
The Grain Mill

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bonni Katona

Happy New Year!

It was good to see so many of you at the SODZ Holiday Party last month. Thanks to Rick and Gayle DeShone for hosting our group again. Mark Irwin made it to the party, and everyone had a great time.

We have such a busy schedule for the next six months! How busy? Depending on your schedule, we could be getting together several times a month! Here's what's on tap:

- Field trip to the Winking Lizard is this Saturday, January 17, starting at 2 p.m. The Winking Lizard is in the former Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill location. Their 2004 World Beer Tour kicked off on January 12, so you can get in at the beginning. Pay a \$10 entry fee, drink 100 different beers this year, and get a jacket!
- The SODZ British Ales & Meads Competition (aka The Irwin Memorial) is Saturday, March 27, at the Shamrock Club. We need plenty of help, so let Frank Barickman know if you are interested in volunteering your services. He has a list of jobs that need to be filled, in addition to recruiting judges and stewards.
- CMI is hosting their annual pub crawl on Saturday, February 21. I believe there are still seats left on the bus. Cost is \$25 per person. See last month's newsletter (available on the SODZ web site, www.sodz.org) for details.
- BJCP Exam preparation is getting closer to reality. I am very close to announcing some dates, time, and location for the exam prep during late winter/early spring, as well as how you can qualify for a partial scholarship.
- AHA Eastern Regional First-Round Judging for the National Homebrew Competition will once again take place at J.W. Do-

ver in Westland, a suburb of Cleveland, sometime between April 23 and May 2. Entering your beer(s) and/or serving as a judge or steward are some of the ways you can get involved. More details will be coming soon!

- Club brew-offs, in which SODZ provides some specialty grains and you brew a beer. See Rick DeShone's article for more information.
- Informal club brews, which will be further explained by Frank Barickman. He has volunteered to go first by inviting interested parties to Frank's February Frozen FrostBite Brew in his garage. Club members will sign up for a brew each month at a different member's home. Of course, Mark and I have dibs on Easter Sunday, as usual.
- Gravity Head goes on at Rich O's in New Albany, Indiana, the last two weekends of March. DRAFT will let us know which weekend they are going. This event is always a good time!

As you can see, we have a full schedule and have put a lot together in the past year! At this month's meeting, we will give you details about our first homebrew competition. In keeping with the competition theme, the meeting program will include a British beer tasting session.

I'm feeling really good about the direction in which SODZ has moved in the past year. Our membership is on the rise, and we're very involved in a number of activities.

In February, we will nominate officers for the next year. Elections take place in March, and those officers will begin their duties in April.

I hope to see many of you at the Winking Lizard on Saturday and at the meeting on Monday.

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:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

- January 17 Winking Lizard Field Trip; 2 p.m.-whenever
- January 19 SODZ Meeting, 7 p.m., Shamrock Club; British Beers
- February 21 CMI 7th Annual Pub Crawl, Noon-8 p.m., Cincinnati
- March 13 & 20 Gravity Head, Rich O's, New Albany, Indiana
(DRAFT will let us know which date they are going)
- March 27 SODZ British Ales & Meads Competition—"The Irwin Memorial"
- April 23-May 2 AHA Eastern Regional Judging, J.W. Dover, Westlake
- June 17-19 AHA National Convention, "Beer & Loafing in Las Vegas"
- July 17 Ohio State Fair Competition

Noon to 8:00 p.m.

A FULL DAY OF MERRIMENT!!

**Hofbräu Haus
Cock & Bull English Pub
Dubliner
Barrellhouse
Mecklenburg Gardens**

**Reserve your seat early!!
Limited availability—55 participants**

Cost of \$25.00 per person includes event T-shirt

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Mail this form and payment in full to:

John Graff
7733 Arlington Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

No. in your party: _____ x \$25.00 per person = _____

This is a fantastic time! Don't miss out, it fills up fast!

KCBIERMEISTER Party & Competition

You are invited to join us for our special birthday party this year.

We are turning 21 and doing what all 21 year olds do for their birthday, we're having a Beer.

This year's event also celebrates Boulevard Brewing Company 15th year and Holy-Field Vineyard and Winery's 10th.

KCBM's very own Chef Danial Turner will be delighting us with a dinner using a selection of Boulevard Beers.

We have arranged a special tour of Boulevard Brewing Company and Steven Pauwels their Head Brewer will be speaking during Saturday's breakfast.

For more details go to: <http://www.kcbiermeisters.org/competition.htm>

The site includes image files of the mailer. The mailer in Adobe's .pdf format and Electronic Sign-Up for Entries, Judging/Stewarding and all Events.

Please Remember Seating at All Events is Limited.

Hope to see you at our 21st Regional Homebrew Competition.

John R. Weerts
KCBM Competiton Committee Member

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2004

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2003	\$2,516.39
Add: Membership Deposits	\$225.00
Add: Other Income (Describe)	\$-0-
Subtotal	<u>\$2,741.39</u>
Deduct: Expenses (Describe)	\$168.79
Ending Balance on January 1, 2004	<u>\$2,572.60</u>

Michael Mirarchi, Treasurer

Announcing the first Club Brew-off for 2004.

Victory Malt Challenge. SODZ has gotten a large donation of Victory malt manufactured by Briess malting company. The deal is that we will return a case of finished product to the supplier of the malt. As a result we will be having an intra-club brew-off. SODZ will acquire several lbs of other specialty malts. You will add base malt or extract, hops, and yeast. Each contestant will construct your own recipe. We will determine the favorite brew at a future club meeting.

Specialty Malts Choices:

Briess Victory Malt
Chocolate Malt
Black Patent
Roasted Barley

Rules:

- 1) Your recipe must include at least 1lb of Victory Malt.
- 2) You may use all or none of the other specialty grains in whatever proportions you choose.
- 3) You must submit your recipe to the club recipe archive.
- 4) You must bring 6 bottles of your brew to the tasting. 1-3 will be used at the tasting, the others will be used for the case for our supplier.

Please e-mail Rick DeShone with the quantities of each grain you want for your recipe. If you contact him before Monday, you can pick them up at the meeting.

Rick





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 |
| 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) |
| 25. | Mead (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>.

If you need more specific directions please contact Frank Barickman by email: fbarickm@columbus.rr.com or by phone (614) 354-8750.

Pictures from the Christmas Party



Rick, Mark I. & Jim



Martina, Rick, Mark I & Eric Playing Foosball at the “After Christmas Party”



Steve pawing through the Presents trying to determine which one he wants.



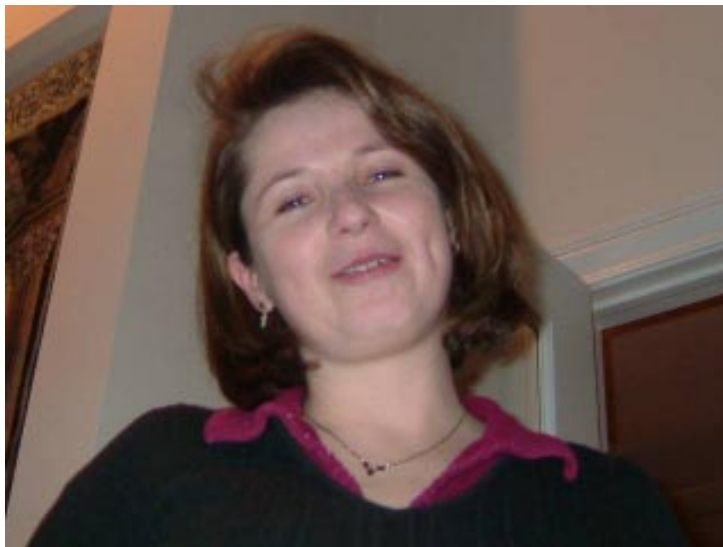
Mark K. sampling the "Black Death"



Mike starring as the Grinch



Alana, Steve, Mark K., Jim & Kate
Just relaxin' on the porch



Mark I's friend Martina who is welcome anytime to
SODZ functions



Matt & Kate enjoy a drink at Rick's Bar



After hour pool party Rick playing Steve, Kris in chair at left, Jim, Bonni, Mark I & Mike
We learned that we didn't have to worry about joining the pro toure that night.



SODZ MEETING

Monday January 19, 7 p.m.

**Shamrock Club of
Columbus**

www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.com