



# The Grain Mill

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## *The President's Corner*

*by Bonni Katona*

It's time for March Madness! Some of the madness includes the elections, so don't forget to vote for Larry.

When I took office as president last April, my goals were to incorporate SODZ, have the members showcase their beer-making talents by entering more competitions, and work toward having SODZ members begin the Beer Judge Certification Program.

All in all, I'd say we did a pretty good job. SODZ became incorporated last month, and we're now in the process of applying for our tax-exempt status with the IRS.

Our members have made us proud! We received plenty of awards at the 1998 State Fair Homebrewed Beer competition, Beer & Sweat in Cincinnati, and other assorted competitions. Most recently, Ken Wagner received second-place honors in the Boston Homebrew Competition for his Robust Porter.

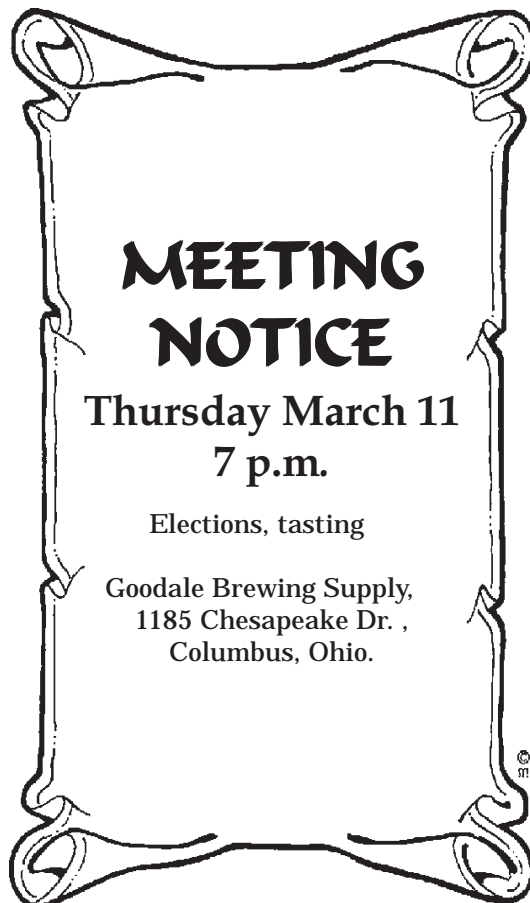
The only competition in which we have not had much participation is the AHA Club-Only Competition. This month we'll be judging Belgian Ales. Remember, the AHA Club-Only Competitions provide all of the members with opportunities to learn more about how beers are judged. Other than the night we judged Eric Drake's meads, we have not practiced our judging much in the past year. We all learn from the experience, so let's try to be more proactive about the club-only competitions in the next year.

We're not there yet with the BJCP. To my knowledge, we have no one in the club who is a certified beer judge. We have plenty of certifiable members, though. :)

I'd like to thank the 1998-99 officers and others for their efforts. We've had some great meetings and other events in the past year, thanks to the help of Mark Irwin, our program director. Mark Katona has streamlined our newsletter delivery system by converting the document to a PDF and emailing it to the members. Jim Leas has established a SODZ checking account, handled preparation of the IRS forms, and provided us with updates about our financial status. AJ Zanyk has prepared SODZ promo materials, kept our members informed about renewal dates, and provided newsletter mailing labels to Mark.

John Bohn has assumed duties as the SODZ Webmaster and keeps our site maintained. Bob Cotterman has been gracious in hosting our merry group at his shop each month and the summer campout at his farm.

All of the above, plus *moi*, are running for re-election, with the exception of AJ. Larry Pesyna is running for Membership Director. I'll be at the meeting this Thursday with shamrock cookies to buy my votes. Don't forget to vote for Larry!



**Visit the SODZ Web Site**

[www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html](http://www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html)

## SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at Goodale Brewing Supply, 1185 Chesapeake Dr., 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.

The club's Web side is located at [www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html](http://www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html).

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## SODZ @ Brazenhead

Cameron Begg

Early in February I had a chance meeting with a total stranger at the popular breakfast spot "First Watch". This stranger turned out to be a friend of the owner of "Oscar's" and "Tucci's" restaurants in Dublin (OH - you'll see in a moment why I made that clarification), who had just opened a pub in the center of Dublin OH. I learned enough about this pub to thoroughly whet my appetite for another kind of wet. So on Saturday 13th February, at my suggestion, a group\* of SODZ met at the "new" watering hole.

So why is the "new" in quotes? It's new right? Well .... sorta'. You see the building it occupies has been in Dublin OH for a long time. The shape and red siding of a large old house have been retained. So the inside's are new huh? Well ....no, not really. You see this is a real Irish bar. The present owner bought "The Brazenhead" pub in Dublin Ireland, and had it dismantled and shipped over to Dublin OH, where, with the assistance of a couple of Irish craftsmen brought over for the occasion, and about \$1.5M, it was all put back together in the old house.

What a beautiful job. It occupies three levels, with the big old mirrored bar and tiled floor dominating the ground level. Downstairs is a dark and musty hang-out for the cigar smoking bad boys, while up above is an airy space with good views, a smallish corner bar and a gallery overlooking the main bar downstairs. In attendance were John and Julie, Bonni and Mark, Mark (Irwin), A.J., Larry, Karen, Gavin and myself, all packed into the "snug", while upstairs our founding "father" Chip looked after his wife and family.

[A "snug" is a private - often almost hidden - room in a pub, and so is favoured by courting couples. This one was very authentic and like all the other spaces in the pub had an open fire. (Gas, but it looked OK.)] The thing that really gets me about this place is the attention to detail. It is hard to hold a pint (Imperial of course!) in your hand and believe you are in the middle of Ohio.

I am also reliably informed by some of the others present, plus the few snacks I grabbed, that the standard, and serving size, of the catering is good too.

Draught Guinness, Murphy's, Bass, Whitbread, Harp and Superbowl fluids. A large selection of imported bottled beer. I am told by the manager (Mike) that they sell more draught G. than any other pub in Ohio. The service was fast, polite and, with one small misunderstanding, correct.

So why don't I go and live there? Well it is expensive at \$4.25/pt for Guinness (= \$2.55 for 12oz.), but in those surroundings, worth every penny of my money. I'd love to be their brewer. Let's see now - Dublin Stout maybe? I wonder if that's been thought of?

\*What is the collective noun for a group of SODZ?: Sobriety (**hardly-ed**), school, wort, copper, mish-mash, hugget, pickle, fining, adjunct, quaffing, crawl, stagger, froth, bitterness, hopping? I think I like "bevvy" best!

# Vote for Larry!!!

(And Bonni, Jim, Mark I. & Mark K)

Yes gang, it's that time of year again, time to choose the group to lead you down the path (and hopefully not astray) for the next year. Come prepared to vote on Thursday. And.... For those of you who would like to be one of the board members, it's not too late, you can still get your name on the ballot at the meeting.

The ballot (as of now) is:

President	Bonni Katona
Membership Director	Larry Pesyna
Secretary	Mark Katona
Treasurer	Jim Leas
Program Director	Mark Irwin



Larry began his campaign tactics  
to get elected early... At the  
christmas party

Come early and vote often (especially for Larry)

## **Calendar of Events**

March 11	7 P.M.
SODZ Meeting	Officers
Election	
Vote for Larry	

April 8	7 P.M.
SODZ Meeting	

April 10	All Day
Beer & No Sweat	
SNOBs Pub Crawl	Cleveland

May 13	7 P.M.
SODZ Meeting	Hoster's

## **AHA Club-Only Competitions 1999**

**March**  
**Why don't we do it in the robe**  
**Belgian**  
**Category 2 - No lambics**

**May**  
**Bockanalia**  
**Category 12**

**August**  
**It's a mead, mead, mead, mead world**  
**Categories 25, 26, & 27**

**October**  
**Porter!**  
**Category 9**

**December**  
**Winter Warmers**  
**Category 10**



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## ***Mark Your Calendars***

***March 11***  
***Officer Elections***  
***Goodale Homebrewing***

***April 8***  
***Meeting at Goodale Homebrewing***

***May ????***  
***Annual Maibock Meeting at Hoster's***

***June***  
***Club Brew***

***July***  
***Annual Campout***  
***State Fair Competition***