



The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner

By *Bonni Katona*

Happy Holidays!

'Tis the season to be partying—and SODZ does it well! We started off with the Captivator Party at Hoster's on Thursday night. Victor and Walter—great job! We enjoyed the beer, food, and entertainment. The event was well attended by SODZ.

Next up on the party itinerary is the SODZ Christmas Party. At last month's meeting, there were requests to move the party to the weekend, so it will be held on Saturday, December 11, at 7 p.m., at the Katona place. This year I will be roasting a turkey breast, so bring an appetizer or dish to complement the entrée (desserts are always welcome, too).

Besides your beer, you might want to bring darts and a swimsuit or shorts to the party. The dartboard will be set up in the basement, and the hot tub is available for soaking bodies (not grains, malt extract, or hops).

Jon Woodman and Cheryl Duda plan to stop in at the party to say goodbye to everyone. Jon has just accepted a new job in Anchorage, Alaska, and will be leaving December 19 to get settled in their igloo. Cheryl will join him a month later. We wish them well.

Other member news—Geoff Larsen has just moved into his new condo in Cambridge, Mass. He would love to hear from you, so call or email me to get his new address and phone number.

Great Lakes Brewing Company sent me a supply of their recent newsletter. We will have them available at the party so you can read about their new tap room and other GLBC news.

4Winds Specialty Tours is organizing a Beer and Brewery Barge Tour of Belgium & Holland. Three tour dates are offered: April 15-22, September 9-16, and September 16-23, 2000. The land-only price is \$1,075 per person double occupancy; airfare is extra. For more information, go to <http://www.4windstour.com>. I also have a brochure and letter from the travel company with some details.

At the last meeting, there was a suggestion to change our regular meeting night to a Friday. There are many thoughts on making such a change, so please come to the January meeting when the issue will be discussed. A vote on whether to change



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the meeting night would occur in February, and the outcome of the vote would take effect in March.

The January meeting will be held at Barley's Smokehouse on Thursday, January 13. We will focus on tasting everyone's beers, rather than having a formal presentation; so please bring potential new members. We thank Barley's Smokehouse for their hospitality in providing us with a meeting room.



SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at Barley's Smokehouse, 1130 Dublin Road, 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. Due may be mailed to Jim Leas, Treasurer, at 9477 Tramway Court, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

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.

The club's Web site is located at www.sodz.org.

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AHA 2000 Club-Only Competitions

Early February	Barley-Wine Style Ale
Late March	Belgian Style Lambic
Mid May	Weiss is Nice
End August	Best of Big Brew (Pale Ale)
Mid October	Best of Fest
Early December	Historical Beers

The style guidelines will be AHA, not BJCP. Full information on styles and mailing addresses will be found at the www.beertown.org website.



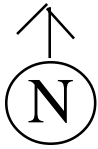
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the Grain Mill Staff

Your Article Here

Writers wanted on your choice of topics. Suggestions include:

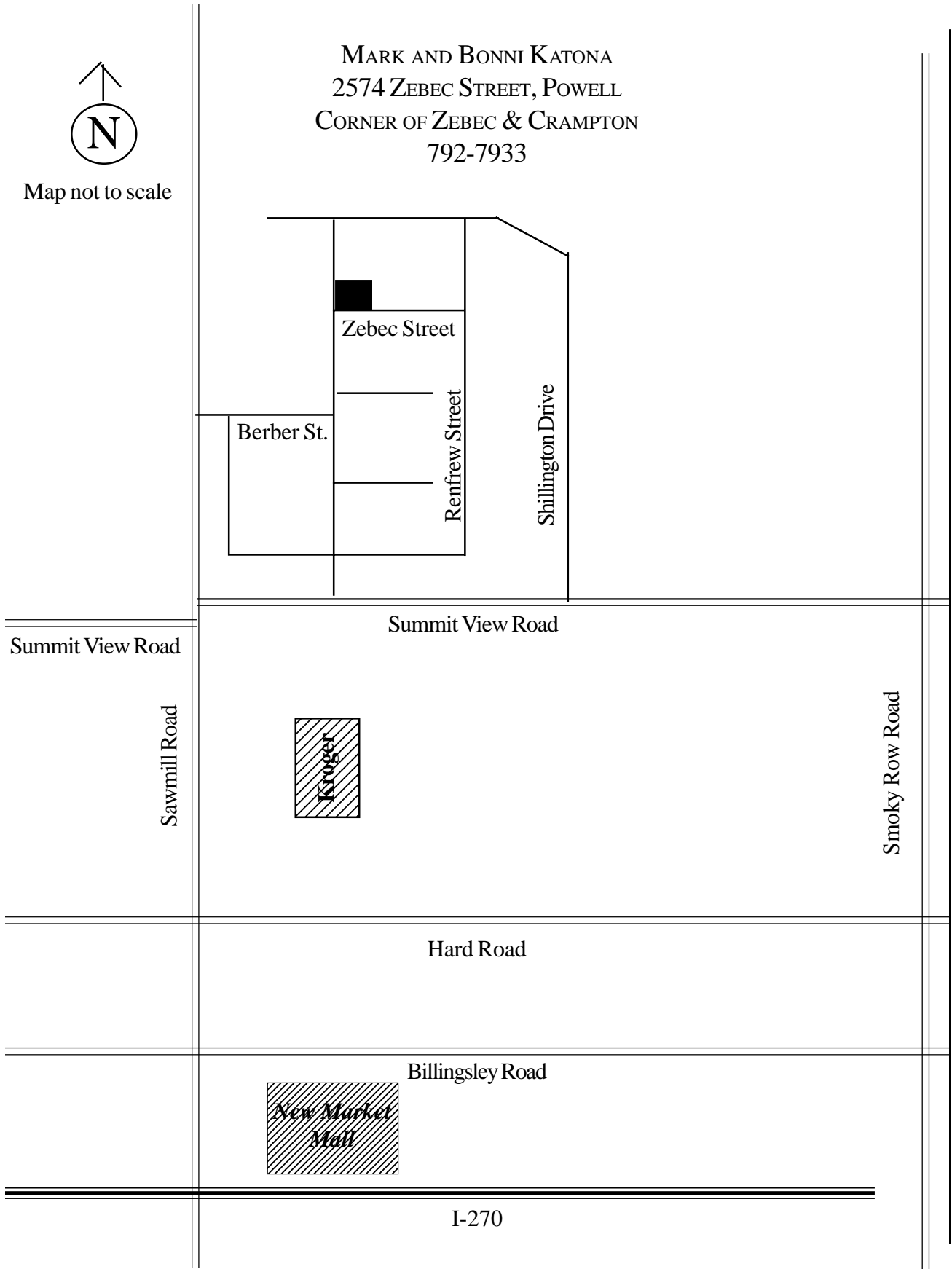
- Beer Recipes
- Brewpub Reviews
- Brewing-Related Web Sites
- Brewing-Related Software Reviews
- Brewing Tips and Techniques

Please submit articles before the end of the month to Mark Katona at MarkK@resourceinternational.com.



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December 11
SODZ Christmas Party
Mark & Bonni Katona's House

January 13
Regular Meeting
AHA Club-Only Competition
Barley Wines
Location TBA

February 5
CMI Pub Crawl, Cincinnati