
The Grain Mill

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bonni Katona

Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe that 2003 is nearly over and that soon we'll usher in 2004.

This has been a good year for SODZ. Our members, new and veteran, have taken an interest in seeing the club grow and develop. The SODZ family is growing, and we've seen members take an active role in volunteering to host an event. Our meetings bring a plethora of ideas for future meetings or events, and we've carried through on making them happen!

The board members have been busily involved in various pursuits—planning meetings, making presentations, updating the web site, putting together a competition, arranging field trips, etc.

Last month we had our most-attended meeting since relocating to the Shamrock Club. Mark Katona did his impersonation of Dr. Beer, and everyone was “treated” to a lesson on what can go wrong with a brew.

A small group of us made it to the Claddagh Irish Pub in the Polaris area on Friday night. There was a good selection of beer on tap, and the food was wonderful!

The annual SODZ Holiday Party is at Rick DeShone's house on Saturday, December 20, at 7 p.m. Details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. If you are planning to attend, please send an RSVP email to Rick to let him know how many are coming and what dish you plan to bring.

Last year's holiday party was a lot of fun!

Many of the beers from the beer exchange were opened at the party, in addition to all the other brews. The beer exchange returns to this year's party.

By the way, Mark Irwin wrote to say that he's coming to the SODZ Holiday Party! He'll be on his way from Boston to Vancouver. In case you didn't get to see him before he left for Harvard, here's your chance.

Next month we'll be back at the Shamrock Club on Monday, January 19. We will let you know the program for that meeting in next month's newsletter. Don't forget about the field trip to the Winking Lizard on Saturday, January 17.

Also, while you're filling in your new 2004 calendars, we just received the flyer about the Cincinnati Malt Infusers 7th Annual Pub Crawl. This is probably the best pub crawl, and we look forward to it every year. You will find details about the pub crawl in this newsletter. Let's try to get a good-size group together!

All this talk about beer events is making me thirsty. There's no use putting off the inevitable—I'm going to pour a beer and hope to see all of you on Saturday.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season, and best wishes for a prosperous 2004.

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the third Monday of the month at the Shamrock Club, 60 W. Castle Road, Columbus, 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:

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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 the end of the month prior to issue and may be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MS Word, to mkatona@columbus.rr.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

- December 20 Holiday Party; Rick DeShone's house
- January 17 Winking Lizard Field Trip; time TBA
- January 19 SODZ Meeting, 7 p.m., Shamrock Club; program TBA
- February 21 CMI 7th Annual Pub Crawl, Noon-8 p.m., Cincinnati
- March 4-6 Real Ale Festival, Chicago
- March 13 & 20 Gravity Head, Rich O's, New Albany, Indiana (DRAFT will let us know which date they are going)
- June 17-19 AHA National Convention, "Beer & Loafing in Las Vegas"

Noon to 8:00 p.m.

A FULL DAY OF MERRIMENT!!

**Hofbräu Haus
Cock & Bull English Pub
Dubliner
Barrellhouse
Mecklenburg Gardens**

Reserve your seat early!!
Limited availability—55 participants

Cost of \$25.00 per person includes event T-shirt

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Mail this form and payment in full to:

John Graff
7733 Arlington Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Your name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

No. in your party: _____ x \$25.00 per person = _____

This is a fantastic time! Don't miss out, it fills up fast!

SODZ CHRISTMAS PARTY

The SODZ Christmas party will be at the DeShone residence this year. Please come out and have a good time with fellow beer enthusiasts. This is a family event, bring a spouse or friend. We have children ages 10 & 12, if you have infants or young children feel free to bring them. No pets please. The address is 5591 Bristol Parkway, Dublin, OH 43017. If you have any problems finding it, the phone number is 614 326-0245. Attached is a map giving directions, but the house is easy to find.

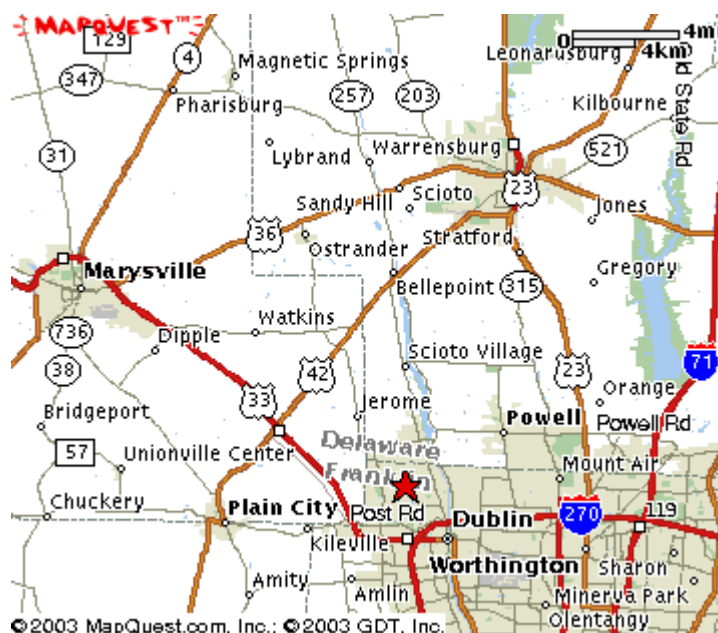
We are planning on guests beginning to arrive around 7 pm. Dress is casual, we don't allow tuxedos. Please RSVP via e-mail to rdeshone@columbus.rr.com and let us know you are planning to attend, how many in your party, and some guess at your side dish.

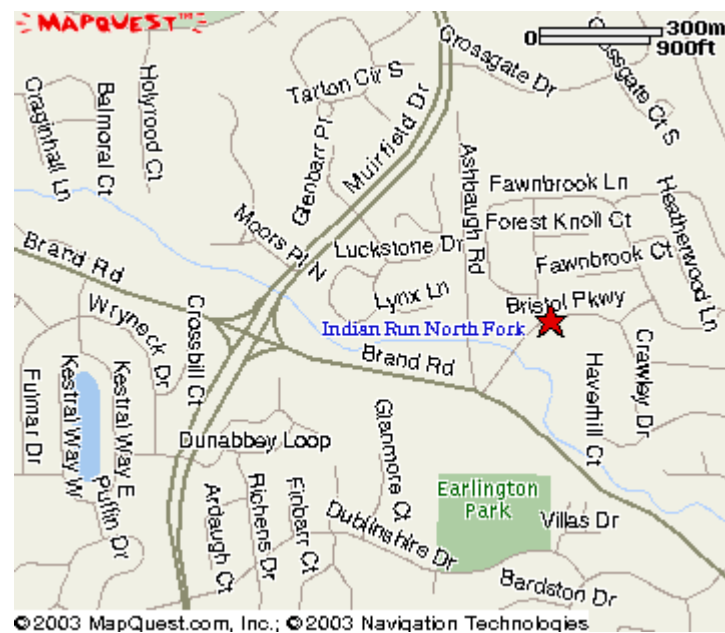
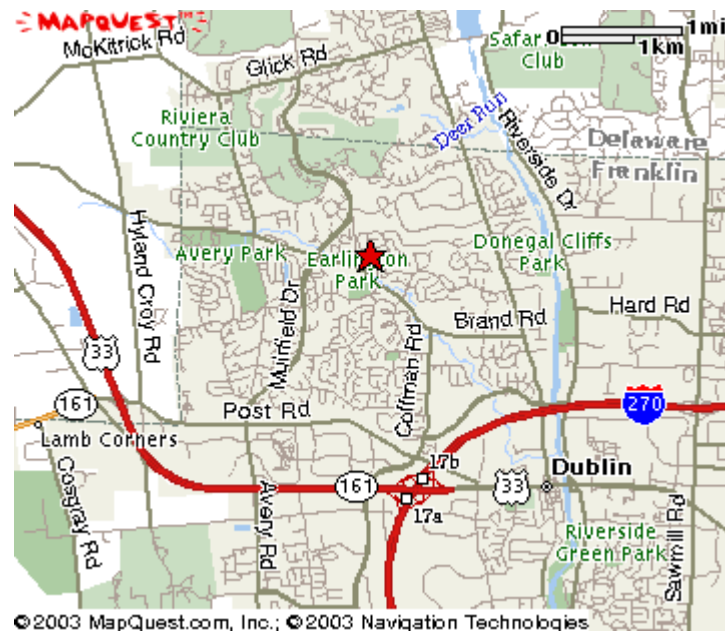
The club will be providing entrees, usually prepared meats like beef, ham, or turkey. Please bring a side dish or desert. Of course beer is always welcome whether home-brew or commercial. We generally get quite a collection on hand, so this becomes quite a tasting event. If you wish to bring a keg, I have a couple of CO2 connections free on my spare tank, but bring your tank to be safe, or call ahead.

We will be doing a beer exchange. Bring a gift-wrapped bottle for the exchange. With this crowd it is best to bring something unusual or not easily found. If you bring a Budwiser or Coors Light, you may get stoned (in the biblical sense.)

Bristol Commons is the sub-division, which is 1 block East on Brand from the intersection of Brand and Muirfield. Bristol is the main drive into the subdivision, and the DeShone's are the first house on the right. Assuming all outdoor electrical is working, look for the SODZ logo projected on the side of the house.

Everyone is invited, new members, old member's potential members, just come!





Maps to Rick Deshone's House



SODZ MEETING

Saturday, December 20, 7 p.m.

Rick Deshone's House

See directions inside