
The Grain Mill

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June 2000

President's Corner

by Mark Irwin

As we finish up from the regular meeting schedule for the summer, I would like to briefly reflect on the past year. I think we've made great strides this year, as brewers and as a club. The overall quality of beers that have been brought to the meetings in the last six months to a year has been great. Those of you that have been around for a while must remember that it wasn't always this way. I don't think anybody misses playing the many rounds of "Name that

Infection" that we used to do in Shawn's basement. I'm also pleased with the number of new members that have joined the club in the last year. Let's see if we can keep bringing new people in. Also I would like to thank Ben Pridgen from Columbus Brewing for hosting last October's meeting and Victor for hosting our annual Cinco de Maibock meeting at Hosters. And especially I want to thank Scott, Angelo, Matt and Lenny for allowing us to hold the majority of our meetings at the two Barleys. About a year

ago they got us out of a real jam when we weren't quite sure what we were going to do for a meeting place.

I would like to thank John and Julie Bohn for being this year's host for the Club Brew. For those of you that couldn't be there, you missed a good time. Currently there are 15 gallons of Herb's Pale Ale fermenting in different secret locations in Franklin County. It all should be ready for the picnic next month out at Eric and Woody's mother's place out in Newark. Tentatively the date is set for July 29th. More information and directions will be in next month's newsletter. I apologize



Mark Your Calendar...

June 24	SODZ Pub Crawl
July 29	SODZ Picnic
July 15	Ohio State Fair Competition Judging
August 19	Beer & Sweat
September 9	Dayton Beerfest

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of each month usually at Barley's Smokehouse, Dublin 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:

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER *cont.*

for the late announcement for the brew, which meant that some of you weren't able to attend. We may do another similar event in the early fall to prepare a beer for the Christmas party. I have a beer in mind that I think everybody should enjoy (Bonni get away from that keg, it's not ready yet). More information later, assuming things come together.

On Sunday, June 11th, Barley's will be having their 4th Afternoon with the Brewers from 2:00 to 5:00. The big event that afternoon will be the unveiling of Bill Hughes' IPA, the winner of last years Barley's competition. I had a sample of it this Sunday afternoon taken straight from the fermenter (thanks Angelo). It should be great when it's properly carbonated. Also that afternoon, they will announce the winner of this year's competition. Hopefully SODZ will

repeat as champions.

Also don't forget the pub crawl on Saturday, June 24th. Spots are limited; once the bus is full that's it, unless of course you want to find your way around to the different locations on your own. Contact Kurt Stocker at stockerlumber1@yahoo.com for more information.

Just as a reminder there is no official club event in August. However for the past few years there has been an unofficial event in Cincinnati, Beer and Sweat. I believe that a number of us will be going down again this year on August 19th to see if we can repeat our past successes. For those of you that aren't familiar, Brew and Sweat is the largest keg-only homebrew competition. Last year, I believe, they had around 120 entries. For more information, check the web page <http://brew.oonline.com/bloat/sweat2000.html>



Don't forget, competition entry forms must be post-marked no later than June 20.

HOMEBREWED BEER COMPETITION

First Round National Homebrew Competition 2000 Results Smile On SODZ Member Bill Hughes

Congratulations are in order for Bill Hughes who placed with three beers in the NHC 2000 First Round. The First Round winners advance to the Second Round to be judged June 22-23 at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference in Livonia, Michigan. **Good luck Bill!!!**



American Pale Ales

1st Place – Bill Hughes of SODZ

Barleywine & Imperial Stout

2nd Place – Bill Hughes of SODZ

Belgian & French Ale

3rd Place – Bill Hughes of SODZ



PUB CRAWL June 24, 2000

12:00 noon - leave Kingswood Lumber parking lot.

(corner of W. 3rd Ave. and Edgehill Rd.)

12:15 pm - arrive at Hoster Brewing Co.

1:45 pm - leave Hoster Brewing Co.

1:55 pm - arrive at Barley's Ale House #1

3:00 pm - leave Barley's Ale House #1

3:10 pm - arrive at Elevator Brewery & Draught Haus

4:20 pm - leave Elevator Brewery & Draught Haus

4:50 pm - arrive at Brazenhead Irish Pub

6:00 pm - leave Brazenhead Irish Pub

6:30 pm - arrive at Barley's Smokehouse & Brewery

7:50 pm - leave Barley's Smokehouse & Brewery

8:00 pm - arrive at Thirsty Ear Tavern

9:30 pm - entertainment: Stormin' Norman Nardini

Everyone in attendance should be at the Kingswood Lumber parking lot at the corner of W. 3rd Ave. and Edgehill Rd. no later than 11:45 am. The bus will be leaving promptly at 12:00 noon. Transportation from Thirsty Ear back to Kingswood Lumber parking lot is a short walk and will be your responsibility. For those people who do not have a designated driver it would be a good suggestion to reserve a room at the Cross Country Inn on Olentangy River Road. **There are still three seats on the bus available at the time of this publication. If you would like to attend please contact either markrichards@columbus.rr.com or Kurt Stocker stockerlumber1@yahoo.com immediately. Tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis, so if you're interested please hurry or they may be gone. Thanks.**

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

By Bonni Katona

I hope the news about the SODZ accomplishments at the Barley's competition have inspired you to submit entries in other competitions. For those interested in learning more about judging beer, volunteer your services as a steward or judge at these competitions. Here are some competitions you may wish to enter in the next few months:

Ohio State Fair Homebrewed Beer Competition.

Entry forms and fees must be postmarked by June 20, bottled entries must be dropped off July 10- 14 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and judging occurs on Saturday, July 15. Contact Brett Chance at (614) 644- 4126 if you wish to serve as a judge or steward.

Beer & Sweat. Not to be missed-our unofficial August meeting! The annual keg competition sponsored by the Bloatarian Brewing League takes place on Saturday, August 19, at the Howard Johnson's Springdale, which is at I- 275 and State Route 4. Pre-registration of entries is required. For further details, including the entry form required in advance, visit their Web site, <http://hbd.org/bloat>. Volunteers for judges and stewards are always welcome.

Hotel reservations (strongly recommended) may be made by calling (513) 825-3129 by July 31. The room rate is \$66 + tax (\$73.92 total). Make sure you mention you are part of the Bloatarians' Beer & Sweat group. All rooms have two double beds and include a continental breakfast.

Dayton Beerfest. DRAFT will hold their annual beer competition on Saturday, September 9, at the Thirsty Dog Brewing Company in Centerville. This is another opportunity to have some fun serving as a judge or steward. An online entry form and details may be found at <http://www.hbd.org/draft/daybeerfest.html>.





AND THE WINNER IS...SODZ!!!

By Bonni Katona

First-round judging for the annual Barley's Competition took place on Sunday, June 4, at Ale House No. 1. Best-of-Show judging was completed during the week, and the winners were announced on June 11.

Here are the winners in each category:

Ken Wagner-Alt

Mark Irwin-Strong Scotch Ale

Jeremy Appel-Robust Porter

Bill Hughes & Chris Tichnor-Russian Imperial Stout

Mark Irwin & Mark Katona-Barleywine

Jack Kerstetter-Foreign Stout

This is quite an impressive list, as only one category was not represented by a SODZ member (which we'll have to rectify with some arm-twisting recruiting techniques).

Best-of-Show judging resulted in a tie between the Russian Imperial Stout and the Barleywine. The winners will have an opportunity to brew their beers at Barley's at a future date. Of course, the barleywine may have to be modified or wait until the laws regarding alcoholic content of beers in Ohio change...

The winning entry brewed by Mark Irwin and Mark Katona was the club's Y2K Barleywine, brewed in the fall of 1998. Both Marks were the brewers, but there was plenty of support from others in the club. AJ Zanyk adapted Walter Leake's recipe and ordered the specialty grains, which was brewed at John and Julie Bohn's house with a lot of snoopervising from others in attendance.

We're really proud of the accomplishments of our SODZ members.





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