
The Grain Mill

Publication of the Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc.

May 2001

President's Corner

by Mark Irwin

Well the big event for the month has occurred, the tapping of Ken and Stacey's Alt on Wednesday the ninth. I hope everybody heard about it in time. There was a fairly good crowd of SODZ members there and I think everybody had a good time. I didn't hear any complaints. There was also a huge turnout of the professional Columbus brewers, including all the usual suspects. In addition, the brewer from Gordon Biersch, and one from Mansfield were there. I hope I didn't miss anybody. Chef Oscar put together a delicious dinner of Mixed Garden Greens with Julienne Vegetables, a main course of Smoked Pork Shoulder with Braised Cabbage, Speatzle and Mustard Sauce and a Cream Puff for dessert. The Cream Puff and the Alt were a great combination. For those of you that weren't able to attend, and of

course those of you who were there, our meeting on Thursday will have an add-on to this event with the introduction of the first (and possibly only) Firkin Thursday. A firkin of the Alt will be tapped on Thursday instead of the usual Friday. Of course the Alt is currently available on tap and should be around for awhile.

The first round results for this year's National Homebrew Competition are out and the club did well. We will have 5 beers and a mead going on to the final round in LA in June. We had one first, a second, and four thirds in the region. The list of the winners

should be elsewhere in the newsletter so I won't list them here. Congratulations gentlemen.

A club member has also had success in a different type of competition. Mark Richards, our esteemed Newsletter Editor and resident label expert has won an award in Brew Your Own's label contest for his IPA label. Unfortunately we haven't been able to find out exactly how he has done, since the magazine refuses to say any more until the issue comes out later this month. I understand he had to work just to find out which label was a winner. So keep your eye out for the May Brew Your Own on your favorite newsstand.

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Mark Your Calendar...

MAY 17	SODZ Meeting 7:00 pm, Barley's Smokehouse
JUNE	Club Brew Day and Location TBA
JULY	Club Picnic Day and Location TBA
JULY 21	Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition
AUG 21	Beer and Sweat Keg- Only Competition

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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Members receive The Grain Mill, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter and should be received no later than June 1st for next month's issue and may be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MSWord, to markrichards@columbus.rr.com or on disk in MSWord.

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During the past month I've put together a secondary club web site. I decided I needed to learn some more HTML and thought this might be a reasonable way to do it. I didn't want to do something like this for work, or then I'd probably end up in charge of the department web site, a job I don't want. Currently I have all the newsletters in pdf format going back to March 1998, photos from different events, and I'll try to keep a fairly current event schedule up on the site as well. I plan to add any photos I take at an event to the site fairly quickly as well. I don't have the pictures from the Alt tapping up yet, but hopefully they will be up by the meeting on Thursday. If you want to take a look, the site is at <http://www.stat.ohio-state.edu/~irwin/sodz/>. If you have photos from past club events, I would like to add them to the picture section. I have access to a scanner if you don't so adding pictures you

only have available as prints is not a problem. If you have anything else that you feel might be a useful addition, please let me know and I'll see what we can do to put it up. Also if you have any comments about the site, good or bad, please forward them to me.

The Sixth Annual Barley's Homebrew Competition is coming up. As you probably all know, first prize is the opportunity to brew the winner beer at Barley's on their 10 barrel system. Entries are due by May 26th and entry forms are supposed to be available at the Winemaker's Shop and both Barleys. This year's winners will be announced on Sunday June 10th at the Afternoon with the Brewers in Barley's Underground to go along with the tapping of last year's winning beers, a Russian Imperial Stout and a Barley Wine. See you at the Smokehouse on the 17th.

"You can't be a Real Country unless you have A BEER and an airline -- it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a BEER."



-- **Frank Zappa (1940-1993)**

SODZ Program 2001 - 2002

by Herb Bresler

I'm seeking input from the membership about the program for the year. Some things are already planned and the date set while others are ideas or suggestions looking for a meeting date. See the end of this article to put in your suggestions for meeting programs for the coming year.

Of course, one thing that we can't move are the AHA Club Only competitions. We need to judge SODZ entries far enough in advance of the competition that the selected beer can still get to the judging in time. The "Bockanalia" competition is held in Cincinnati, and since Mark I. is going there to judge we can wait until the last minute to do the club phase of the judging. We will hold the Bock judging at the club meeting on Thursday, May 17th. I will bring one or two "calibrator beers" to help everyone get their palates ready for judging. Bring your Bocks, Maibocks, Doppelbocks, and Eisbocks. May is the last month of the meeting year until September, but since the AHA is holding the Club Only competition for Witbiers in August, we will be judging members' Witbiers at the picnic in July. If you want to test your Wits

against the best in the AHA you better get your wits about you and brew! California Common entries will be judged in early October, so SODZ will judge the Steam Beers on the first meeting of the fall on September 13th. In November, we will select the club entry for the Mild Ales competition to held in early December.

Traditionally this is the time when we get together at someone's house for a day of brewing an all-grain Club Brew (which we will tap at the Club Picnic in July). This year, Jeremy will organize and run a brewing session to prepare a batch or two of his/our choosing. Jeremy felt that his award-winning Porter might not be the best choice for the Club Brew, so the beer style to be brewed will be determined. Let Jeremy know your opinion.

We have had two members volunteer

to teach at a future meeting. Mark Katona has offered to do his Dr. Beer thing again, and John Bohn will teach a session on Kegging Basics. The date for those two events is yet to be determined. If you have a favorite topic you would like to see covered, or if you have a topic you would like to teach, please let me know.

While we love having a "home" at Barley's Smokehouse, we may want to have an occasional meeting at another brewery in Columbus. In the past, the brew masters at some of the other local places have hosted us in their breweries, provided tours, and in some cases, provided beer tastings. What do you think? Should we try to arrange a meeting at a different brew pub or brewery (Elevator, Columbus Brewing Co, Hoster [the brewery], Gordon Biersch, others?) with the idea of making it the topic for the evening? Let me know your views.

2001 - 2002 Program Status

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Program	Club Only Judging
May 17	Barley's Smokehouse	Judging primer by _____	Bockanalia, Entries are due by May 21, 2001. Judging May 26, 2001. Category 14. Bock
June (TBD) July (TBD)	TBD TBD	Club Brew Club Picnic	- Wit, due August 2001, Category 19B. Witbier
August NO MEETING		Beer & Sweat Ramada Inn in Florence, Kentucky	Draft Beer Competition
September 13th			California Common, due early October 2001, Category 6C. California Common Beer
October 11th November 8th			- Mild. Competition in early December 2001, Category 10A. Mild
December 14 (tentative)	TBD	SODZ Holiday Party	-

Six beers entered in this years AHA National Homebrew Competition placed in the first round in the Northeast region. The beers and brewers are:



Matt Paulson, Maibock, 3rd place in Bocks

Jeremy Appel, Irish Stout, 3rd place in Stouts

Stacey Groene, Smoked Brown, 1st place in Smoked beers

A.J. Zanyk, Roasted Rye, 3rd place in Specialty/Experimental beers

Eric and Woody Drake, Apple Pie Metheglin, 2nd place in Herb and Spice meads

Jeremy Appel, Weizenbock, 3rd place in New Entrants

The complete list of winners in the region is available on the AHA NHC website. Good show gentlemen!

Beer that is not drunk has missed its vocation - **Meyer Breslau**, 1880

Editor's Note:

By Mark Richards

As warmer weather approaches it is more and more difficult to find the time to spend in the basement sitting at the computer. Even though I will not be able to make it to this month's SODZ meeting due to temporary schedule changes at my job, I am glad Mark Irwin decided to move the meeting so that I would have another week to the newsletter together.

As Mark mentined in his *President's Corner*, I entered a couple of my labels in this year's Brew Your Own® Magazine Label Competition. Though the magazine was not out at the time Mark had submitted his article, it has since been published that I received 3rd place.



Brew Your Own® 2001 Label Competition

3rd Prize

W. Mark Richards

If anyone has any good summertime recipes they would like to share with the club, I would like to have them submitted in the next couple of weeks. I want to include some recipes in the June issue of The Grain Mill.

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BARLEY'S

BREWING COMPANY

ALE HOUSE NO. 1

SIXTH ANNUAL HOMEBREWER COMPETITION

Barley's Sixth Annual Homebrewer Competition is on now! If you are a homebrewer, and you think that your suds have the stuff, enter our competition.

Grand Prize: brew a 10 barrel batch of your winning beer at Barley's Brewing Company-- our downtown location.

Only \$5.00 per entry. Pick up an application at Barley's downtown, Barley's Smokehouse or The Winemaker's Shop.

Winner will be announced at AFTERNOON WITH THE BREWERS on June 10, 2001.

Gentlemen (and ladies, of course) start your kettles!

AHA Club-Only Competitions:

Late May 2001
Category 14. Bock

August 2001
Category 19B. Witbier

Early October 2001
Category 6C.
California Common

Early December 2001
Category 10A. Mild



Treasurer's Report

The following depicts the income and expense activities of SODZ for roughly the first 4 months of 2001. Meeting expenses consist mainly of commercial beer and mead samples purchased in conjunction with style presentations.

Income

Dues	\$220.00
Raffles	49.00
Total Income	269.00

Expense

Meeting Expenses	82.97
Total Expense	82.97

Net Income \$186.03

We have cash in the bank totaling \$2302.58 as of April 19, 2001.

To Barley's, SmokeHouse, Hosters, Columbus Brewing Co. and Elevator Brewing,

On behalf of the SODZ membership, We would like to send a note of appreciation to all of you for opening your doors to us and accomodating our club in your places of business. You have given us access and opportunities that other clubs around the country do not enjoy.

Thank You Lenny, Scott, Victor, Ben and Vince.



Lederhosen, the Maß, oompah bands, brats and a Gaudi good time are coming to the Columbus area May 18-28th. At Beulah Park, located in Grove City, one can experience what millions of visitors to Munich's Oktoberfest celebrate each year. BavariaFest presents a truly authentic experience, complete with Bavarian beer,

a feast of Bavarian foods and traditional Bavarian music.

Built in Germany by the famous tent-maker Losberger, the BavariaFest tent features colorful, hand-painted murals depicting Bavarian life at it's best. Mountains, castles, lakes, farm-houses and dirndl and lederhosen-clad couples adorn the walls of the Festhalle as you take a place at one of the long, open-seating tables. On center stage (it rotates, naturally!), Bavarian bands oompah the hours away. The BavariaFest tent is an exact replica of the tents used at the Oktoberfest in Munich.

From the looks of the website the will be offering a nice variety of authenic Bavarian foods and the

following beers on tap:

Hofbräuhaus Traunstein Fürsten Quell

A smooth, genuine Bavarian lager

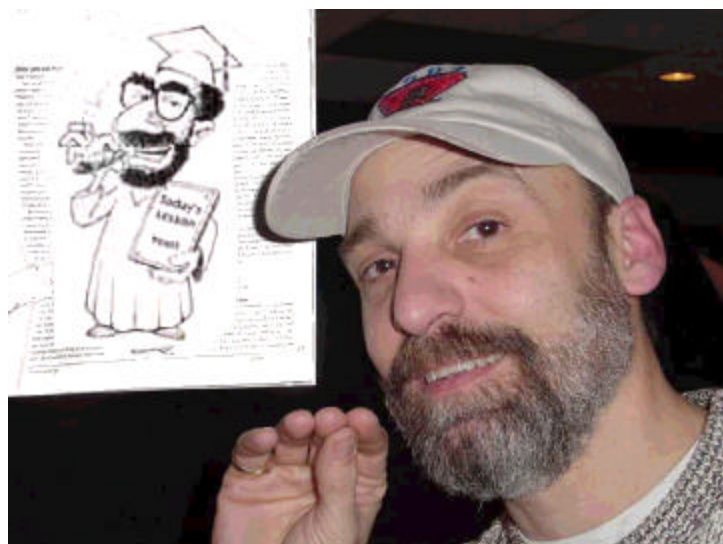
Tucher-Weizen

A traditional pale-colored, wheat beer

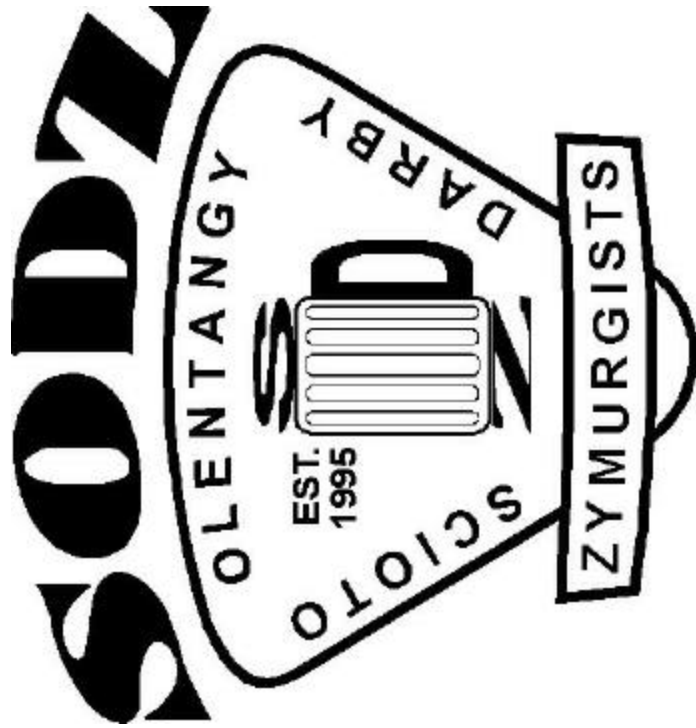
Admission is \$5 but if you prearrange through their website at <http://www.bavariafest.com>, groups of 10 or more get in free and receive a free pin. You can also obtain free admission Monday through Thursday nights only for up to four adults with an online coupon. Download and print the coupon from:

<http://www.bavariafest.com/admission.html>

"Relax
Don't Worry
Have a
Homebrew"



Papazian visits SODZ??



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