A	23	DNP
11	Sour/Belgian Strong	Piraat	18D	36.3	DNP
12	Strong Ale	Founders Curmudgeon	19A	39	1st
13	Spice/Herb/Vegetable/Wood Aged	New Holland Dragons Milk	22C	33	DNP

Heraclitus DIPA - Best of Show Bloat Open 2010

Jennifer Hermann

"You can never step into the same river; for new waters are always flowing on to you." Heraclitus of Ephesus, Pre-Socratic Philosopher 540-480 BC

One of you Bloats is sure to sneer once you know that Heraclitus was an iced IPA. (I will admit that I had Listermann in mind when I decided to do this. Someone may recall his version of an iced IPA that placed not too far back.) Would it have placed had it been entered as a "specialty beer?" We will never know.

Once the IPA had finished in the secondary and was cold conditioning, I pulled off just under 2 liters and stuck it in the freezer for about 5 hours. I poured of the concentrated beer, sampled it, smiled widely and added a fairly large pinch each of centennial, amarillo, columbus and northern brewer. I left at room temperature for about 3 days, poured through my sanitized hop boil bag and bottled with one carbonation tab. I never drank the bottle carbonated version since I only gleaned enough from the ice to fill two full bottles. I did force carbonate the 6 oz or so that I had left. I thought it was delicious. I'm pleased the BOS judges agreed!

Here is my recipe for the original IPA. Unfortunately, I have no idea what the ABV was for Heraclitus.

Cheers!

Jennifer

BTZ IPA (Better than Zeller)

Brewed 2.24.10, Judged 5.22.10

10 gallons OG 1.067

FG 1.014 113 IBU

22 lbs. Maris Otter CRISP

1.5 lbs. Munich

1.5 lbs. Vienna

FW 1 oz. Summit

FW 1 oz. Centennial

60 min. 1 oz. N. Brewer

60 min. 1 oz. Amarillo

60 min. 1 oz. Columbus

20 min. 1 oz. Centennial

20 min. 1 oz. Amarillo

20 min. 1 oz. Columbus

20 min. 1 tsp. Irish Moss

0 min. 1 oz. Centennial

0 min. 1 oz. Amarillo

0 min. 1 oz. Columbus

Dry .25 oz. Centennial

Dry .25 oz. Amarillo

Dry .25 oz. Columbus

Dry .25 oz. Northern Brewer

Mashed at 149 for 90 min.

60 min. boil

WLP 051 – California Ale V

Primary 2 weeks ~68 degrees

Secondary (keg with dry hops)

1 week ~ 55-60 degrees

Cold Conditioned ~ 2 weeks

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 9-10

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.

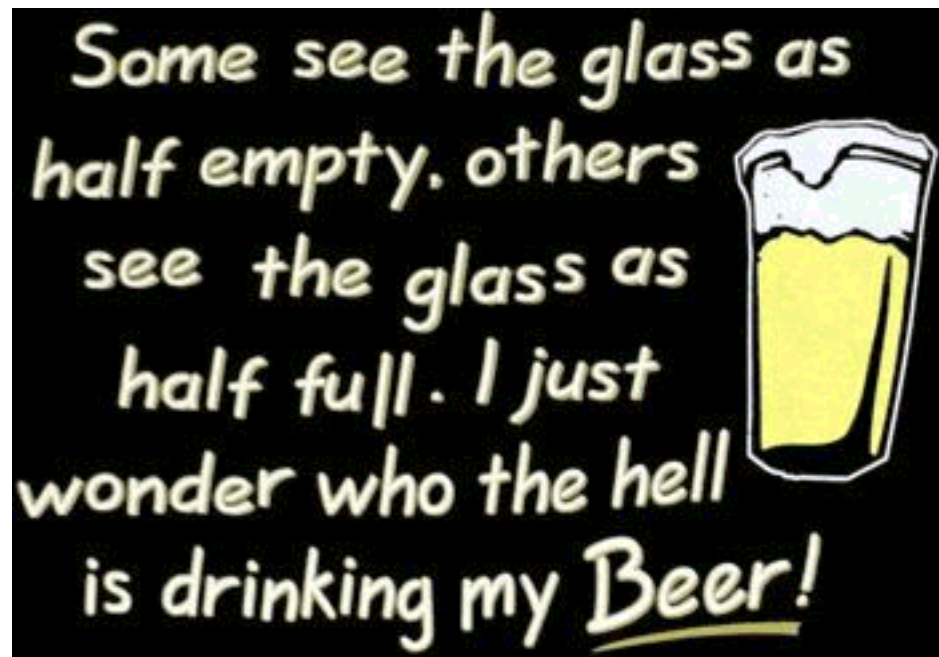
Details here: <http://www.brewerscup.org/>

Ohio State Fair — JULY 16-17

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.



BBL Calendar of Known* Events

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| Jun 18 | Gadget Night |
| Jul 16 | Mufasa Challenge |
| July 17 | Ewing Party |
| July 24 | BREWOUT!
@ Listermann Campout
(details to come next issue!) |
| Aug 21 | Beer & Sweat |
| Sept 24-26 | Beer & Propane (DIBS) |
| Oct 15 | TBD |
| Nov 19 | Bloated Elections |

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

June Board Meeting Minutes

6.7.10 . Mahiques Residence

In attendance: Dick and Debbie M., Ray S., Darryl D., Andy M., Bryan E., Bob and Patti S., Kevin S., Rob and Roxanne W., John Z., Dave H.

Toast @ 7:20 PM

June Club Meeting is Gadget Night. Andy and Bryan to announce to club. Rob and Roxanne are verifying that Andy G. is running the show.

Kevin Spatz won 1st place in the Sam Adams Homebrew Competition for the Cincinnati employee competition. His beer moves on to the final round for the employees. Good job Kevin!

July Meeting: Mufasa Challenge. Contact Roxanne for entry info.

Bourbon Barrel Filling on June 26th.

Campout: Ray S. working on organization. Andy has made up a flyer which Randy Mosher will be distributing this invitation to industry folks. A shelter has been built and more improvements are in the works.

Indiana State Fair Homebrew Competition July 9th and 10th. Excellent competition that will be looking for judges, stewards and entries.

Ewing Campout is July 17th. Stay for the day or bring your camping equipment and spend the night.

The Cincinnati Garden Club has asked for someone to give a talk on growing hops. Dick M. volunteered. Contact Dick if interested in helping.

Donation letters have been sent out for Beer and Sweat. Response has been good so far.

Rob W. suggested club get flag for Bockfest and Oktoberfest parades. Rob, Andy M., and Bob S., are to work on design, get pricing and present to board next meeting.

Rob W. also suggested the club purchase a traveling trophy for the person who shows up to the board meeting on the wrong day. Fremmel Clause was enacted and Rob was saddled with finding a suitable trophy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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.

ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR



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:

July ?? — WILL EMAIL WHEN KNOWN

Dave Harsh's Dorm

4017 Beechwood, Cincinnati, OH 45229

Old maps sometimes show Rose Hill Ave coming out onto Reading Rd. This is incorrect, it goes off of Clinton Springs Ave. just west of Reading. About 100 yards in, the road forks and Beechwood is the left fork. Parking is permitted only on my side of the street. Depending on the weather, we'll either be on the back porch, in the backyard or in the basement. If the gate is open, come around back instead of through the front door.

House is green stucco, street number is next to driveway near sidewalk.

August - Zeller's Westside Patio

September - BBL Minister's Bungalow

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD

BEER QUOTED:

"Look at these big ones I've got" DM

"His was pink for a reason." DH

"I need a third glass." DH — "You've only been here THREE MINUTES!" AM — "I love these meetings!" DH

"That was a Polish firecracker." DM

"Mine was some guy, some Chinese guy." DM

regarding DM's Nutsack RIS: "Is it circumcised?" — "Well, look at the head on it!"

"These have some serious peas in them." DM

"Rhazoomes!" BS

"Oh, you're quick on the draw." DM to DH

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!



Caption Contest Entries

Fashion has really changed since Zeller graduated from high school. -DH

"Is that the best CAP you've tasted or what? ... now give me a hit of that thing Raymond." -Bob M

DAN LISTERMAN! Give your grannie her pipe back! ;) -MD