



BOSMOPOLITAN

Brew Like a Monk

Norwood Community Center . Sept 17 . 7PM

First, click this link and watch:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgYEuJ5u1K0>

OK so, that title might be taken (and copyrighted!), but we're gonna do it anyway. Join us this month for Trappist Madness! We'll dissect the nuances, unveil the mystique, and otherwise strip the robes off how to brew some of the greatest beers in the world. Learning, tasting, evaluating, brewing - we'll cover the whole range of Trappist beers. You say you want to make a great Dubbel! Maybe hit a Tripel? Or go for the home run with a Strong Dark? Heck, maybe you're more interested in the uniquely Belgian interpretation of English ale that the British consider infected. We've got the 411. Recipes, details, tips, secrets, innuendo, hearsay, and gossip - we've got all the bases covered. Join us for an evening of monken debauchery. We'll taste all we can, and talk about the rest! Please: if you make a Trappist-style beer, please bring some. All interpretations are welcome.

For the record, the monks are saying, "*Pies Iesu Domine, dona eis requiem.*"
A rough translation is, "*Oh sweet Jesus, Bloatarians make heavenly beer!*"

Norwood Community Center,
1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

JA-EEP!!

THIS FRIDAY!



september 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

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

10/16/2010

Oktoberbest Zinzinnati

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

Contact: Conan Crofoot oktoberbest@gmail.com

Phone: (513) 608-0888

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per Entry

Entry Deadline: 10/10/2010

10/23/2010

Son Of Brewzilla

North Olmsted, OH <http://www.beersnobs.org/>

Contact: Dave Clark sonofbrewzilla@gmail.com

Phone: (216) 789-1774

Entry Fee: \$7 First Entry; \$5 Additional Entries

Entry Deadline: 10/09/2010

12/11/2010

2nd Annual Fugetaboutit Homebrew Competition

Chattanooga, TN <http://www.barleymob.com/>

Contact: Anthony Giannasi tony@barleymob.com

Phone: (423) 762-8741

Entry Fee: \$6 per entry

Entry Deadline: 11/20/2010

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!

Flanders Red - Solara Project: Call for Brewers!

All,

The club currently has one bourbon barrel filled with a wee heavy. After the barrel gets emptied in a couple of months, we plan on inoculating the barrel and creating a Flanders Red. For this barrel, since it will be a sour beer, we will treat this one different and there will be different rules for this barrel. Especially since this can go for years, we want to make sure that everyone is clear on the rules before we start out.

1. For now, I will act as Barrel Manager to act as a single point of contact to help keep things straight. If you have a question, check with me first.
2. Kevin Hardman has graciously agreed to store this barrel in the basement of his garage. Please be courteous guests whenever you visit Kevin's place. Thanks again Kevin!
3. I will maintain a list of who has beer in the barrel and who would like to add beer to the barrel. There will also be a copy of both lists with the barrel. If you want to contribute, let me know.
4. Follow the recipe that is given. Substitutions are okay where listed in the recipe. Otherwise, check before you change anything. If you brew a batch and we find out you deviated too far from the recipe, you may not get to add your beer to the barrel. This recipe was the one that Brian St. Clair used to win Runner-Up Best of Show in the National Homebrewer's Conference in 2007. 'Nuff said.
5. The barrel will tell us how long the beer will need to be stored before we can withdraw any beer. This will most likely be somewhere between 6 months and 18 months before we can start withdrawing any beer.
6. Since we plan on keeping this beer going long term, once the beer sours up it'll keep going better if we don't withdraw too much at once. For now, we'll limit withdrawals to one 5 gallon withdrawal per month. This may change (more often or less often) depending on what the barrel tells us.
7. For the initial group who contributes to the barrel, we'll draw straws to choose the order in which we get to withdraw from the barrel.
8. When beer gets withdrawn from the barrel, more beer will need to be added at the same time. If you want to withdraw your share, then check with me and I'll tell you who is next on the list to add to the barrel. It is your job to coordinate the exchange with this other brewer. In addition, you will also need to coordinate with Kevin Hardman and find someone who will be willing to act as quality control. If everyone isn't able to show up at the Garagemahal or if the new beer doesn't pass quality control, then you don't get your beer that day.
9. The beer will evaporate as it ages in the barrel. You give 5 gallons to the barrel, and you get 4.5 gallons back.
10. There is a good chance that at some point the barrel will go bad. That's the risk you're willing to take for the chance at making some truly remarkable beer.



Flanders Red - Solara Project: Call for Brewers! (cont)

11. Nobody starts a siphon by sucking on the end of a hose.

If you're interested in contributing to the barrel, let me know and I'll add your name to the list. We don't have a barrel fill date set yet since the barrel is still filled with the wee heavy, but we will be shooting for a early November barrel filling. We'll need 60 gallons to start out to fill the barrel and for top off as the barrel ages. On with the recipe!

Bourbon Barrel Flanders Red

5 gallons
OG: 1.054
IBU: 12

5 lb vienna
1 lb carahell
1 lb cara vienna
1 lb aromatic
8 oz special B
1.5 lb flaked corn
handful UNCRUSHED carafa III in sparge for better color, optional
1 oz Mt Hood flowers at 3.7% AA at 45 min (may substitute with another equivalently low %AA Noble hop; check first)
Wyeast # 3763 Roselare yeast in 1000 ml starter

mash in at 156 degrees for 90 min, boil 80 min, chill to 69, oxygenate one min, ferment in glass then add to barrel when yeast drops out (20 days.)

Cheers,
Bryan

BBL Calendar of Known* Events

Sept 17 Trappist Madness

Sept 24-26 Beer & Propane (DIBS)

Oct 15 Feast of Floatis Bloatus

Nov 19 Bloated Elections

Dec Beermas!

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



September Board Meeting Minutes

9.7.10 . BBL Ministers Westside Bungalow

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

Toast @ 7:45 PM

Sept Club Meeting: Phil and Rob to discuss Trappist beers. Phil and Rob asked for a small budget for buying appropriate beers. Budget for locally available beers was approved. Budget for flight to Belgium was denied.

Beer and Sweat Post-Op: Overall event ran well. Discussed things to improve upon for next year. Ideas for improvement included:

- Current members list at registration desk to better keep track who is up to date with dues.
- More glasses!
- Ideas for money management
- More XL and 2X men's shirts
- Need central storage place for all Beer and Sweat related supplies
- Mobile raffle ticket seller

Campout: Overall everything is on track. Ray S. may make call out to club if any last minute help is needed.

October Club Meeting: Beer and Food! Nominations for the 2011-2012 Board elections.

November meeting: Elections!

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 PM

Quote from Beer and Sweat: *"I don't give a shit if the mountains are blue." Peanut Kahles (Dilly Cafe), in reference to beer serving temperature.*

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!

BIBL WANTS YOU!



Son of Brewzilla Homebrew Competition

Saturday, October 23rd

We encourage you to participate in the Son of Brewzilla Homebrew Contest, brought to you by the Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOBS) of Cleveland, Ohio. Why Judge, Steward or enter beers?

JUDGES AND STEWARDS:

- *Get to experience the award winning Fathead's Brewery & Saloon, Cleveland's premier brewpub
- *Can stay and enjoy Brewzilla Brewfest, the crown jewel of Cleveland Beer Week happening the same evening
- *Can Judge all Beer Categories (Categories 1-23) (no ciders, meads or melomels)
- *Earn BJCP points while enjoying Cleveland Beer Week Events!
- *Can bring their beers day of judging as long as they are signed up by Oct. 9

To sign up to judge or steward (or to enter your beers) please go to www.beersnobs.org/contest. If you have any questions, please email contest organizer, Dave Clark, at sonofbrewzilla@gmail.com

We have secured a block of rooms at the Radisson Hotel of North Olmsted for \$69 + tax per night. Just give the name Son of Brewzilla when making your arrangements to secure that rate. The Radisson direct phone number is 1-440-734-5060. Hotel located at 25070 Country Club Blvd., N. Olmsted, OH 44070. All judges responsible for any and all hotel charges.

ABOUT ENTERING BEERS:

- *Winning Best of Show Entry to be brewed professionally by Fathead's Brewery & Saloon in the 2011 GABF Pro-Am
- *Top 3 finishers in each category win a medal (no ribbons)
- *Top 3 beers in Best of Show receive trophies and additional prizes
- *1st Place Winners of each sponsored category receive an additional prize
- *Homebrew club with most entries will receive special recognition
- *Only \$7 for first beer and just \$5 for each additional beer entered
- *Part of the Proceeds to benefit the Cleveland Scholarship Fund

Deadline to Enter Beers, Judge or Steward (and pay) is Oct. 9, 2010

Entries to arrive between Oct. 9 & 15, 2010

15th Annual MCBO: Judge Invitation

October 8-9th

Greetings fellow judges,

The time is drawing near, and I wanted to take this time to invite you all to come out to the 15th Annual Music City Brew Off. Last year marked our 14th annual competition and best to date. We decided that Boscos Nashville Brewing company was too small a venue to accommodate our needs and decided to hold the 14th MCBO at the Holiday Inn by the Airport in Nashville. We had right at 400 entries last year and are expecting the same or more this year. With this many entries, we need as many judges as we can round up to make this year's MCBO a success. Please come, judge, and enjoy the festivities if you can. Our Competition this year is taking place at the Marriott Conference Center in Goodlettsville, TN. The whole event will kick off with a Buffet style dinner and presentation by Dave Miller (topic TBA) on Friday, October 8th. Last year we had a full weekend of events and plan the same this year. Friday night after the dinner, the regional homebrew clubs will set up at tables and pour their own brews. This is much like club night at NHC but on a smaller scale. Saturday will run much like any competition. After the 2nd round of judging, the BOS round will take place as well as the "pub crawl". This year we are doing something different though, we are bringing the pub crawl to us (more details to come as our competition date gets closer). I'm listing a preliminary schedule of events below:

Friday, October 8th:

3:30-7:00 Event Registration
7:00-8:30 Dinner and Presentation
8:30-12:00 Club Crawl

Saturday, October 9th.

8:30-9:00 Judge and Steward orientation
9:00-12:30 1st Round Judging
12:30-1:30 Lunch for Judges and Stewards
1:30-5:00 2nd Round Judging
5:00-8:00 Pub Crawl/Best of Show Judging
8:30-9:30 Awards Ceremony
9:30-12:00 Club Crawl again

We would love to have you come out for our 15th and hopefully best competition yet. Pre-registered Judges and Stewards will get their dinner on Friday night for \$20 (normal price \$40), and lunch will be provided by our Club on Saturday. You will be on your own for dinner on Saturday but there is a Bistro in the hotel and plenty of other restaurants close to the Hotel. Hotel rooms are \$79/night for a King room or room with 2 queens. Suites are also available for \$99/night.

Reservation link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnagv-courtyard-nashville-goodlettsville/?toDate=10/9/10&groupCode=musmusa&fromDate=10/8/10&app=resvlink> (this link gives you the discounted rate for our group. You will need to change the check out date if you are staying the whole weekend).

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.

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:

October 4, 2010

Ray Gerdes' Place

6060 Christopher Ln

Cinti OH 45233

Delhi Township area

November - TBD

December - TBD

UPCOMING BEER EVENTS

Marty's Hops and Vines 09.15.10 - Dark Horse Raspberry Ale, New Holland Ichabod, Southern Tier Harvest, Stoudts Octoberfest, Abita Jockamo <http://martyshopsandvines.com/>

Let It Breath - 09.16.10 6:30-9:30 \$65 in advance \$75 @ door
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Fund Raiser
<http://www.cff.org/Chapters/cincinnati/index.cfm?id=13355&event=13355>

Tellers Beer Dinner w/ John Host From Founders - 9.21.10 \$40
Beers: Red's Rye, Porter, Breakfast Stout, Cerise, Nemesis
<http://www.tellersofhydepark.com/events.html>

Market Wines @ Findley Market 09.25.10- 11am- 3pm Beers TBD!
<http://market-wines.com/>

20Brix 10.05.10- Fall/Harvest Beer Dinner \$35 6:30pm
<http://www.20brix.com/events.asp>

BEER & PROPANE

Mike S. wants to build a picnic shelter. Does anyone have plans that would be helpful?

contact Ray: raysnyder@fuse.net

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