



# The Grain Mill

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## The President's Corner

*By Bonni Katona*

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a great holiday season. Since we dodged the Y2K bug, I hope no one got the flu bug instead.

The SODZ Christmas Party of 1999 was a great time, and there are things I won't forget about it. While the total number of kegs was down a little (AJ brought half as many as last time), there were plenty of microbrews around! Many of us had our first taste of Sami Claus. Wes and Pam Raynor joined us (sans Chocolate Raspberry Stout) and brought some terrific barleywine. Mark Irwin brought his Hamburger Beer Soup by popular request. And who could forget the delightful look on Young Gavin's face when he saw his first player piano in operation?

Jon Woodman and Cheryl Duda stopped by to bid farewell to SODZ before they move to Anchorage, Alaska. Jon and Cheryl were the last remaining founders of SODZ, and we will miss them terribly. We do thank them for their generous donation of brewing supplies to SODZ and wish them well.

This month (and next) we're meeting at Barley's Smokehouse at 7 p.m., and you're all encouraged to have dinner there before the meeting. The business meeting will include a discussion on whether or not to change our meeting night. An actual vote on a meeting night would occur in February. The AHA Club-Only Competition for barley-wine style ales has an early-February deadline, so we will hold judging that night for anyone interested in submitting an entry.

Instead of a formal presentation, the January meeting will be a tasting session. This will be an ideal opportunity to demonstrate how much you retained from the great Dr. Beer presentation made by Mark Katona at the November meeting. This meeting will be less technical than the previous three, so it's a good time to bring potential new members—especially those who are new at homebrewing.

Nominations for officers will be taken at the February meeting, and elections are in March. If you are interested in running for office, please let me know!

See you Thursday!

[www.sodz.org](http://www.sodz.org)

## AHA 2000 Club-Only Competitions

*By Mark Irwin*

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](http://www.beertown.org) website.

### SODZ Meeting

**Thursday  
January 13, 7 p.m.  
Barley's Smokehouse**

**AHA Club-Only  
Competition  
Barley-Wine Style Ales**

**Bring homebrew to share  
(3-4 bottles)**

## 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](http://www.sodz.org).

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## CMI Pub Crawl

*By Bonni Katona*

The latest Cincinnati Malt Infusers (CMI) newsletter included details about their annual pub crawl. The date has been changed to Saturday, February 12, from Noon-8pm. The itinerary includes Barrelhouse, Watson Bros., Rock Bottom, Jack Quinn's, "Plus More."

The only place I wasn't familiar with was Jack Quinn's, so I asked Jim Leas about it. He said, "Jack Quinn's is a fairly new Irish style pub in Covington. They have a reasonably good selection of Irish and English ales on tap. Food is pretty good. Mostly a pub-type menu — kinda like Nicholson's. Fish and chips, shepherd's pie, etc. They do not brew on-premise."

The cost is \$22 per person and includes an event T-shirt. The bus is limited to 25 passengers. If you want to go, send your check to John Graff, 7733 Arlington Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255.

## Purchase Barley's Beer in Kegs

*By Herb Bresler*

I just purchased 5 gallons of Barley's Christmas Ale from the Smokehouse. I took in a sanitized, pressurized corney keg and had it filled. It's \$40 for 5 gallons. That works out to \$1/pint.

Scott said that he's worked out how to fill the corney kegs from the serving tanks under pressure. Filling from the fermenter, for those of you who want unfiltered beer, can also be done—timing is more critical however, and you'll have to carbonate or prime (and fine) yourself—talk to Scott if that's your preference.

He asked me to pass along the info. So, there it is.

See you at the brewery!

## 2000 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition

*By Brett Chance*

The 2000 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at the Voinovich Center on the Ohio Expo Center grounds (i.e., the same place it was last year). The first session will begin at 10 AM, with judges and stewards reporting between 9 AM-9:45 AM.

The competition will be the same as last year except that I am eliminating the use of the recipe form because it isn't really necessary. I will be putting together all of the information for the competition within the next 30-45 days, but in the meantime I wanted to give you the date of the competition for inclusion in the club newsletter. If, for some reason, you get feedback that July 15 is a bad weekend for the competition, please let me know ASAP and I can try and change the date. I am hopeful this will work out because it is the same weekend we have been using the past couple of years. As always, judges and stewards from SODZ are most welcome (and needed!).

Once the info for this year's competition is complete, I will furnish you a small article for the newsletter and will do a mailing to all club members. I will also attempt to put together another contract for SODZ as the official host club for the event. I certainly appreciate all the help I get from the club and know that the extra money comes in handy.

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the newest member of our family (the baby is expected within the next two weeks) so please have a homebrew and say a little prayer for us :)

# SODZ 1999 Financial Report

*By Jim Leas*

I am happy to report that SODZ is on an excellent financial foundation despite a decrease in revenues compared to 1998. The club ended the year with a cash balance of \$1,521.45.

Total revenue for 1999 was \$775.75, compared to \$961.05 in 1998. The primary reason for the fall-off was a decrease in paid memberships of \$180. SODZ had only 24 dues-paying members in 1999, down from 33 the previous year. This reflects the national trend toward less interest in homebrewing, but is disturbing nonetheless.

The good news is that expenses were pared back considerably, leaving the bottom line relatively unchanged. Although we incurred new, one-time expenses for incorporation and not-for-profit status (see below), newsletter expenses were slashed dramatically due to Internet distribution. We also purchased our tasting glasses in 1998 as well as a lot of brewing materials from Wines, Inc., which were one-time expenditures.

In 1999, SODZ became a corporation and also attained not-for-profit status under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code as a social club. We wanted corporate status so that our members would have limited liability in case of any drinking-related incidents. We then sought not-for-profit status so we do not have to pay taxes. Our president, Bonni Katona, spearheaded this effort. Thanks, Bonni.

## Income Statements 1999 and 1998

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<b><i>Income:</i></b>		
Dues	\$480	\$660
State Fair Fees	200	200
Raffles	96	41
Merchandise Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>60</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>961</b>
 <b><i>Expenses:</i></b>		
Newsletter	49	208
Meeting Expenses	37	0
Supplies	37	0
Printing	10	38
Bank Charges		15
Incorporation Fees	175	0
Postage	4	0
Merchandise	0	130
Glasses	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>466</b>
 <b><i>Net Income</i></b>	<b><u>464</u></b>	<b><u>495</u></b>



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## Mark Your Calendars

*January 13*  
*Regular Meeting*  
*Barley's Smokehouse*  
*AHA Club-Only Competition: Barley Wines*

*February 10*  
*Regular Meeting*  
*Barley's Smokehouse*

*February 12*  
*CMI Pub Crawl*  
*Cincinnati*

*July 15*  
*Ohio State Fair Competition Judging*  
*Ohio Expo Center*

*August 19*  
*Beer & Sweat*  
*Howard Johnson's Springdale*