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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Rick DeShone

I had a stint of travel during the month and hit some beer places in Las Vegas, El Paso, and Cleveland. I thought I would open with mentioning a beer bar at the Rio Casino in Vegas called the Twisted Kilt. It had about 20 taps. Nothing like a Young's Double Chocolate Stout to salve the wounds you get from the tables. I also have to admit that I'm glad it wasn't a guy wearing the kilt that served me, since it was considerably shorter than the ones I see at the Dublin Irish festival.

March turned out to be another interesting month for SODZ members. We had a great meeting at the Bogey Inn in Dublin where everyone became more acquainted with judging sheets, organized into groups and tasted several beers. We also did our tasting for the club-only competition in the American Ale categories. Bob Breckler's Pale was chosen to represent the club.

There were a couple of tastings since last meeting at CBC and Gordon Biersch. Unfortunately, I missed both of the GB tastings due to travel, but I have heard good things about them. I'm hoping to make it over for the Maibock before it's all gone. I did get over to CBC for beer check-in night and had Eric's excellent IPA featuring Summit and Simcoe hops.

I found myself flying in from Atlanta on St Patrick's Day. Since I flew out of Dayton and had to drive back to Columbus, I made it down to Peaches in Yellow Springs. (Shhh. I told her it was right on the way.) They had Verde from Dogfish Head on draught. Seaweed was used in the brewing process to make a green beer without that yucko dye. It had a bit of vegetal taste, but was not bad. It was nice and full like a Dortmunder. When I realized this, I had the bartender float a Guinness on top, giving me perhaps the world's first Blank and Green. The guy next to me was so impressed; he shot a picture and forwarded it to me.

Of course, the big event of the month was the BBF. I won't go into a lot of details since I know there are other articles, but wanted to note a few things. Frank did a great job on competition again this year.

I wanted to also thank Mark for organizing the flights and the judging, Bonni for check-in and organizing the stewards, and Bob for handling the raffle and sponsors. With all the club help, the competition went very smoothly and on time. I heard many compliments from other club officers. The Winking Lizard team was great, and once again they get our thanks.

The great news, however, is that SODZ kept all the top prizes in the club with Best of Show for beer, cider, and mead. That is a first for us, and as club members we should be proud. There was some very strong competition.

The weekend after the BBF, several of us were off to Brighton, Michigan, to brew with Justin and Bub on their 3-barrel system. We had a great time brewing on that scale, and Bub was a wonderful host. We had great food, great conversation, and seven taps open way before noon. I could get used to that. For anyone who couldn't make it, I'm sure you will have a chance to try the Pale we made.

It will be Gadget Night for our meeting on the 24th at the Crosswoods Winking Lizard. If you have something interesting or creative that you use in your brewing hobby, bring it to the meeting for a

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SODZ MEETING

Monday, April 24, 7 p.m.
Dinner, 6 p.m.

Winking Lizard - Crosswoods
I-270 & SR 23

Gadget Night

AHA Club-Only Competition Style
Extract Ales
(Must contain at least 50% extracts)

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the third Monday of the month at various locations in Central Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Membership dues are \$15 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to:

Mark Katona, Treasurer
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Members receive *The Grain Mill*, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter should be received no later than 10 days prior to the next meeting date. Articles should be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MS Word, and graphics in .jpg format to bkatona@columbus.rr.com.

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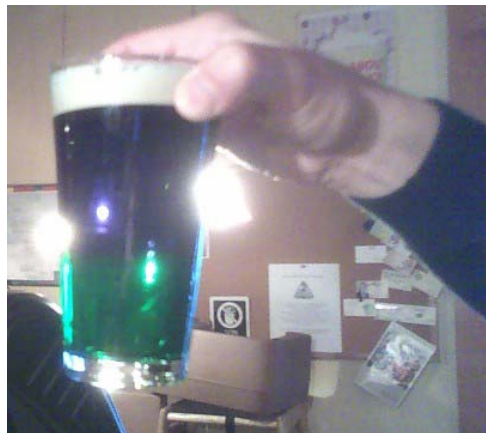
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show and tell. Also, anyone who has an entry to be considered for the AHA Club-Only Competition should bring it to the meeting. These are the only beers that you can carry in for this meeting. We will not be judging them there. We will have a judging panel select the winner on another evening.

The Regional judging of the NHC will be up in Westlake, Ohio, on Friday the 28th and Saturday the 29th. I am committed to judge on Saturday and I'm trying to see if I can work out a schedule for Friday night as well. If you are interested in stewarding or judging, let me know and maybe we can share a ride. Good luck to all the SODZ members entered into this event.

The Iron Kettle challenge is coming up on May 6th. I will be looking for a count of teams at the meeting and via our Yahoo group. The Iron Kettle is also listed as a Big Brew site with the AHA. I will be brewing the Koelsch recipe. This will also be our club beer served at our summer picnic in July. I will be looking for an assistant for this brew to keep an eye on things when I get distracted by the Iron Kettle activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the meeting or the Iron Kettle. Remember, life comes at you fast, so don't pass up an opportunity for good beer when it comes around.



BLING FOR JAY'S MING!

BY FRANK BARICKMAN

Congratulations to Jay Wince for winning a silver medal in the Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) VIII. Jay brought home the silver in the English Brown Ale category with his Mings Mild.

For those of you not familiar with MCAB, it is an ongoing invite only homebrew competition. To earn an invite you must win your category in a MCAB qualifying event (QE). There are a dozen or more QE's during the year and are mainly associated with some of the larger homebrew competitions around the country.

To win a medal in MCAB, not only do you have to win your flight at a QE competition, but then you must be judged a winner against all the other qualifying beers for that style.

Way to put SODZ on the map, Jay! To learn more about MCAB, visit <http://www.hbd.org/mcab/index.html>.

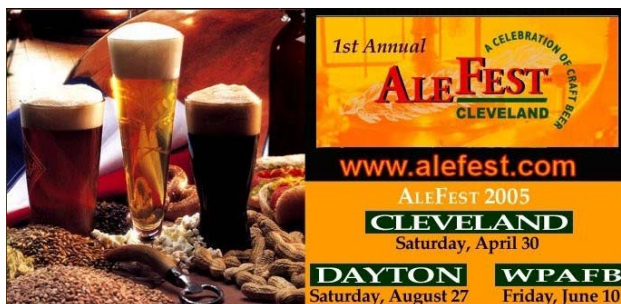


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UPCOMING AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITION SCHEDULE

COC Category	SODZ Judging	AHA Due Date
Extract. All styles (>50% extract)	April 2006	5/12/06
BJCP 24-26. Mead	July 2006	8/12/06
BJCP 13. Stout	September 2006	10/13/06
BJCP 6. Light Hybrid Beer	November 2006	TBD

GADGET NIGHT

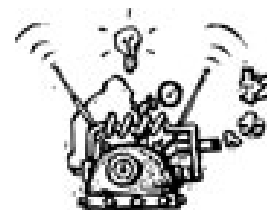
By **FRANK BARICKMAN**
VP & PROGRAM DIRECTOR

According to Merriam-Webster online, 'gadget' is defined as an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty.

Homebrewers are notorious for using gadgets. For kicks you can Google' homebrew gadgets and find endless ideas of devices that would make even Rube Goldberg proud. Whirligigs, carbonator caps, volumetric measuring devices (i.e. the stick), oxygenation systems, and mash tun manifolds are all examples of just a few of the useful (or un-useful) gadgets that homebrewers design and use.

For the April meeting, please bring your favorite brewing gadget to share with the club. If your gadget is too large (i.e. thermo nuclear global warming steam generator) or not politically correct to bring into the Winking Lizard, please bring a picture or two to share with the club.

To coordinate the effort and prevent redundancy please email me in advance what you are planning to bring (fbarickm@columbus.rr.com).



Factoid: When was the first SODZ gadget night held? Stop by the meeting to find out the answer!

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ANNUAL EASTER BREW

By **BONNI KATONA**
 AKA **YEASTER BONNI**

On Sunday, April 16, Mark and I held our Annual Easter Brew. I'd tell you how many this makes, but I'm not really sure! It started a couple of years after SODZ formed, so this year's brew was probably the 9th annual.

It began when Mark Katona and Mark Irwin made their first all-grain brew, a Belgian wit. I remember that AJ Zanyk was there, and I think he may have brewed, too. I made my first two loaves of spent-grain bread in the bread machine. A few other friends dropped in during the day for food and friendship. Thus began a tradition, which grew each year. Sometimes people brew solo, while others prefer to brew in teams.

This year's brew was smaller than usual, but we still had a great time. Mark Katona and Steve Huckaby are often brewing partners at the annual event, and this year they brewed a 90-shilling Scotch ale. I brewed a California steam beer the night before since experience has taught me that I can't brew beer and coordinate a dinner buffet efficiently.

Our other brewing team was a bit non-traditional but very charming. Bob Breckler brewed root beer, and his team included 8-year-old Olivia and 3-year-old Dillon. Time elapsed from start of their brew until tapping of the keg was one hour.

While Bob felt the root beer lacked a bit of sweetness, our panel of experts thought otherwise. It was priceless to watch Dillon knock back several glasses of the brew, just like a pro. Finally, Dad had to cut him off. Dillon is slightly taller than a stainless-steel keg.

Dinner was good, too. While I prepared the honey-baked ham and deviled eggs, Kris helped get the fruit salad together. She brought some cheesy potatoes. AJ made a wonderful apple cake, and everyone got to take a piece home. Bob grilled some pineapple for dessert—mmm!

We had a couple of other guests, too. Don Croucher and Mike Mirarchi stopped by for a while, and it was good sharing their company.

I used to call this the "Orphan Homebrewers Event" because it's always been a gathering of brewers who have no family in town. Looks like Mark and I are no longer orphans. My nephew stopped by with girlfriend Heather, and I picked up my niece from the OSU campus to enjoy dinner with family.

My favorite part of the brewing operation is adding the yeast to the wort. When Mark and Steve finished their brew, I was there to perform my honorary duties as Yeaster Bonni. We now have two fermenters percolating away in the basement.

We hope to see a few more brewers next year, as well as some more kids to spend some time with Olivia and Dillon!



3RD ANNUAL 2006 BBF WRAPUP

BY FRANK BARICKMAN
COMPETITION ORGANIZER

Thanks to all who helped make the SODZ BBF a great success. We had a record number of entries this year, and it just keeps growing. Mike Heilman won Best of Show, finally bringing the Yard Glass into Ohio. Although Mike did not get to "break in" the yard at the Lizard, there is a rumor that he will have to drink from it at the club picnic this year before he is officially crowned BBF and Lucci Cup winner!

Some stats comparing all of the BBF competitions

	'06 BBF	'05 BBF	'04 BBF
Number of Entries	125	102	72
Number of Brewers	58	37	?
Entries from different states	9	9	?
Number of Judges	35	31	25
Number of Stewards	17	12	9
Number of Flights	13	13	7
Average Entries / Brewer	2.2	2.76	?
Major Sponsors	8	9	0
Loaves of Bread	18	13	7
Number of Complaints	0	2	2
Mark Irwin's Attendance	1	1	1

The event went off smoothly and setup was a breeze. There was some concern that setup this year might be problematic because we did not have the luxury of doing it the night before. I arrived at 8:45AM and to my surprise, I was one of the last persons there to help set up (remember I asked everyone to be there at 8:50AM). Entries were checked in, bottles were arranged behind the back bar, judging tables were set up, and the raffle prizes were organized. The event was ready to kick off at 9:45 AM... 15 minutes earlier than scheduled.

SODZ cannot pull off a competition like this without the help and support of sponsors:

Thanks to the Winking Lizard for providing the venue and lunch for all of the judges, stewards, and support staff. The venue was excellent and the food kept coming. Pizza, tenders, chicken wings, salad, and a variety of other munchies were much enjoyed by all. (I heard no complaints this year and many compliments!)

Thanks to Eric Bean, Gary, and the Columbus Brewing Company for accepting our shipped entries and storing them in their cooler. Eric also hosted our pre-registration a couple nights before the event and delivered all of the entries Saturday morning. A great help!

Thanks to all of the Best of Show Sponsors: The Winemakers Shop, From the Vine, Columbus Brewing Company, Gordon Biersch, Grape and Granary, and Brews Café. Thanks to our Flight Sponsor Ale Fest. Thanks to our Raffle Sponsors: Listermann's, Northern Brewer, Heidelberg Distributing (Lee Hill), and the numerous individuals who personally donated items.

A special thanks to Bob Breckler (Copy Boy) for organizing the sponsors, Mark Katona for organizing the judges and flights, Rick DeShone for online registration, Bonni Katona for consolidating information and handling details behind the scene, Jim Leas and Mike Madden for performing like poetry in motion behind the bar, and everyone else who helped make this competition a success.

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2006 Results 3rd Annual British Beerfest Competition

Best of Show
Mike Heilman
11A English Mild

Ordinary Bitters (N=10)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
33.7	1	53	8	A	Ordinary Bitter Bitch	Frank Barickman	SODZ
33.0	2	113	8	A	House of Commons	Jeff Hornberger	SODZ
32.3	3	92	8	A	The Bitter End	Bonni Katona	SODZ

Special and Extra Special Bitters (N=20)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
37.5	1	54	8	C	* Old Gaffer ESB	Ben Sibley	BLOATS
36.0	2	48	8	C	* Rob Schott ESB	Rob Schott	SODZ
37.0	3	16	8	B	* Bitter 1	Benjamin Low	NONE

Scottish and Irish Ale (N=10)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
34.0	1	40	9	D	Graduation Ale	Tim Esson	LBG
32.2	2	63	9	C	80/-	Jay Wince	SODZ
30.1	3	78	9	A	59.5/-	Frank Barickman	SODZ

English Mild Ale (N=10)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
38.3	1	45	11	A	Scooter Dark Mild	Mike Heilman	SODZ
35.0	2	39	11	A	Black Cat Mild	Tim Esson	LBG
34.0	3	10	11	A	Lucci Cup Mild	Rick DeShone	SODZ

English Brown Ale (N=9)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
37.3	1	19	11	B	Brown 2	Benjamin Low	NONE
36.0	2	20	11	C	Brown 3	Benjamin Low	NONE
35.0	3	7	11	C	No Name Brown	Alastair Hewitt	BWP

Porter (N=10)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
40.7	1	97	12	B	D"dfull Stark Svensk Porter	Kristen England	SPHBC
34.3	2	14	12	A	Mr. Porter's Lullaby	Gary Foster	OTHER
30.6	3	139	12	B	Robust Porter	Ron Mahan	BLOATS

Stout (N=12)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
38.5	1	110	13	B	Milk Stout	Bob Breckler	SODZ
36.0	2	67	13	D	Foreign Stout	Jay Wince	SODZ
35.5	3	62	13	D	Export Stout	Frank Barickman	SODZ

English IPA (N=7)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
34.3	1	79	14	A	Life Boat IPA	Frank Barickman	SODZ
31.7	2	51	14	A	Matt Paulson	Matt Paulson	SODZ
31.7	3	22	14	A	Dan's IPA	Dan George	SODZ

Big English Beers (N=12)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
37.3	1	100	19	B	bIEEdin IUvley B.W.	Kristen England	SPHBC
34.6	2	117	13	F	Black Dragon	Jeff Hornberger	SODZ
34.3	3	77	13	F	The Man Killer	Frank Barickman	SODZ

Mead Flight 1 (N=10)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
44.0	1	2	24	B	Tupilo Mead	Alan Shubert	SNOBS
43.0	2	143	24	C	Sweet Mead	Norm Penn	CMI
40.0	3	43	25	A	Cyser '04	Eric Asebrook	SODZ

Mead Flight 2 (N=9)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
45.5	1	112	25	C	Pawpaw Melomel ***	Bob Breckler	SODZ
39.5	2	102	25	C	Virgin Cherry Melo	Kristen England	SPHBC
38.0	3	103	25	C	Creme de Casis	Thomas Eibner	SPHBC

*** Judged Best Mead between mead flights

Cider (N=6)							
Score	Place	Entry	Style	Sub	Beer Name	Brewer	Club
36.3	1	42	28	D	Spiced Cider	Eric Asebrook	SODZ
33.7	2	60	28	B	Sandy Bottom Momelin	Gary Awdey	NONE
32.7	3	59	27	B	Jolly Chunter	Gary Awdey	NONE



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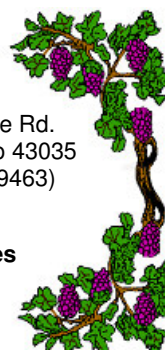
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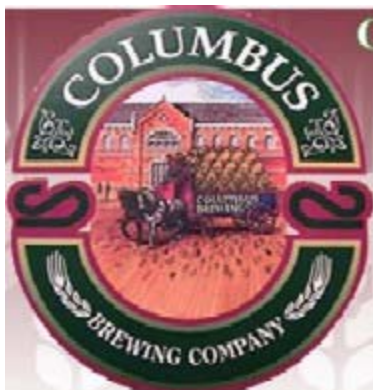


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- April 22 Cleveland AleFest, Wolstein Center, Cleveland State Univ.
- April 29 NHC First Round Judging, J.W. Dover, Westlake
- April 24 SODZ Meeting, Location TBA, Topic: Meads
- May 1-13 Barley's Homebrew Competition Entries Due (Drop off at Winemakers Shop)
- May 5 Cinco de Maibock Party, 5PM, Gordon Biersch
- May 6 Big Brew Day, Iron Kettle Challenge/Club Brew for Summer Picnic, Rick DeShone's House
- May 12 AHA Club-Only Competition Entries Due (Extract Beers)
- May 12 Avery Demon Series Tasting, 6:30 PM, From the Vine, \$12 pp, call 840-9463 for reservations
- May 13 Mini Real Ale Festival, Barley's
- May 22 SODZ Meeting, 7PM, Leatherlips Yacht Club (Meads)
- June 4 Afternoon with the Brewers, Barley's
- June 22-24 National Homebrew Conference, Orlando
- July 15 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition, Fairgrounds
- July 16 SODZ Picnic, Leatherlips Yacht Club
- August 12 AHA Club-Only Competition Entries Due (Meads)
- August 18 Beer & Sweat, Cincinnati
- Sept. 23 Columbus AleFest, Aladdin Temple
- Oct. 13 AHA Club-Only Competition Entries Due (Stouts)
- Nov.-Dec. ?? AHA Club-Only Competition Entries Due (Light Hybrid Beers)



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