



The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner

by Bonni Katona

After last month's un-election, I have the dubious honor of sitting in the president's chair.

It was quite an evening. First, I arrived and found a "Vote For Larry" sign on the door to Goodale Brewing Supply and thought, "My, Larry Pesyna really got serious about his campaign for Membership Director." Then I learned that the sign was not posted by Larry at all, but by his worthy opponent—AJ Zanyk.

The un-election continued as Jon Woodman was pushing his opponent, Jim Leas, for Treasurer. I think I heard Eric Drake praying that Mark Katona would become the Secretary/Newsletter Editor. I was unopposed, but there was a tongue-in-cheek, behind-the-scenes movement to elect Jamie Judge as President.

When the votes were tallied, it was official—anyone who didn't want an office didn't have to serve (except AJ)!

That aside, I do have a few goals for SODZ for this coming year, and I recently shared these with our new Board of Directors. I'd like to see some of our members become judges. At our next meeting, we'll ask if there are volunteers to form a committee to begin beer judge study sessions this fall. The committee can spend spring and summer determining what materials are needed and planning how to conduct the study sessions. Let me know if you'd like to serve on this committee.

Another goal is to have our members enter more competitions. We have a lot of talent in our group, and the beers have gotten better and better. Let's see about bringing home some bragging rights!

Finally, I'd like to see SODZ incorporated before the end of 1998. Jon Woodman drafted some by-laws for SODZ a few years ago, but some things have changed during that time as the club has grown. Once the Board has finished hammering out a few details, we'll distribute copies to the membership in

early fall, discuss them one month, and take a vote on it the next month. Upon passage of the by-laws and presentation of a \$25 check to the Secretary of State's office, we'll become a nonprofit corporation. This move is being done to protect the club and its officers against liability. *(Continued on p. 2)*

MEETING NOTICE

**Thursday, April 9
7 p.m.**

**Columbus Brewing Co.
535 Short Street**

**Ben Pridgeon-Brewmaster
Tours
Tastings**

Enter through back door at
end of parking lot, not through
restaurant. Homebrew allowed,
but be **Discrete!**

This Month's Style is
Lagers

This Month's Competition is
Pilsners

Visit the SODZ Web Site

www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at Goodale Brewing Supply, 1185 Chesapeake Dr. , Columbus, Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership in SODZ costs \$20 and is renewed during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to the Treasurer at 5607 Kingsway Court West, Cincinnati, OH 45215

Members receive *The Grain Mill*, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles for the newsletter are due by the end of the month. They may be emailed to the Editor or submitted on a 3.5" floppy disk in Word 6 or 5.1 format for either Macintosh or the PC.

The club's Web side is located at www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html.

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We'll be meeting at Columbus Brewing Co. on Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m. If you'd like to have dinner, arrive a little earlier. We'll be bringing the club's chairs for comfortable seating. They have asked that we enter through the back door. Let's also be discrete in bringing in our homebrews. Use growlers instead of kegs, and place them in a paper bag or other container.

Looking forward to sharing a brew or few with you on the 9th!

Calendar of Events

Regional Competitions and Events

Here is a list of upcoming events within a 5-6 hour drive from Columbus (ROAD TRIP!!!!). This list contains all competitions in the region that we know of. If you know of some others, please let us know.

MAY 2. Beer and No Sweat. Cleveland. Pub Crawl & Evening Party. Contact John Majetic at (440) 871-6791, mashtun@en.com. \$15/ seat on bus, leaves from Budget Inn on Brookpark Road @ 8:00 AM.

May 2 -3. A Firkin Festival. AHA SCP Williamston, Mi. Contact Fred Clinton at (517) 623-6073 thingsbeer@voyager.net. Entries due April 20 to 25. Entry fee \$6.

May 4 - 15. Entries due for the AHA National Homebrew Competition. First Round.

May 23-24, 30-31. Judging for AHA NHC first round.

June 13. Champaign, Il. 4th annual Boneyard Brewoff. AHA SCP. Contact Joel Plutchak at (217) 359-4931 or plutchak@uiuc.edu. Entries due June 8. \$5 entry fee.

July 18. Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State Fair Homebrewed Beer Competition. AHA SCP Contact Brett Chance at (614) 644-4126. Entry form due June 20th. This is our "home" competition, last year, very

few SODZ members entered, let's change that this year. Also, sign up to steward the competition, it is very educational, especially for those of you wanting to become beer judges.

July 22 - 24. AHA National Homebrew Competition. Portland, Oregon. Second Round Judging on July 22, Best of Show Judging on July 23.

August 15. Beer and Sweat X. World's largest all keg homebrew competition. Contact Robert Pinkerton at (513)459-1046, robertp@cinti.net.

1998 AHA Club-Only Competitions by Mark Irwin

Mark your calendars—here are the dates and styles for this year's AHA Club-Only Competitions.

Competition	Due Date
1998 Classic Pilsener	May 18, 1998
1998 Weiss is Nice	August 1998
1998 Best of Fest	October 1998
1998 If It's Not Scottish...	December 1998

Bring your pilsners to the April 9 meeting at Columbus Brewing, we will judge them there and send the winner off to the AHA Club-Only Competition.

OHIO BREWERIES

AKRON

Liberty Street Brewing Co., 1238
Cromwell Drive, Akron, OH 44313

ASHTABULA

Lift Bridge Brewing Co., 1119 Lake
Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

ATHENS

O'Hooley's Pub and Brewery, 24 W.
Union Street, Athens, OH 45701

BLUE ASH

Watson Brothers Brewhouse, 2785
Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash, OH
45242

CANTON

The Brewhouse Pub and Grille, 426
Portage Street, Canton, OH 44720

COLUMBUS

Anheuser-Busch, Inc., 700 E.
Schrock Road, Columbus, OH
43229

Barley's Brewing Company, 467 N.
High Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Columbus Brewing Co., 535 Short
Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Gambrinus Brewing Co., 1152 S.
Front Street, Columbus, OH 43206

Hoster Brewing Co., 550 S. High
Street, Columbus, OH 43215

GARRETTSVILLE

Alessis Restaurant/Garretts Mill
Brewing Co., 8148 Main Street,
Garrettsville, OH 44231

INDIAN SPRINGS

Madcap, 6856 Forest Hill Lane,
Indian Springs, OH 45011

CINCINNATI

Barrel House Brewing Co., 22 E.
12th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210

Buckley Brewery & Grill, 28 W.
Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH
45202

Devil Mountain Brewing Co., 1625
Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH
45214

Hudepohl-Schoenling Brewing Co.,
1599 Central Parkway, Cincinnati,
OH 45214

Mad Monk Brewing Co., Ltd., 49
Central Avenue, Suite 507, Cincinnati, OH 45701

Main Street Brewery/Queen City
Brewing Company, 218 West
McMicken, Cincinnati, OH 45214

Rock Bottom Brewery (No. 10), 10
Fountain Square, Cincinnati, OH
45202

Teller's of Hyde Park, 2710 Erie
Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214

MANSFIELD

Wooden Pony Brewing Co., 37 E.
Fourth Street, Mansfield, OH 44902

MARBLEHEAD

Front Waters Brewing Co., 8620 E.
Bayshore, Marblehead, OH 43440

MAUMEE

Bavarian Brewing Co., Ltd., 1500
Holland Road, Maumee, OH 43537

PORTSMOUTH

Mault's Brewpub, 224 Second
Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662

STRONGSVILLE

Mad Crab, 12492 Prospect Road,
Strongsville, OH 44136

Ringneck Brewing Co./The Brew
Kettle, Inc., 15143 Pearl Road,
Strongsville, OH 44136

CLEVELAND

Crooked River Brewing Co., 1101
Center Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Diamondback Brewing Co., 724
Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH
44115

Great Lakes Brewing Co., 2516
Market Street, Cleveland, OH
44113

Rock Bottom Brewery (No. 8), 2000
Sycamore Street, Cleveland, OH
44113

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Firehouse Brewery and Restaurant,
3216 Silsby Road, Cleveland Hts.,
OH 44118

TOLEDO

Black Swamp Microbrewery, 4956
Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43623

Maumee Bay Brewing Co., 27
Broadway, Toledo, OH 43602

TRENTON

Miller Brewing Co., P.O. Box 2165,
Trenton, OH 45067

UNIONTOWN

Burkhardt Brewing Co., 3700
Massillon Road, Uniontown, OH
44685

WARREN

Ohio Brewing Co., 1460 Central
Parkway SE, Warren, OH 44484

WESTLAKE

Wallaby Brewpub, 30005 Clemens
Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Apple Pie Metheglin

Eric and J. Woody Drake

Our very own Eric Drake was the Bronze Medal Winner in the Herb and Spice Mead category in the AHA 1997 National Homebrew Competition. Here's his recipe as published in the Spring 1998 *Zymurgy*.

Ingredients for 5 U.S. gal (19 L)

10 lb. clover honey (4.54 kg)
2 gal. apple cider (7.57 L)
3 tsp. cinnamon (14.8 mL)
2 tsp. nutmeg (9.9 mL)
8 whole cloves
Red Star Champagne yeast
1/2 cup corn sugar (118 mL) (to prime)

- Original gravity: 1.081
- Final gravity: 1.010
- Boiling time: 45 min.
- Primary fermentation: 30 days at 73° F (23° C) in glass
- Secondary fermentation: 30 days at 73° F (23° C) in glass
- Age when judged: seven months

Brewer's Specifics

In addition to the spices added to the boil, Drake adds three cinnamon sticks and five whole cloves to the secondary fermenter. This two-stage spicing produces a much rounder, fuller spice profile.

Judges' Comments

"Apple pie like aroma from the spices. Finish is fairly clean and doesn't linger."

"A mead with a lot of apple cider character. Nice work."

Homebrew Homework - Part II

A number of us were sitting around talking one evening and thought it might be useful to have access to the different recipes that people came up for their Homebrew Homework assignments as we're tasting the various creations. It could be a great way for people to figure out the different characteristics imparted to the various brews by the different ingredients available. We

came up with the idea of creating a recipe booklet, to be made available at the May meeting. If you wish to have your recipe (or recipes) included in the booklet, please get it to me by April 30th. However if you can get it to me earlier that would be great. If possible, I would prefer to receive it either in a computer format, either in Microsoft Word (version 6 or earlier) or just a plain text format, though if this isn't possible, a hand written recipe will be fine. If you wish, you can give me your submission at the April meeting, send it by e-mail to irwin.49@osu.edu, or mail it to me at

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If possible would you please give me your recipes in a format similar to the example that follows (this was an IPA I brought to the January meeting, not my assignment beer). Please feel free to be as detailed as you wish in the comments section.

IPA

For 5 gallons:

4 lbs Paul's pale ale malt
1.5 lbs 40!L Crystal
6 lbs John Bull Light DME
2 oz Columbus, (leaf, 12.4% alpha), 60 minutes
0.67 oz Cascade (leaf, 7.0% alpha), 15 minutes
0.67 oz Cascade (leaf, 7.0% alpha), 5 minutes
0.67 oz Cascade (leaf, 7.0% alpha), 1 minutes
1 oz Willamette (leaf, 5.0% alpha), dry hop
1 tsp Irish Moss, 20 minutes
Wyeast 1056 American Ale

Primary Fermentation: 2 weeks in plastic
Secondary Fermentation: 5 weeks in glass

OG: 1.068

FG: 1.017

Comments: Mashed grain at 148 - 152°F for 1 hour in 1.5 gallons of water and sparged with 3 gallons of water. Added water to bring to 4.5 gallons in the brew pot. After boil, cooled and transferred to the primary and added about 1.5 gallons and boiled and then cooled water to bring the total volume in the primary to 5.5 gallons. The beer was primed with 1 cup extra light DME as bottling.



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<i>May 2</i>	<i>Beer and No Sweat</i> Cleveland
<i>May 5 (Tuesday)</i>	<i>SODZ Meeting</i> Cinco de Maibock, Homework Homebrew Hoster Brewing Co.
<i>August 15</i>	<i>Beer and Sweat</i> Cincinnati

*Locations subject to change
with notice.*