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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bonni Katona

Hi Everyone,

We have a busy month ahead of us! As you know, our **2nd Annual British Beerfest** is Saturday, April 9, at Leatherlips Yacht Club. Frank Barickman and the committee have been busy locating sponsors, ordering prizes and gifts, and registering entries. Among other tasks, Mark Katona is still recruiting judges and stewards.

Our goal is to have a minimum of 100 beers for the competition, so we hope everyone has brewed something. I can tell you that Mark and I have probably brewed more beer in the past few months than we've done in the previous two years!

Remember that your beers must be pre-registered by Friday, March 25. If you are working at the competition, you may hand-carry in your entries; otherwise, they must be shipped to Eric Asebrook at Thirsty Dog in Dayton.

Our March 21 meeting will begin at 7 P.M. at the Old Bag of Nails at 63 Mill Street in Gahanna. We will meet in the private meeting room upstairs. As always, it's a good idea to arrive early to have dinner; however, you will still be served after 7:00 P.M. For directions, go to www.oldbagofnails.com and click on the Gahanna Pub link.

We have a few orders of business at this month's meeting. First, we will be electing our 2005 officers. The candidates are:

Rick DeShone	President
Frank Barickman	Vice Pres./Program Director
Bonni Katona	Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Mark Katona	Treasurer
Don Croucher	Membership Director

A number of memberships expire this month, so bring your checkbook to pay your \$15 dues in case you need to renew. If unsure, just check with [Frank Barickman](#). Your dues helps

to pay for the costs of our annual club brew, entrees at the club picnic and holiday party, and a first-class competition.

Our speaker on the 21st will be Mark Katona, who will review the new BJCP Guidelines and answer your questions about the changes. This is a very timely topic as you complete the pre-registration process for your competition entries.

In addition, Merri Rice from Barley's Smokehouse may be attending to tell us about the Mini Real Ale Fest to be held on Saturday, April 16, from 2-6 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 each, but the price is reduced to \$15 for groups of 15 or more. If you think you would like to attend this event, we could put together a group order. Some members have responded to my Yahoo Group post that they are interested.

SODZ is ten years old in April! To commemorate this milestone, we are planning to put in a T-shirt order so that we can wear our new shirts at the British Beerfest. Members were asked to submit T-shirt designs by March 16. Rick DeShone will post the designs on the SODZ web page, and members will vote for their favorite design. Mike Madden will arrange for the winning design to be silk screened onto the shirts. We will take orders at the March 21 SODZ meeting.

Since this is my last article as president, I thought it would be appropriate to write a "State of the Club Address" to reflect on the status of SODZ. (follows)

I look forward to seeing you at the Old Bag of Nails on the 21st!



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PRESIDENT'S 2005 STATE OF THE CLUB ADDRESS

By BONNI KATONA

Two years ago SODZ met monthly at the Shamrock Club, and only a handful of members attended meetings. Thus began a process of breathing new life into SODZ. We had a good blend of veterans on the new board (Mike Mirarchi, Mark Katona, and me) and some newcomers (Rick DeShone and Frank Barickman).

As program director, Rick planned an interesting variety of meeting topics and non-meeting activities (field trips, brew-offs, etc.). I don't think anyone will forget last year's Mystery Brew Challenge where we were given beer kits with German grains, and almost everyone showed up with London Ale Yeast to formulate a recipe and brew a beer!

Frank said he wanted to see the club run a competition, so he got the green light. A British Beerfest was always Mark Irwin's dream before he moved to Boston, so Frank dubbed the competition "The Irwin Memorial—No, He's not Dead." While we lost money for the first year, the competition was first-class, and people who came from out of town to judge/steward remarked that it was one of the best run competitions they'd ever participated in. That was all the encouragement Frank needed to take it on again this year. Now it's "The Irwin Memorial—Yes, He's Doing Fine."

It's difficult to find someone who is willing to take on the job of treasurer, but Mike stepped up and did an outstanding job. I felt badly for him when he expressed interest in continuing for another term, but our by-laws don't permit anyone to serve more than two consecutive terms in any office. I hope Mike is willing to run again next year. We also thank him for providing access to the Leatherlips Yacht Club

for club picnics, the BJCP exam, the September SODZ meeting, and our British Beerfest.

The secretary has a very labor-intensive job every month—producing a newsletter. Mark Katona was the person who streamlined our operation so that we began emailing the publication instead of sending it out by snail mail. After he was "termed out," Betty Fisher came on board and added a lot of her creativity to the publication.

Our membership has grown in the past two years. We were probably down to about a dozen members two years ago, but we have doubled that number and added one or two new members each month. We've managed to stay ahead of the occasional member who moves out of town.

So many members have contributed to the success of our organization. Doug Serhsen started our Yahoo Group, Don Croucher regularly contributes newsletter articles, Jay Wince pushed us to become more proactive in entering the AHA Club-Only Competitions, and Eric Asebrook hosted the BJCP classes and Hoppus Maximus Challenge. Mike Madden is helping us with our T-shirt order.

Herb Bresler and Wes Raynor have spoken at our meetings to offer their wisdom on brewing to get consistent results; they are definitely the experts! Brea Ludwigson (a mead expert) and Bob Klahn always delight us with their knowledge whenever they can make the drive from Yellow Springs.

Bill Cash, Mike Heilman, AJ Zanyk, Matt Paulson, and Dan Snyder brew a lot of great beer and have made impressive showings in competitions. Steve and Kris Huckaby are there

to lend a hand with any project and will tell you where to shop for some treasured beers. Ben Hansen and Betty Fisher have hosted a few club brews at their house and can be counted on to end any drought on brew day.

We look forward to learning from our newest members, Lee Hill, Kirk Gaston, Brian Seevers, and Kyle Strahler. Have I left out anyone?

One of the challenges the SODZ president has historically faced is the loss of a meeting location. Late last spring we lost the Shamrock Club. In lieu of a regular meeting place, we have been to a different location every month and enjoyed the experience.

We have forged new relationships with a number of Central Ohio pubs. These are establishments that our members have frequented on an individual basis, but now we have been able to meet there as a group. This has broadened the horizons of members who were familiar with a small handful of pubs close

to their homes and now are aware of others around the city.

During the past year we've met at Gordon Biersch, Winking Lizard, Brews Café in Granville, and the Bogey Inn. Next up is the Old Bag of Nails. The goodwill we have established is starting to pay off in the form of sponsorships and raffle prizes for our competition.

Woody Hayes said, "You win with people." I believe SODZ has the best group of people! For the past two years, the board has worked very well together. Our members take the initiative to make suggestions and follow through on ideas.

I would like to personally thank the board for making my job as president easy. We communicated frequently and operated like a well-oiled machine. During the ten years the club has been around, Mark and I have made a number of lasting friendships, and we look forward to your continued fellowship.



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HOSTER'S BEER RETURNS

By BONNI KATONA

On Monday, February 28, I was at the Columbus Convention Center to observe our Food Management students participate in the ProStart culinary competition sponsored by the Ohio Restaurant Association. These are some of the same students who catered our lunch at last year's British Beerfest.

Imagine my surprise when I got to the site and found that the competition was actually part of the North America Pizza and Ice Cream Show! I thought I'd died and gone to Heaven.

There were food and beverage samples everywhere, and if you went home hungry, you

could only blame yourself. I cruised down all of the aisles, checking out what each exhibitor had to offer and sampling their wares—pizza, ice cream, cannolis, frozen non-alcoholic beverages, etc.

Then I found them—Hoster Brewing Co.! That's when I first ran into Dan Meyer (President), Angie Tope (Business Manager), and Jack Linscott (Sales Representative). I had previously met Dan at the Winking Lizard dinner that featured Garrett Oliver. He introduced me to his staff.

Dan offered to pour a Gold Top for me, but I was still on the school clock, so I had to pass. Then they offered a Frostop Root Beer. It was delicious and brought back childhood memories of sipping on a cold root beer! They said I could buy Frostop at The Andersons General Store. I still wanted to sample the Gold Top, so I promised to return later in the afternoon when the competition ended.

Our students performed well in the competition. The senior class took third place in the state, and each won a \$1,000 scholarship to the Culinary Institute of America. The junior class came in a respectable fourth place. This was the first time in three years of the competition that Lorain County JVS did not sweep the entire competition. I was very proud of our teams.

After congratulating and photographing the winning team, it was time for a beer. The people at Hoster Brewing were waiting for me. They eagerly poured a beer and invited me to have a seat at the pub table. There I was joined by two men from Shade on the Canal, a casual family restaurant in Canal Winchester. My fellow beer enthusiasts were Greg Powers (General Manager) and Ralph Lusher.



From Left: Ralph Lusher (Shade on the Canal); Dan Meyer (Hoster); Jack Linscott (Hoster); Angela Tope (Hoster); and Greg Powers (Shade on the Canal)

Dan sat with us, and I had a chance to ask about Gold Top. He said that Victor Ecimovich is brewing it in Toledo. He's been training the Hoster Brewing staff there how to make Gold Top Victor's way. It must be working, because the beer is selling well.

While enjoying my glass of Gold Top, I lamented the fact that we'd missed drinking Hoster beer since the local brew pub closed and asked about future plans. Dan said that there are no plans to open a brew pub here again, but they want to have a presence in our local pubs.

That prompted me to ask if other Hoster favorites might show up on some taps soon. I was hoping he would tell me we'd enjoy some Reverend Purley Pale Ale or some 80-Shilling Scottish Ale. Sadly, there are no plans for those beers.

He said that Victor has expressed an interest in eventually bringing back his Captivator Doppelbock. That brightened the picture! I fondly remembered the Captivator parties from years ago when there was a lot of fanfare surrounding the annual tapping of the Captivator.

Greg and Ralph listened intently to our discussion of Hoster Beer then and now. They opened the Shade on the Canal about a year ago and invited me to visit soon. They are located at 19 South High Street in Canal Winchester. You can read more about the restaurant by following this link: <http://www.cwda.net/HOOV/May2004.htm>. Scroll down to Shade on the Canal.

While I was there, Greg and Ralph locked in a date with the Hoster Brewing staff for a Hoster party during the evening of Thursday, March 31. This sounds like a great opportunity to get to know Shade on the Canal and drink some Hoster Gold Top.

Gold Top began its debut in Columbus recently at both Barley's locations. Look for them at the Winking Lizard. They plan to be involved with the opening of the new Winking Lizard at their new Bethel-Godown location this July.

Before I left (teardown of the trade show was in progress), both Hoster Brewing and Shade on the Canal offered to help sponsor our British Beerfest. Let's show our appreciation and support by patronizing these businesses!





SODZ 2nd Annual British Beer Fest Competition

aka: The Irwin Memorial (yes, he's doing fine)

Location:

Leatherlips Yacht Club

9230 Shawnee Trail

Powell, OH 43065

10 A.M. Saturday, April 9, 2005

Scope: This competition is limited to the traditional British BJCP styles including Mead and Cider.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all non-commercial, home-produced beers and meads. Enter as many categories and as often as you wish. Competition organizers, sponsors, judges, and stewards may enter the competition but may not judge or steward any category that they are entered in.

Categories: The SODZ British BeerFest will accept entries from the following categories as defined by the [2004 BJCP Style Guidelines](#):

8.	English Pale Ale (all subcategories)
9.	Scottish and Irish Ales (all subcategories)
11	English Brown Ale (all subcategories)
12.	Porter (all subcategories)
13.	Stout (all subcategories except 13E. American Stout)
14.	India Pale Ale (14A English IPA only)
19.	Strong Ale (19A. Old Ale and 19B. English Barley Wine only)
24.	Traditional Mead
25.	Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26.	Other Mead
27.	Standard Cider and Perry (all subcategories except 27C. French)
28.	Specialty Cider and Perry (all subcategories except 28A. New England)

All entries must indicate both a category number and a sub-category letter in addition to a written description of the style. All entries will be judged according to the appropriate sub-category style guidelines. However, categories may be combined with related categories for the purpose of awarding prizes. Multiple entries per style are allowed.

Entry Fees: \$6 for first entry, \$4 per additional entry.

Registration: All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, March 25, 2005. Pre-register online at www.sodz.org. Please print out the completed entry sheet, fold so your name appears on the front, and attach it to the beer bottles with a rubber band. Include entry fee (fold within label if you like). Flights will be fixed prior to event, so no late entries will be accepted. Two bottles per entry are required; bottles from 10 to 24 oz. may be used (judges will be served beer in the pitcher). Promash competition forms will also be accepted.

Mailing Instructions: Entries are due between the dates of 3/21/05 – 4/1/05, unless they are pre-registered and hand carried by a judge and/or a steward. Please ship entries to:

Thirsty Dog Brewing Company
C/O Eric Asebrook / SODZ Competition Entry
45 W. Alex-Bell Road
Centerville, Ohio 45459

Call for Judges and Stewards: Judges/Stewards are invited and encouraged (OK begged) to join us. The competition is BJCP-sanctioned, and BJCP points will be awarded. Please send an e-mail to Mark Katona mkatona@columbus.rr.com to sign up.

Awards: Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place for each category (to be determined based on the numbers of entries in each style, etc.). In addition, there will individual awards given to the "Best British Beer" (BOS). Meads and Ciders will be not be eligible for "Best British Beer", however a separate award will be designated for the best Mead and/or Cider. "Best British Beer" will be awarded a traditional English "Yard Glass." Flight winners will win a smaller "yard-style glass," and second and third place will be awarded ribbons.

Additional Information: For more information, please feel free to contact Frank Barickman by email: fbarickm@columbus.rr.com or by phone (614) 354-8750.

Location Directions: See the Leatherlips Yacht Club website www.leatherlips.com.



NEARBY HOMEBREW NEWS & EVENTS

BLOATS * Bloatarian Brewing League

hbd.org/bloat/

Next Club Meeting: Friday, March 18, Listermann's "March Beer Madness"

CMI * The Cincinnati Malt Infusers

www.maltinfusers.org

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, April 14@ Listermann's Brewing Supply

DRAFT * Dayton Regional Amateur Fermentation Technologists

hdb.org/draft/

Next Club Meeting: Friday, April 8 at The Knights of Columbus, Dayton, OH

FOSSILS * Fermentors of Special Southern Indiana Libations Society

www.fossils.org

Travel 2005: Beer Highlights of Belgium and the Netherlands, and the Hop Festival in Poperinge (tentatively Sept. 12 - 24, 2005). Contact Roger at potable@fossils.org if you are interested.

LAGERS * Louisville Area Grain and Extract Research Society

www.lagersclub.com

Next Club Meeting: Monday, March 21 at Spring St Meeting House

RT82 HBA * Route 82 Homebrewers Association

www.leeners.com/rt82hba.html

Next Club Meeting: in Northfield, OH
April 30th Cleveland Ale Fest

SAAZ * Society of Akron Area Zymurgists

hbd.org/saaz/

Next Club Meeting: at Grape and Granary, Akron, OH
First Round East Region National Homebrew Competition entries due April 7
(co-hosted with SNOBS) see AHA website for entry details <http://www.beertown.org>

SH!T * Salacious Homebrewers in Toledo

www.geocities.com/salacioushomebrew/

SNOBS * Society of Northeast Ohio Brewers

babstech.com/snob

Next Club Meeting: Monday, April 4 at Great Lakes Brewing Company: Baltic Porter Beer and No Sweat, Saturday, April 2: pub crawl & homebrew festival – keg-only competition
First Round East Region National Homebrew Competition entries due April 7
(co-hosted with SAAZ) see AHA website for entry details <http://www.beertown.org>

TRASH * Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers

trashhomebrewers.org

Next Club Meeting: Sunday, March 20 at Mad Mex, Robinson Township, PA
TRASH XV Homebrew Competition, Date TBA, Pittsburgh, PA



AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITIONS

Start brewing now for the AHA Club-Only Competitions! We will judge members' entries at the meeting closest to the entry due date to select the club's entry. All competitions follow the new BJCP 2004 Style Guidelines available at www.bjcp.org.

<u>Competition Month</u>	<u>Style (BJCP #)</u>	<u>Entry Due Date</u>	<u>Judging Date</u>
• March/April	Sour Beers (17) "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lambic"	March 28-April 12	April 17
• May	Extract Beers (1-23) *Extracts must make up more than 50% of fermentables.	April 4-26	May 7
• August	Belgian & French Ales (16)	August 8-16	August 21
• September / October	European Amber Lager (3) *Hosted by SAAZ of Akron	TBA	TBA
• November / December	Baltic Porter (12C)	October 21	November 5

For more details, see <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>.



AHA LALLEMAND SCHOLARSHIP FOR SIEBEL INSTITUTE'S 2-WEEK BREWING COURSE

***Lallemand**, the makers of **Danstar** dry yeast and **Servomyces** yeast nutrient, is once again proud to sponsor the Sixth Annual Lallemand Scholarship for the Siebel Institute's two week concise course.*

The famous two-week [WBA Concise Course](#) in Brewing Technology will provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the brewing process, the dynamics of brewery operations, and socioeconomic issues affecting the industry.

This two-week course (valued at \$ 2,900) is provided at the [Siebel Institute of Technology](#) campus in Chicago, America's oldest and most recognized brewing school. The winner also receives \$1,000 towards any expenses while in Chicago, one of America's most exciting and vibrant cities.

AHA members may enter the contest by filling out the online form before June 16, 2005:
<http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/scholarship.html>

The winner must have a current AHA membership at the time of the drawing to be eligible.

The drawing for the Lallemand Scholarship will take place at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference in Baltimore, MD during the Grand Banquet on June 18, 2005.



2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

● March 12	Gravity Head @ Rich O's Public House, New Albany, IN
● March 25	Pre-Registration Deadline for SODZ British BeerFest
● March 21 - April 1	Shipped Entry Deadline for SODZ British BeerFest
● March 21	SODZ Meeting @ Old Bag of Nails in Gahanna (7:00 PM)
● March 31	Hoster's Party at Shade on the Canal (7:00 PM)
● April	SODZ 10th Anniversary
● April TBA	TRASH XV Competition, Pittsburgh, PA
● April 2	Beer & No Sweat, Brookpark, OH – hosted by SNOBS
● April 4-15	AHA National Homebrew Competition Entries Due
● April 4-26	AHA Club-Only Competition: Extract Beers – Entries Due
● April 5-7	Siebel Institute: Master of Beer Styles Program
● April 9	SODZ 2nd Annual British Beer-Fest Competition @ Leatherlips Yacht Club (10:00 AM)
● April 16	Mini Real Ale Fest, Barley's Smokehouse (2:00-6:00 PM)
● April 18	SODZ Meeting, Location TBA
● April 22 - May 1	AHA National Homebrew Competition - 1 st Round Judging
● April 22-23	AHA Regional Judging @ J.W. Dover in Westlake, OH
● April 30	Cleveland Ale Festival
● May TBA	SODZ Meeting, Location TBD
● May 7	AHA National Homebrew Day
● June 16-18	AHA National Homebrew Conference, Baltimore
● July TBA	SODZ Club Brew
● July	AHA American Beer Month
● July 16	Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition
● August TBA	SODZ Club Picnic
● August 6	AHA Mead Day
● August 20	Beer & Sweat, Cincinnati, OH – hosted by BLOATS
● August 26	Winking Lizard Beer Dinner at the Columbus Zoo
● September TBA	SODZ Meeting
● Sept 29- Oct 1	Great American Beer Festival, Denver, CO
● October TBA	SODZ Meeting
● November TBA	SODZ Meeting
● November 5	AHA Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day
● December TBA	SODZ Holiday Party

Looking for more competitions? Check out these links:

www.bjcp.org
www.beertown.org
www.brew-monkey.com
www.creamycitysuds.com



SODZ March Meeting

Featuring:

Mark Katona - "Reviewing the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines"

Also:

2005 Officer Elections

Nominated Slate of Officers

President:	Rick DeShone
V Pres/Program Director:	Frank Barickman
Secretary/Newsletter Editor:	Bonni Katona
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British Beer Fest II Details & Prep

Monday, March 21, 2004, 7:00 PM

Old Bag of Nails

Address: 63 Mill Street, Gahanna, OH

www.oldbagofnails.com

Arrive early (6:00 – 6:30 P.M.) for dinner, meet upstairs at 7:00 P.M.
Please RSVP for dinner/meeting to [Bonni Katona](#) so we can give the staff ample notice.

Note: We will not be sampling homebrew at this meeting.

ABOUT SODZ

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meet the third Monday of each month – location changes. Meetings, club events and outings are announced at our monthly meetings, in this monthly newsletter – ***The Grain Mill***, via e-mail, and on the SODZ website. Additionally, a YAHOO group was recently started to facilitate communication between club members.

Send an e-mail to [subscribe](#) to the [YAHOO discussion group](#).

If you would like to be added to the SODZ mailing list, please send your contact information to our [Membership Director](#).

Membership dues are \$15 per year and renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ.

Articles submitted for the newsletter should be received no later than the end of the month prior to issue and may be submitted by e-mail, to the [Newsletter Editor](#).

Information for www.sodz.org can be e-mailed to our [Webmaster](#).

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