



The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner

By Bonni Katona

Hi Everyone!

I've finally found the secret to getting high attendance at a meeting—just announce that officer nominations will take place. People literally come out of the woodwork to make sure they aren't nominated!

After first coming up with a slate of officers based on who was *not* there, we did nominate candidates from those actually present. The candidates are:

President—Mark Irwin
Vice President/Program Director—Jim Leas
Secretary/Newsletter Editor—Mark Richards
Treasurer—Eric Drake
Membership Director—Bonni Katona

The election is this coming Thursday night, March 9, at 7p.m. at Barley's Smokehouse. Unless anyone plans to wrestle the above candidates to the ground for their jobs, they will take office in April.

This is my swan song, as I'm turning over the gavel to Mark Irwin after serving for two years as your president. All in all, I'm happy with what SODZ has accomplished. My three goals were to incorporate SODZ, to see more entries from our very talented members in homebrew competitions, and to see some of our members become certified judges.

The club has been incorporated for a year, and our members have taken many honors at various competitions around the city and state. Even though we have no certified judges, more of our members are serving as judges at competitions.

I would like to thank all of the officers for their efforts. Mark Irwin has provided many interesting and varied meeting formats as Program Director. Jim Leas did a terrific job of setting up the club's books and preparing all the necessary forms for the IRS to establish our tax-exempt status. Larry provided the labels for the newsletters that are snail mailed to members who do not

have email. Mark Katona began emailing our newsletters, saving us a huge chunk of change in postage and duplicating costs.

The Katona family is now retiring from four years of producing newsletters. We look forward to seeing the creative work of Mark Richards. If his bottle labels are an example of what he can do, our future newsletters will be works of art!

The best part of SODZ is its members. We have an outstanding group of homebrewers, and they are some of the friendliest people I know. I raise my pint glass to all of you!

SODZ Meeting

Thursday
March 9, 7 p.m.
Barley's Smokehouse
1130 Dublin Road

Officer Elections

*Bring homebrew to share
(3-4 bottles)*

www.sodz.org

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at Barley's Smokehouse, 1130 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 Jim Leas, 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.

The club's Web site is located at www.sodz.org.

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ROAD TRIP

7th Annual Beer & No Sweat

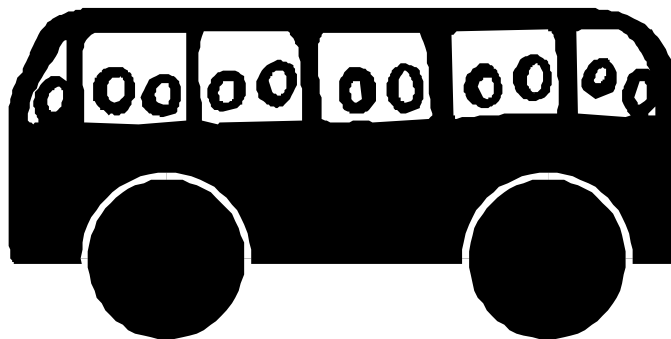
The Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers (SNOBs) will sponsor their annual brewpub crawl and homebrew fest on Saturday, April 1, 2000. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the Budget Inn at 14043 Brookpark Road in Cleveland. This is the same place as the past two years.

The itinerary for the pub crawl is as follows:

9:50 a.m. - Western Reserve Brewing
11:15 a.m. - Great Lakes Brewing
12:30 p.m. - Wallaby's Grille & Brewpub Downtown
2:35 p.m. - The Brew Keeper
4:15 p.m. - Rocky River Brewing

The nightly room rate is \$50 for singles and \$52 for doubles. Call (216) 267-2350, ask for Cheryl Berry, and request the SNOB rate before March 10. Seats on the bus cost \$15 and may be reserved through Treasurer Dan at nomad@en.com. He will let you know where to send payment, which is due by March 25.

The homebrew party will be held at the Budget Inn during the evening. There are always many great brews and door prizes.



Homebrew Homework 2000

By Mark Irwin

Due Thursday, May 11, 2000

Brew a Scottish Ale.

The following recipe should brew a beer with an original gravity of around 1.060, with 32.5 IBUs of bitterness, and a colour of 17L. The recipe has been set up to use the same flavour grains and hops regardless of whether you are doing an all-grain or an extract recipe. If you want to do a partial-mash recipe, you'll have to figure out the combination of grain and extract yourself.

Batch Size: 5 Gallons

Base malt: Pick one of (depending on whether you do all-grain or extract)

- 10.25 lbs Pale Ale Malt (this is assuming a mashing efficiency of 75%)
 or
- 6.25 lbs Light DME
 or
- 6.75 lbs Light LME

Flavour grains:

- 6 oz. Biscuit Malt
- 8 oz. Crystal 60L
- 2 oz. Roasted Barley

Hops:

- 9 HBU East Kent Goldings @ 60 Min
- 1.5 HBU East Kent Goldings @ 7 min

Yeast: Your choice of:

- 1084 (Irish)
- 1728 (Scottish)
- 1338 (European)
- A dry yeast





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March 9

*Regular Meeting—Officer Elections
Barley's Smokehouse*

Weekend of March 24

*Beer Camp, Drawbridge Inn—Kentucky
Real Ale Festival—Chicago*

April 1

*Beer & No Sweat
Budget Inn—Cleveland*

April 13

*Regular Meeting
Barley's Smokehouse*

July 15

*Ohio State Fair Competition Judging
Ohio Expo Center*

August 19

*Beer & Sweat
Howard Johnson's—Springdale*