
The Grain Mill

Publication of the Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc.

February 2003

SODZ TO MEET FEBRUARY 10

Mark your calendars—SODZ will meet on **Monday, February 10**, at **7 p.m.** at the Shamrock Club. The theme of the meeting will be barleywines!

Those present at the January 9 meeting discussed ways to revive SODZ and make it more exciting in 2003.

It was noted that a number of regular attendees now have schedule conflicts with the second Thursday of the month and that possibly a different meeting night would attract more people. The Shamrock Club said they could accommodate us on Monday, February 10, so this is the night of our next meeting.

We have a number of issues to discuss at our next meeting:

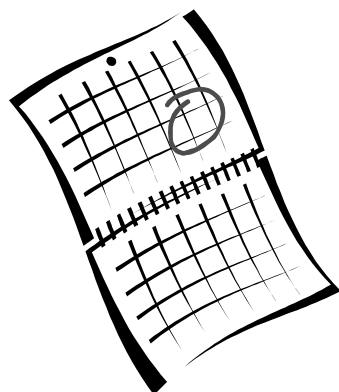
- Club dues and membership renewals
- Future regular meeting nights
- Officer nominations and elections
- Upcoming beer events

All of these topics are covered in separate articles in this newsletter.

We hope to see you at the February meeting. If you have any barleywines (or other homebrew), bring it with you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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| February 8 | CMI Pub Crawl, Cincinnati |
| February 10 | SODZ Meeting; Officer Nominations; Dues Collection |
| Feb. 26-Mar. 1 | Real Ale Festival, Chicago |
| March ?? | Date TBA; Officer Elections |
| March 8 | Gravity Head, Rich O's Public House, New Albany, IN |
| April ?? | Date TBA; New Officers Begin Duties |
| April 25-27 | National Homebrew Competition Judging, Akron |
| August 23 | Beer & Sweat, Ramada Inn, Florence, KY |

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets monthly at the Shamrock Club, 60 W. Castle Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Membership dues are \$20 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to:

Jim Leas (Treasurer)
9477 Tramwell Court
Cincinnati, OH 45242

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 MSWord, to mkatona@columbus.rr.com.

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SODZ MEETING NIGHT MAY CHANGE

It's no secret that meeting attendance on the second Thursday night of the month has been declining. A number of "regulars" have reported schedule conflicts, so it's time to re-examine which night is best for SODZ meetings.

The February meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 10**, at 7 p.m. but this does not establish a new regular meeting night yet. Members should come to this meeting to discuss the best night to meet.

The Shamrock Club has been gracious in hosting our club, but we'll need to consider their scheduled activities:

- Tuesdays they have Feis dance classes for children, and the place is a zoo.
- The men's darts league plays every Wednesday and draws a large crowd.
- The women's darts league meets every other Thursday.
- Mondays at the Shamrock Club are dead.

Does Monday night work for you? If so, does any Monday work, or do you have a preferred Monday that we should or should not meet?

If you cannot make it to the February 10 meeting, please send an email message and place *all* of the officers' addresses in the **To:** line to communicate your thoughts about the meeting night. Here are their email addresses:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By the end of February, all memberships in SODZ will have expired. Only a couple of memberships are still current.

In order to be nominated to serve as an officer or to vote in the March elections, members must be in good standing (dues paid).

Dues will be collected at the February 10 meeting. Currently, dues are \$20/year, but we will discuss what dues amount is appropriate. Our

newsletter production and mailing costs have declined in recent years due to email, so an adjustment may be in order.

Bring your checkbooks or greenbacks to the next meeting and reactivate your membership! If you're unable to make the meeting, make your check payable to SODZ, Inc., and send it to Jim Leas, Treasurer, 9477 Tramwell Court, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

SODZ is gearing up for the changing of the guard. According to our by-laws, officers are nominated in February, elections take place in March, and new officers assume their duties in April.

The officer positions and duties are as follows:

- *President*—Presides over meetings (and the usual other duties)
- *Vice President*—Plans meeting programs; substitutes in case of President's absence
- *Secretary*—Records minutes; serves as newsletter editor
- *Treasurer*—Processes all financial transactions

- *Membership Director*—Processes applications for new members and notifies current members when it's time to renew

The main requirement for serving as an officer is that you are a member in good standing (see article about membership renewals in this newsletter). The "no-burnout" clause states that officers may not serve in excess of two consecutive years in the same office.

If you are interested in serving SODZ as an officer, come to the February 10 meeting to make sure you're nominated. In the event you're not free that evening, let a member who plans to attend the meeting

know which office you're interested in holding, and we can almost guarantee you will be nominated! ☺

Elections will be held in March, but the exact date will be determined at the February meeting.



GRAVITY HEAD 2003

The following information about this year's Gravity Head comes from Pat Russell-Campbell of DRAFT.

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| When | A group will be going Saturday, March 8, 2003 |
| Where | Rich O's Public House New Albany, Indiana (across the river from Louisville, about 3 hours from Dayton) |
| Hotel | Holiday Inn Express, 411 West Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana 812-945-2771 |

I tried to get a group rate but I got a better deal at Orbitz.com, which gave me a rate of \$59 as opposed to \$74 that the hotel quoted.

As some of you know this is a BEER EVENT you don't want to miss. Yeah, I know, you're saying but Ohio has big beers now so why should I go??!! Well, my beer geek friend, when was the last time you had Gale's Prize Old Ale 1998 on tap?? Or how about having Bell's Sparkling Ale? That's just two of the beers that are lined up so far with more to come.

If you're interested in going, e-mail me (prussell1@woh.rr.com) and I will keep you updated on info. I will also send you directions at a later date if you need them.

Please feel free to pass this along to your other beer geek friends, as I don't have everyone's e-mail address.

AHA NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION 2003

FIRST-ROUND JUDGES NEEDED

The following information comes from an email message sent by the Columbus Brewers Guild, who was contacted by Jack Kephart.

The Akron Brew Club "SAAZ" has opted to host this year's First Round of the NHC (National Homebrew Competition) for this region. The regional lines have been redrawn, and we have been asked to assist in the competition. There is an expected 200-400+ brews to be judged so they will definitely need both judges and stewards.

Here are the details from organizer Jack Kephart:

"Judging will take place April 25-27, probably a few flights that Friday evening, 2 sessions on Saturday, and anything leftover on Sunday.

We hope to make a nice event out of it, hopefully wrap up judging on Saturday and have a nice banquet/party possibly Saturday night. Might even announce the winners if we can get the data tabulated that quick. maybe a nice raffle for the out of towners too... (Still have to sort out all these details with the organizing committee).

Thanks for your interest in this; we'll make it good time. Let your members know they don't have to be BJCP to judge—we welcome everyone.

Note From AJ Zanyk: If you're interested in serving as a judge or steward, contact Mike Krajewski, whose email address is Kujo@access4less.net. AJ said he knows of 6 brewers planning to go for the day. The plan is to leave early, judge two flights, and return that evening.



SODZ MEETING

Monday, February 10
7 p.m.

Shamrock Club

60 W. Castle Road, Columbus

Beer Style: Barleywines