

The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner

By Frank Barickman

This month's meeting will be Saturday, February 16, 2008, at Brews Café in Granville. Plan on arriving around 1:00pm or so if you plan on eating lunch. Meeting will start around 3pm in Brews II (upstairs). You can find directions on their website at

http://www.brewscafe.com/index.php.

At the February meeting we will hold nominations for officers <thanks Bonni for reminding me!>. If you would like to be nominated, please let a fellow club member know so that they can nominate you. (You can also nominate yourself; but that is not as cool.) SODZ has a bylaw that allows officers to hold the same board position for 2 consecutive years before they are termed out. They must then step down and/or take another board position. This year all of our officers are at 1, so nobody will officially be termed out, but competition is openly solicited.

The SODZ 5th Annual BBF is fast approaching. Beers need to be registered by the time you are reading this newsletter! So hurry up and register. Please sign up if you have not done so yet to lend support to Bob Breckler and Steve Huckaby. Saturday, February 23, will be quite hectic, and everyone's help will be needed in organizing entries, setting up judging tables, and cleanup. Bob will have an update at the meeting. Stewards and judges are always needed, so please let Bob know if you can help.

The AHA National Homebrew Competition first round regional judging will be held this year in Columbus, Ohio. Plans are quickly developing and help will be needed by all. We will be expecting about 500 entries, so organization will be very important! Also we are expecting 50-75 judges from out of town. I would like to have a "beds for judges" program so that judges coming from out of town can have a free place to sleep. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you would like to host a judge or two. Judging is scheduled to be April 19 and 20 at Gordon Biersch.

Spots are going quickly for the National Homebrew Convention being held in Cincinnati, OH. A third hotel has been opened since the initial 2 have sold out. If you are planning on attending, it's best to act soon as this is sure to sell out! In addition, if you are planning on attending, please coordinate with Rick DeShone or myself. We would like to have an ample supply of SODZ beer for both club night and the hospitality suite! It's time to start brewing. Also, we are looking for booth design ideas. Please feel free to sketch something up. We are looking at wearing kilts and club t-shirts. Check the Yahoo Group out for great tips on where to find kilts cheap.

February Meeting Brews Café Saturday, 16th, 3:00 PM

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: Kris Huckaby, Treasurer 3190 St. Bernard Circle Columbus, OH 43232

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 rdeshone@columbus.rr.com.

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British Beerfest V

By Rick DeShone

Time is almost out to get your entries in for the BBF. Bring us your bitters, milds, and porters. Bring out you're your stouts, bring out your dead. If its Scottish you want, it's Scottish you get. Ciders, meads, melomels, and methlegens are all wanted. Entry cutoff is midnight, Friday the 15th. Entries have picked up as usual toward the end of the registration period, but the more the merrier.

If you have never entered before and gotten judges feedback, this is a great place to get started. The judging caliber is very good, it's cheap, and easy to get your beers to. See that Frank - I said we were cheap and easy.

In addition to the entries, we can always use volunteers, setup, and cleanup help. We have a great venue and have a reputation as a well-run competition to uphold. It's great fun and there are always some wonderful beers, ciders, and meads in the competition that you can taste of. All this, and a venue that has 100 beers on tour. See you there.



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5th Annual **SODZ British Beerfest Competition**

Winking Lizard (Crossroads location) 100 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235 Saturday, February 23, 2008 9:00am





Lucci Cup 2008

by Frank Barickman

Remember the Lucci Cup . Let Frank know if you have a Dry Stout in for the cup. Remember the importance of making sure Frank comes in second.



Auditor Mike from the 1st Annual BBF



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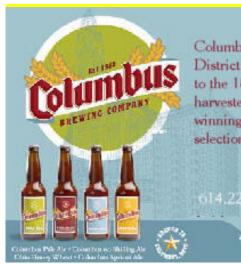
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

February 23rd, SODZ 5th Annual British Beerfest April 19th-20th, NHC Regionals May 3rd, Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day June 20th, Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 19-21, National Homebrewers Conference, Cincinnati July 19th, Ohio State Fair Competition



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