



BOSMOPOLITAN

The Mufasa Challenge II

Norwood Community Center . July 16 . 7pm

Did you boil your mash?

The Mufasa Challenge is inspired by Michael Ferguson, aka Mufasa, the Director of Contract Brewing for BJ's Restaurants. The challenge is take his presentation from the National Homebrewers Conference and put it into practice. The first Challenge featured beers made without hops. This time around, it's a return to tradition. Any beer style can be entered, but all beers must be made with a decoction mash. Decoction is the most traditional of continental mashing techniques, and produces malt characteristics that proponents say cannot be obtained using other mash techniques. Many Bloatarians got together back in February at the GarageMahal for a group brew of decocted beers, but you don't have to have brewed there to enter. If you've got a decocted beer, bring it!

To enter, send an email to Rob Westendorf (r_westendorf@fuse.net) **no later than 9:00 PM Thursday (7/15)**. Include your name, the name of the beer, and the BJCP style category (please list category number and name). Then bring your beer to the meeting Friday (don't be late!). If you can't come to the meeting, you can leave your entries at Listermann's, but they must be there by 10:00 AM Thursday. Entry is free to members whose dues are current. For non-members, the fee is \$7. We also need judges at the meeting. The competition is registered with the BJCP, so judging points will be awarded.

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



Michael Ferguson, AKA Mufasa

**Beer & Sweat is
just 1 month away,
so get KEGGING!**

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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

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

08/15/2010

Kentucky State Fair Homebrew Competition

Louisville, KY <http://www.kystatefair.org/>

Contact: Chuck Harp chuckharp@bellsouth.net

Phone: (502) 386-9037

Entry Fee: \$8.00 per entrant (multiple beers allowed)

Entry Deadline: 07/01/2010

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

10/09/2010

Music City Brew Off

Goodlettsville, TN <http://www.musiccitybrewers.com/>

Contact: Jonathan Adams bigjohn3957@gmail.com

Phone: (615) 504-7673

Entry Fee: \$7/entry

Entry Deadline: 09/24/2010

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!

To Our Friends in the Bloatarian Brewing League:

On behalf of the German-American Citizens League, and the German Heritage Museum, I would like to express our deep gratitude for your continuing strong support of German Day in Cincinnati! Your annual donation of beer baskets has become one of the most popular and sought-after prizes in our German Day raffle. We have received numerous positive comments from the recipients. It is donations such as yours that make our raffle not only possible, but such a great success. This raffle is the largest single source of funding for the German Heritage Museum's annual budget, and is critical to keeping our doors open. Thank you once again for your generous support.

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann
President, German-American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati



Brew Marathon

Well for the most part the brew marathon was a success. Six beers in one weekend, I know now why nobody does that! Started with a pale ale Friday at 6 PM, next was a Hefe, then an IPA. Finished that 9 AM Saturday. By now our eyes were crossing and half open we decided to get a nap. Sat. afternoon we brewed another IPA and then called it quits for the day. (my feet were screaming) Sunday after cleaning up some of the mess, we brewed the last 2 beers. Bob got up Sunday and found his fridge had died and thought no way to brew the lager he planned but I said I was brewing one also and had room for more in my fermenter so it was on. 9 PM this evening we finished the last beers and they are resting in the fermenter. Some advice if you want to marathon brew. DON'T!!! It was fun but man am I whooped ! I have 12 carboys full of beer in the basement and am almost out of drinkable beer. Blew 3 kegs this weekend. Can't wait till some of the new is ready!

CHEERS

Dick Mahiques

ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR



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:

Kentucky State Fair — AUGUST 15

The Kentucky State Fair homebrew competition will be held on Sunday, August 15th. We are looking for lots of judges and stewards to help out with our competition. The judging will be held in the south wing conference center of the Kentucky Exposition center in Louisville, Ky. If you are not familiar with this location, please see the KY state fair website for details at <http://www.kystatefair.org>

Our schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10:15 am Start judge check-in (coffee, juice and donuts are planned)
- 10:45 am Calibration Beer
- 11:00 am Start judging first round
- 1:00 pm Finish first round

After each judge is finished with his/her flight, there will be a box lunch provided. Our hope is that by allowing each judge to eat as soon as they are done, we can quickly start on the second round of judging.

- 1:30 pm Start second round (or earlier)
- 3:30 pm Finish second round
- 3:45 pm Best Of Show

Due to the large number of entrants to this competition who are also judges, stewards and organizers, we have decided to also try to have an awards ceremony immediately following the judging. It is scheduled as follows:

- 4:30 pm Start Awards Ceremony
- 5:30 pm End Awards Ceremony

We are hoping you will be able to participate, and I would also like to pre-assign judges prior to the event so things can go smoothly

Subject: Fun at the Bourbon Barrel Filling!

ON THIS DATE: JUNE 27, 2010
JOHN ZEGLER
AND
KEVIN HARDMAN
AGREE TO BREW A BEER IN
THE STYLE OF:
American INDIA PALE ALE
TO BE JUDGED BY:
DAVE HARSH
ROXANNE WESTERWISSE
PHIL MEYER
TO DETERMINE WHO IS ACTUALLY
A BREWER AND WHO SHALL
BE DECLARED A PUSSY.
SIGNED [Signature]
*500 REVERSE
[Signature] 6/27/10

JUDGING AT BEER & PROPANE
-SUBSTITUTE JUDGES ① RANDY MOSHORE
② RAY SPANGLER

X
[Signature]
X

BBL Calendar of Known* Events

- Jul 16 Mufasa Challenge
- July 17 Ewing Party
- July 24 BREWOUT!
@ Listermann Campout
- Aug 21 Beer & Sweat 2010
- Sept 24-26 Beer & Propane (DIBS)
- Oct 15 TBD
- Nov 19 Bloated Elections

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

July Board Meeting Minutes

7.12.10 . Harsh's Clifton Dorm

In attendance: Dave H., Dave L, Rob W., Andy M., Scott L., Ray G., Mike C., Mark H., Jim F., Kevin S., John Z., Dick M.

Toast @ 7:45 PM

Mufasa Challenge: Darryl needs someone to pick up grill and judging supplies for Friday's meeting. John Z volunteered.

Campout: Mike S. is looking for plans for a gazebo to get one built before the campout. John Z. volunteered to talk to Mike. Andy to send out invite to other clubs.

Beer and Sweat:

Hotel is in good shape. Andy needs to get volunteer sign up sheet ready for Friday's meeting, but Andy will not be at the meeting. Rob W. volunteered to take sheets to the meeting on Friday.

Excellent condition for the raffle. Lengthy discussion ensued about how to handle raffle and donations for the following year. Discussion was tabled until after Beer and Sweat.

Scott and Andy need to discuss and finalize what needs to be ordered.

Andy discussed t-shirt, glassware and medal orders. Ray S. suggested to increase order on glassware to have some extras. Board approved.

Volunteer is needed to be in charge of the registration desk.

Group decided that one more Beer and Sweat meeting was necessary. Meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 15th.

Dick M. is looking to organize a canoe trip down the Little Miami River. It was suggested that September or October may work.

Kentucky State Fair is August 15th, and the **Dayton Beerfest** is September 11th. Mark your calendars!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Quotes from meeting:

"There was a bit of underwear in there." Andy Melchers, in reference to Rob Westendorf's beer. *"I was going for toe fungus."* Rob Westendorf

"This is like armpits and diapers, but I'm not complaining." Andy Melchers, same beer

"I'm having a keg polished." John Zeller *"Is that a euphemism?"* Mike Carver

"John, could you silently count from 1 to 12,000,000?" Dave Harsh, to John Zeller

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.

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:

August 2 — Zeller's Westside Patio
3506 Hazelwood Ave. #2,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

September - BBL Minister's Bungalow

October - TBD

November - TBD

December - TBD

BEER QUOTED:

"He has stubby Barney Rubble feet."

- unattributed, at the Bourbon Barrel filling



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!

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