



# BOSMOPOLITAN

## Holiday Social — January 14, 2011

Terraqua Club . 7PM

*Eat Drink Be Merry!*

*The party will start around 7:30pm* **FRIDAY JAN. 14**

Please bring a dish to share and bring along your homebrews and festive ales or anything else that you would like to share with your fellow Bloats. The 750ml Bottle exchange will occur sometime after dinner. All you need is a gift wrapped 750ml bottle to participate!

If you are interested in attending the short Board meeting we will have beforehand, we will get that started about 7pm.

Reading Terraqua Club — 7713 Dimmick Road, Pisgah, OH

*“Alcohol is necessary for a man so that he can have a good opinion of himself, undisturbed by the facts.”*  
-Finley Peter Dunne

## DUES are DUE!

Treasurer

As approved by the Board (in mid 2008), membership dues are now set at **\$24 per year** (or \$2 per month). If you paid dues at anytime in 2010 we made an effort to pro-rate your amount (such as at Beer & Sweat) so that we could make the new due date of January more effective to manage. This should mean that **ALL MEMBERS WILL OWE DUES**. Please bring a check or cash to the Social and **see Phil Meyer, our Secretary, or Ray Snyder, Membership.**

*Ja-EEEP!*

January 2011

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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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Contact the editor for more information, including submission requirements. Back issues are available at no cost on the BBL website at [www.bloatarian.org/](http://www.bloatarian.org/)

#### Club Officers 2011-2012

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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:  
Phil Meyer  
6709 Devonwood Drive, Cinti, OH 45224

Or join/renew online at [www.bloatarian.org](http://www.bloatarian.org) and make a secure payment via PayPal

## Upcoming Competitions

2/19/2011

### Bluff City Brewers Annual Homebrew Competition

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

Contact: michael lee [midsouthmalts@bellsouth.net](mailto:midsouthmalts@bellsouth.net)

Phone: (901) 682-1293

Entry Fee: \$ 7.00

Entry Deadline: 02/04/2011

02/19/2011

### Brite Winter Craft Brewing Competition

Cleveland, OH <http://www.britewintercleveland.com/>

Contact: Thomas Fox [Thomasfox4@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasfox4@gmail.com)

Phone: (440) 941-6560

Entry Deadline: 01/19/2011

02/26/2011

### SODZ British Beerfest

Columbus, OH <http://www.sodz.org/>

Contact: Ben Siefker [ben.siefker@gmail.com](mailto:ben.siefker@gmail.com)

Phone: (614) 849-8831

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

Entry Deadline: 02/18/2011

03/05/2011

### Bockfest Cincinnati

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

Contact: Ray Snyder [raysnyder@fuse.net](mailto:raysnyder@fuse.net)

Phone: (513) 759-2573

Entry Fee: \$6 first. \$4 subsequent

Entry Deadline: 02/25/2011

### Find more competitions here:

[http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp\\_schedule/competition\\_schedule.php](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!

## 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>

## Bloatarian Bus Trip!

Brian Becker has scheduled a bus trip for the Bloatarians this spring to Asheville, North Carolina. The trip is scheduled for March 12th and 13th. On the trip we plan to visit Lexington Avenue Brewery, Wedge Brewing Company, Green Man Ales and Brewery, and Craggie Brewing Company. Plans are to stay at the Four Points Sheraton which is centrally located in downtown Asheville. The hotel normally runs around \$130 to \$140 a night, but the hotel has agreed to give us a discounted rate of \$109 a night if we book a minimum of 15 rooms. This hotel is within walking distance of the Thirsty Monk, Asheville Brewing Company, Oyster House Brewery and several other downtown eateries. On Sunday the bus heads back to Cincinnati, with a stop at Downtown Grill and Brewery in Knoxville, TN for their jazz brunch.

The club will be subsidizing the cost of the bus. The bus will cost \$25 per person, and we are limiting the bus to 50 people. If you are interested, let Brian Becker know by e-mailing him at [becker.bc@insightbb.com](mailto:becker.bc@insightbb.com) by January 15th (day after the Holiday Party) and have your bus fare turned into either Brian or a board member by January 31st.

## Garagemajal Brewout

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

## Brutus Rig on Craigslist

Fellow Bloat Doug Knight has his brewing rig for sale. See the listing here:

<http://cincinnati.craigslist.org/for/2124483654.html>



# December Board Meeting Minutes

12.6.10 . MayDay Northside

**In attendance:** In attendance: Ray S., John Z., Ray G., Mark H., Mike C., Dick M., Sue and Ken B., D.A, Bryan E.

## **Toast @ 7:15 PM**

**Scheduled 2011 Events:** -Hoilday Party January 14th (a FRIDAY) at the Terraqua Club.

-February Club Meeting: Mead Day? Bryan E. to check with Roxanne.

-John Z. volunteered to do thermometer calibration and basic brewing math for March meeting.

-Bockfest is March 5th.

-Bloatarian Open is in May, date TBD.

-Beer and Sweat is in August, date TBD.

-Beermas is in December

-Need meeting topic for the other months. Bryan to solicit the club for running the topics.

## **Topics relevant to incoming board:**

-Norwood Community Center is booked for all of 2011 for the monthly club meetings.

-Beer and Sweat covered for administration

-Need administration for Bloatarian Open

-Darryl to get membership list to Ray S.

-Bryan to get last few newsletters on website

-Brian B. to get details on bus trip so we can get people to start signing up

## **Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM**

## **Overheard at the Board Meeting:**

"Tastes like a hamster cage." D.A. Fleischer, in reference to Cigar City's, Humidor IPA

JA-BEEP!!

## 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](http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club_only/index.html) for more information on the AHA Club-Only Competitions.

### 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:

Feb - TBD

WATCH YOUR EMAIL!

## OVERHEARD

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

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

this newsletter produced under the influence of:  
Paulaner Salvator



ARE YOU BREWING YET FOR

**BLOATARIAN  
Open**