
The Grain Mill

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bonni Katona

Happy Fe-brew-ary!

What a difference a year makes! We have a permanent home at the Shamrock Club, and each month our meetings get more exciting as we plan and carry out club activities. Attendance at meetings has been steadily growing.

Last month's field trip was to the Winking Lizard where a number of SODZ signed up for the World Tour of Beer. If you didn't join, be sure to get the member numbers from those who did join. Next time you visit the Winking Lizard, order a microbrew and use a member's number so that they get to cross one more beer off their list for the year. Those who joined made a serious dent in drinking their 100 beers to qualify for a jacket.

Frank Barickman proposed having informal brews at members' homes each month. So far, dates have been set for February through April.

Rick DeShone proposed having club brew-offs. This is a variation of the homebrew homework in that specialty grains are provided by the club, but the member may select any recipe. Members will bring their finished beer to a future meeting, and the grain supplier will receive a six-pack of beer. The first one is being called the Victory Malt Challenge.

Plans for our first-ever homebrew competition are shaping up nicely. Rick DeShone will have the online registration ready soon, and Mark Katona is begging for judges and stewards. Email Mark at mkatona@columbus.rr.com if you can volunteer your services on the morning of March 27.

At our meeting this Monday night, we will hold officer nominations. The positions are President, Vice President (program director), Secretary (newsletter editor), Treasurer, and Membership Director. Anyone may be nominated for any position unless the incumbent is serving a

second year in a particular position. Only Mark Katona is "termed out" as Secretary. (And is not interested in any other position - Mark). Elections take place at the March meeting, and new officers assume their duties in April.

Pat Russell from DRAFT informs us that their club will be attending Gravity Head in New Albany, Indiana, on Saturday, March 13. She will send us information about hotels in the area.

Congratulations go to Eric and Jeannette Drake on the birth of their son, Aiden, on January 25. Everyone is doing fine and making the adjustment to a family of three.

Jeff Seeley of CMI has graciously offered to prepare SODZ members to take the BJCP Exam. Classes will be held at the Thirsty Dog in Dayton (thanks to Eric Asebrook), and the dates range from February 28 through May 1 with a few Saturdays off for the SODZ competition and spring break.

If you wish to take the BJCP Exam classes, please send a \$50 check payable to Jeff Seeley to his home address, 7163 Northwich Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45230, by February 21, to give him time to duplicate materials and prepare lessons. SODZ will reimburse paid-up members half the cost upon successful completion of the course.

The BJCP Exam will be administered on Saturday, May 8, at the Leatherlips Yacht Club (thanks to Mike Mirarchi). SODZ will reimburse half the exam cost after paid-up members have judged a competition following the exam.

By the way, many of our memberships will be up for renewal at the February meeting. We will have a list of members who need to renew at the meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone Monday night!

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:

Frank Barickman
Membership Director
133 Miners Court
Delaware, OH 43015

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.

Current SODZ officers are:

President

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Vice President

Rick DeShone
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Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Mark Katona
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Mike Mirarchi
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Membership Director

Frank Barickman
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<http://www.sodz.org>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

- February 16 SODZ Meeting, 7 p.m., Shamrock Club, Officer Nominations
- February 21 Informal Brew, Frank Barickman's House
- February 21 CMI 7th Annual Pub Crawl, Noon-8 p.m., Cincinnati
- February 28 BJCP Class, 9 a.m.-Noon, Thirsty Dog
- March 6, 13, 20 BJCP Class, 9 a.m.-Noon, Thirsty Dog
- March 7 Informal Brew, Ben & Betty's House
- March 13 Gravity Head, Rich O's, New Albany, Indiana
- March 16 SODZ Meeting, 7 p.m., Shamrock Club, Officer Elections
- March 27 SODZ British Ales & Meads Competition—"The Irwin Memorial"
- April 3 & 24 BJCP Class, 9 a.m.-Noon, Thirsty Dog
- April 11 Easter Brew, Mark & Bonni's House
- April 19 SODZ Meeting, 7 p.m., Shamrock Club
- April 23-May 2 AHA Eastern Regional Judging, J.W. Dover, Westlake
- May 1 BJCP Class, 9 a.m.-Noon, Thirsty Dog
- May 8 BJCP Exam, Leatherlips Yacht Club, 9 a.m.-Noon
- June 17-19 AHA National Convention, "Beer & Loafing in Las Vegas"
- July 17 Ohio State Fair Homebrewed Beer Competition, Fairgrounds

Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH)

Fourteenth Annual Homebrew, Cider and Mead Competition Saturday, March 27, 2004

Pittsburgh's homebrew club is now accepting entries for our annual competition; the entry deadline is March 7. All styles are accepted. We would also like to invite you to help us judge. Note that judges can hand carry entries as long as they register them by the deadline.

TRASH XIV will be held on March 27, 2004 beginning at 8:00 AM in the Pittsburgh Brewing Company's Ober Brau Haus, 3340 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15201. Complete details about the competition and the Judge Registration/Waiver Form can be found on the TRASH website at:

<http://trashhomebrewers.org/competition.htm>

Keith Kost

Competition Organizer

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SODZ 1st Annual British Beerfest Competition aka: The Irwin Memorial

Location: The Shamrock Club of Columbus 60 West Castle Road Columbus, Ohio 43207 10 A.M. Saturday, March 27, 2004

Scope: The scope of this competition is limited to the traditional British BJCP styles including Mead.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all non-commercial, home-produced beers and meads. Enter as many categories and as often as you wish. Competition organizers, sponsors, judges, and stewards may enter the competition but may not judge or steward any category that they are entered in.

Categories: The SODZ British Beerfest will accept entries from the following categories as defined by the current BJCP Style Guidelines:

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| 4. | Bitter and English Pale Ale (all subcategories) |
| 5. | Scottish Ales (all subcategories) |
| 7. | India Pale Ale |
| 10 A,B,C | Milds, Northern English Brown Ale, Southern English Brown Ale |
| 11. | English and Scottish Strong Ale (all subcategories) |
| 12A. | English-Style Barleywine (note: No 12B American style Barleywines) |
| 15. | Porter (all subcategories) |
| 16. | Stout (all subcategories) |

All entries must indicate both a category number and a sub-category letter in addition to a written description of the style. All entries will be judged according to the appropriate sub-category style guidelines. However, categories may be combined with related categories for the purpose of awarding prizes. Multiple entries per style are allowed.

Entry Fees: \$5 for first entry, \$3 per additional entry.

Registration: All entries must be pre-registered by March 20, 2004. Pre-register online at www.sodz.org. Please print out the completed entry sheet, fold so your name appears on the front, and attach it to the beer bottles with a rubber band. Include entry fee (fold within label if you like). Flights will be fixed prior to event, so no late entries will be accepted. Two bottles per entry are required; bottles from 10 to 24 oz. may be used (judges will be served beer in the pitcher).

Mailing Instructions: Entries are due between the dates of 3/8/04 – 3/20/04, unless they are pre-registered and hand carried by a judge and/or a steward. Please ship entries to:

Thirsty Dog Brewing Company
C/O Eric Asebrook / SODZ Competition Entry
45 W. Alex-Bell Road
Centerville, Ohio 45459

Call for Judges and Stewards: Judges/Stewards are invited and encouraged (OK begged) to join us. The competition is AHA-sanctioned, and BJCP points will be awarded. If you are interested, please sign up at www.sodz.org.

Awards: Prizes will be awarded for 1st, second, and third place for each category (to be determined based on the numbers of entries in each style, etc.). In addition, there will individual awards given to the “Best British Beer” (BOS). “Best British Beer” will be awarded a traditional English “Yard Glass”. Flight winners will win “½-Yard Glasses” and second and third place will be awarded ribbons.

Additional Information: For more information, please feel free to contact Frank Barickman by email: fbarickm@columbus.rr.com or by phone (614) 354-8750.

Location Directions: A map to the Shamrock Club of Columbus can be found at: <http://www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.com/map.htm>.

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SODZ MEETING

Monday February 16, 7 p.m.

**Shamrock Club of
Columbus**

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