



BOSMOPOLITAN

THIS FRIDAY!

Elections!

Norwood Community Center . Nov 19 . 7PM

Come out and vote for your 2011-2012 Board Members.

Norwood Community Center, 1810 Courtland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45212

Fresh Hop Evaluation

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ooooooooohhhh! That Smell... it's Fresh Hop Beers!

The fine floral, citrusy, pungent, piney, earthy aromas and flavors of Fresh Hop Beers is making it's way to your nostrils and tastebuds at our monthly meeting for November.

The BBL will have some examples on hand for sampling and discussion. Just as well if you have a homebrewed version or an example or two to share please bring them!



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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

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

01/15/2011

Wizard of SAAZ IV

Akron, OH <http://hbd.org/saaz/wos.html>

Contact: Mike Krajewski kujo@nccrs.com

Phone: (440) 327-3171

Entry Fee: \$7.00 first entry, \$5.00 each thereafter

Entry Deadline: 01/04/2011

2/19/2011

Bluff City Brewers Annual Homebrew Competition

Memphis, TN <http://memphisbrews.com/>

Contact: michael lee midsouthmalts@bellsouth.net

Phone: (901) 682-1293

Entry Fee: \$ 7.00

Entry Deadline: 02/04/2011

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!

CMI OctobersBest

Our friends over at CMI have again hosted their annual fall competition... OctobersBest was on October 16TH in Northside.

Congrats to the Bloats who entered, placed (Ken Ewing, Scott LaFollette, Andy Melchers, Phil Meyer, Kyle McCabe, Kevin Johnson and Phil McDermott) and thanks to Bloats who judged!!!

I think it should be noted that Bloats SWEPT the Porter category along with an HM! Also Phil McDermott took the top two places in the Specialty category!

WAY TO GO BLOATARIANS!

Garagemajal Brewout

The Garagemajal Brew out is set for Feb 12, 2011 – No challenge!! Just come and brew and have a good time.

BEER MAS 2010

- 12/1 - ORIENTAL WOK - HYDE PARK
- 12/2 - HOFBRAÜHAUS
- 12/3 - THE COMET — Second night of Hopnosis!
- 12/6 - MAYDAY
- 12/7 - DUTCH'S
- 12/8 - ROCK BOTTOM
- 12/9 - OLIVE'S
- 12/10 - FRIES
- 12/13 - DILLY CAFE
- 12/14 - GORDO'S
- 12/15 - MARTY'S HOPS AND VINES
- 12/16 - FOX AND HOUND
- 12/17 - BJ'S

Click any name to go to their website for directions and menus!

BEER QUOTED: *The Bloatarian's consider it a sacred duty to cultivate and improve the beer culture wherever we go, but most importantly here in Cincinnati.* – Ray Snyder



November Board Meeting Minutes

11.1.10 . Meyer's

In attendance: Rob and Roxanne W., Ray S., Andy M., Ray G., Mark H., Bryan E., Phil and Peggy M., Dave H.

Toast @ 7:25 PM

November Meeting topic: Elections! Wet hopped beers. Ray S. agreed to pick up beer for meeting.

Nominations so far:

Ray Gerdes - President

Dick Mahiques - Vice President

Phil Meyer - Treasurer

Bryan Evenson - Secretary

Ray Snyder has volunteered for the appointed position of Membership Coordinator

D.A. Fleischer has volunteered for the appointed position of Webmaster

Ray to confirm with Mike C. on filing of tax paperwork

Rick Boyd would like the Bloatarians to do a presentation on homebrewing at the Green township library branch. Looking for presentation in the February/March timeframe. Bryan E. tentatively volunteered. Andy M. volunteered as backup.

Bryan E. to check with D.A. about plans for the website and to verify Paypal account is still valid.

Bockfest: Ray S. working with Greg H. for organization

Bus trip: Detriot or Grand Rapids areas the two major options. Brian Becker to present details at next meeting he attends.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

At 10:30 PM John Zeller admitted he was wrong.

Quotes:

"Here's to something!" Ray's toast

"They don't call it Listeria for nothing" John Z.

JA-EEEP!!

INTERESTED IN TAKING THE BEER JUDGE CERTIFICATION EXAM? Dave Harsh



I have requested an exam date for December 2011 to give the BJCE and am planning on running an exam prep class next fall.

The class fee will include a seat at the exam, because I figure if I commit to teaching the class, you should commit to taking the exam. The classes include brewing procedures, ingredients, practice tests and, of course, tasting. At present, I am limited to twelve seats for the exam, although I may be able to request as many as 20 seats depending on the number of exams scheduled and their size. I will pass along further details as I learn them.

The exam is easy to pass if you study, but hard to do extremely well on - there's a lot of information out there to help you prepare. Contact me if you are interested and think you should be committed, I mean, think you are willing to commit to taking the exam.

Dave Harsh <dharsh@fuse.net>

So what should you do if you think you want to take the exam, but aren't sure? Dave Harsh

(You'll like this, trust me)

1. Go to www.bjcp.org and download a copy of the latest style guidelines. Print it out and read it, with a beer. (You'll really like the next parts) The style guidelines will be your new favorite reading material. You can get versions to go on your phone also.
2. Read it again. Preferably with a beer listed as a classic example of a style. Focus on all the styles, not just your favorites. You know what an IPA tastes like; learn the descriptive language. Understand the styles - when is high hop aroma required, when is low to high acceptable. This may require more beer.
3. Read Michael Jackson's books. Again. His descriptive ability is unmatched. You can read those with a beer too if you want.
4. Go back to www.bjcp.org and download the study guide for the BJCE. Start reading it. With a beer is fine.
5. Go to <http://home.fuse.net/dcharsh/> and download the course handouts. This is the material we will be covering. Start reading it so you'll know what areas you understand better than others. You can do this with a beer too.
6. Talk to me and/or others who have taken the exam. While we're having a beer is good. Don't be intimidated by the amount of material. EVERYONE felt that way at first glance. We all know you haven't taken a test in a billion years. Join the crowd.
7. Taste. Brew. Ask questions. Give feedback. Learn your palate. You may have blind spots or be overly sensitive. But enjoy yourself! This is a hobby.
8. Understand that any comments made during the prep class may be written down and sent to the newsletter editor where they can be used against you! (Right, Tim?) We have fun in the class, cover a lot of material and make an attempt to taste every beer sub-style during the course, but the ultimate goal is for you to pass the exam!

2011-2012 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:

December - TBD (one of the nights of Beermas)

OVERHEARD

Your wife scares me more than Zeller. - RS to AM

I wasn't going to drink tonight. - AM

Porn in HD uses a lot of cycles - RS

I've got some real good equipment... My wife would dispute that though. - RG

Hockfest



IS ON!

GET BREWING!!!

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