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The President's Corner

by Bonni Katona

Happy Cinco de Maibock! Our May meeting deviates from our normal schedule to celebrate the release of Victor's maibock at Hoster's on Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. If you plan to have dinner (highly encouraged), arrive earlier to maximize your evening of good food, good drink, and good friends. Don't forget to bring your homebrew and AHA Club-Only entries.

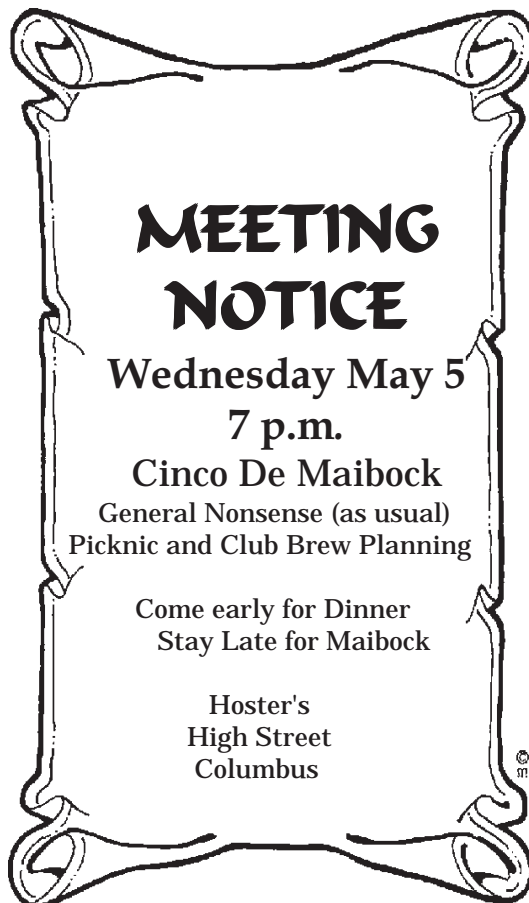
On to summer—(that's why I'm a teacher!) There are three official and two unofficial SODZ events. Our line-up of sun and fun begins on Sunday, June 6, at Larry Pesyna's house, where we'll brew John Bohn's recipe for rye beer. Maps and directions will be available in next month's newsletter. Herb Bresler will host the club picnic on Sunday, July 25, and we'll get information to you later.

Also, SODZ is the host of the 1999 Ohio State Fair Homebrewed Beer Competition. Entry blanks and fees must be submitted by June 21. Bottled entries are to be delivered July 12-16, and judging will take place on July 17. Contact Brett Chance if you are interested in serving as a judge or steward.

There are two unofficial events. The first is my graduation party on Saturday, June 12. Yep—I'm finally all finished with the Big-D, so let's celebrate! The other event is Beer and Sweat in Cincinnati. Once again, B&S will take place at the Howard Johnson's Springdale, located at I-275 and State Route 4, on August 14. This is the world's largest all-keg competition.

Thanks go to Matt Lowe for welcoming SODZ to Barley's Smokehouse for our April meeting. We'll meet there again this fall.

All this talk about upcoming beer events has made me thirsty! So—I'm going to invoke the presidential privilege initiated by Geoff Larsen and go find myself a beer. See you at Hoster's!



Visit the SODZ Web Site

www.lanshark.com/~sodz

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at Barley's Smokehouse, 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. Dues may be mailed to the 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 in Word 6 or 5.1 format for either Macintosh or the PC.

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What Do We Want To Do As A Club?

Mark Irwin

As I was crazy enough to get myself elected as Vice-President/Program Director, I've been starting to think about the clubs activities for the next year. As part of my deliberations, I thought it would be useful to present to everybody what I've been thinking about. As Mark is getting desperate for Newsletter articles, I thought that I would do this through the newsletter to get Mark off my back for awhile. As this is your club, we need to be doing things that you are interested in, not just interesting to me. So please let me, or any of other executive members, know what you think about this.

Future Meetings:

Though we are finishing up the normal meeting season until the fall, it is probably a good idea to start thinking about our fall and winter meetings. I'm looking for ideas for meeting topics, or even better for me, people to present something at a meeting. In the past, for example, we've had presentations on Columbus water, kegging, gadget night, and do it yourself firkins. A couple of things I would like to see, but I would need some help with are a look at homebrew computer software, more blind tastings, and a look at beer flavour and aroma characteristics. Also I would like to do another Homebrew Homework this year. For those of you who weren't around a year ago, a set of basic ingredients was decided on and then everybody worked on there own recipe and brewed their beer. Then last May everybody brought their beers to the meeting at Hoster's to show what they came up with.

Style of the Month:

One idea that that we've had and sort of abandoned that the executive committee would like to resurrect is the style of the month for each meeting. However if we are to do this we need to choose the styles to examine. I think using the AHA club only competitions to give us some of the styles is a reasonable idea. However they only run about every second month so we need to come up with styles for the other months. The upcoming styles and the months we would need to judge them for the rest of the year are:

May: Bocks (AHA category 12)

August: Meads (categories 25. Traditional Mead and Braggot, 26. Fruit and Vegetable Mead & 27. Herb and Spice Mead)

September: Porters (category 9 I think, the AHA web page doesn't say for sure)

November: Winter Warmers (category 10. English- and Scottich-Style Strong Ale)

We will need to choose a style for the October meeting and will need to think about next year. The style for December will be

Millennium beers, featuring the beers we brewed last October at John and Julie Bohn's and anything else you want to bring to the Christmas party. The club only competition styles for 2000 haven't been announced yet, but according to the 1999 club only competition web page, one of the 2000 styles will be lambic. We will also need to figure out when to decide which mead to enter. Maybe we can do that at the July picnic.

If you plan on bring a Bock to the May meeting to be considered for the club only competition, would you please send me a note. I would like to get an idea of how many beers we will need to judge. Note that this does not require you to actually bring the beer or exclude you from bringing a beer that you didn't mention to me.

Road Trips:

There are getting to be a number of interesting breweries outside of the Columbus area that we could go to as a group some weekend afternoon or evening. I'm thinking about places such as Bunky's in Newark, Miami Trails in Xenia, or Watson Brothers in Blue Ash (assuming that it didn't blow away in the tornado a couple of weeks ago). To start this I propose that we get a group together and drive out to Bunky's on either May 15th or 16th and see what Angelo brews when Scott isn't looking over his shoulder. This is something we can discuss on the 5th at Hoster's.

Barley's Beer:

As some of you may already know, Scott Francis, brewmaster at Barley's, was very

Calendar of Events

April 8	7 P.M.
SODZ Meeting Barleys Smokehose	
April 10	All Day
Beer & No Sweat	
SNOBs Pub Crawl	Cleveland
May 5	7 P.M.
SODZ Meeting	Hoster's
May 7-8	
Midwest Brewfest Cleveland	
June 21	
State Fair Homebrew entry form due	
July 12-16 SF Homebrew Delivery	
July 17 SF Homebrew Judging	
Aug 14 Beer & Sweat Cincinnati	

impressed by the beer that was brought to the meeting at the Smokehouse last fall. So impressed in fact that he is willing to brew a SODZ beer to be sold at Barley's like they do with the winner of their homebrew competition every year. Somehow we need to decide on a recipe for Scott to brew. I propose that we have a club only competition sometime in the fall to choose the club beer. However I would appreciate some help in fleshing out the rules for how this competition is to be run. Generally Scott has left it to us to decide which beer we would like him to brew. The main constraint that he has placed on us is that the beer can be brewed with the Smokehouse equipment, meaning a single infusion mash – no decoctions. Also I got the impression from him that he would prefer a beer that doesn't flaunt the state alcohol level laws. Except for that, it appears that we can do what we want. If you have any ideas or would like to help to organize the competition, please let me know.

If you have any ideas or comments on the above, please speak to me at a meeting, e-mail me at irwin.49@osu.edu, or call me at 457-2487.

Supplies

Here is the list of the remaining homebrew supplies that the club bought from McGee's. If you wish to purchase anything, contact Mark Irwin at irwin.49@osu.edu or 457-2487. I can either bring what you want to a meeting or we can make arrangements to meet elsewhere if you wish to get something before the next meeting

	Quantity	Description	Price
	12	1 lb bag Vienna (US) 4-6 Lov	\$0.75
	10	1 lb bag 6-row (US) 1.5-2.1 Lov	\$0.75
	10	1 lb bag Klages (US) 2 Lov	\$1.00
	3	1 lb bag Wheat Malt (Bel) 1.6-2 Lov	\$1.25
	1	1 lb bag Wheat Malt (US) 2 Lov	\$1.25
	5	1 lb bag Biscuit (Bel) 15.5 Lov	\$1.00
	6	1 lb bag Caramalt (UK) 25-35 Lov	\$1.25
	3	1 lb bag Chocolate (UK) 375-450 Lov	\$1.25
	3	1 lb bag Black Barley (UK) 550-60 Lov	\$1.25
	2	1 lb bag Black Patent (UK) 500-550 Lov	\$1.25
	4	1 lb bag Caravienne (Bel) 19-23 Lov	\$1.25
	13	lb bag Laaglander Plain DME (Dark)	\$7.50
	23	lb bag Laaglander Plain DME (Amber)	\$7.50
	21	lb bag Laaglander Plain DME (Dark)	\$3.00
	21	lb bag Laaglander Plain DME (Amber)	\$3.00
	33	lb bag M&F Plain DME (Dark)	\$7.00
	23	lb bag M&F Hopped DME (Dark)	\$7.75
	21	lb bag M&F Plain DME (Dark)	\$3.00
	31	lb bag M&F Hopped DME (Dark)	\$3.00
	11	lb bag M&F Plain DME (Amber)	\$3.00



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May 5
Annual Maibock Meeting at Hoster's

June 6
Club Brew

July
25 Annual Picnic
17 State Fair Competition

*Locations subject to change
with notice.*