



The Grain Mill

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY RICK DeSHONE

The 4th Annual British Beer Fest is officially in the bag. The turnout from SODZ members to help out at the competition was once again very impressive. We had lots of help on judging table setup, check in, cellar masters, raffle setup, stewarding, judging, and clean-up after the event. Of course, special thanks once again to Frank Barickman, Mark Katona, and Bob Breckler for being competition director, judging coordinator, and sponsor coordinator.

Kudos once again to Winking Lizard for the venue and for the great lunch. If any members find themselves over at one of the WL's and see Melissa Murphy, thank her again for the support. All of our sponsors will be listed in *The Grain Mill* for the next year, so let them know we appreciate it if you have the chance.

I'll leave the thunder to Frank as far as the results, but it was good to hear SODZ called out the number of times it was. In addition to the competition awards, we took the opportunity to give Mark and Bonni Katona a Distinguished Service Award. They have been active members since the third meeting of SODZ and have held every position in the organization. We thank both of them for all they've done, but like Mark Irwin, they're not dead yet. We have a few more years before they retire and head South, and I'm sure both will remain familiar faces.

This month we will elect the officers for the coming year. I'm sure Bonni will have the nominees listed for each position. I've enjoyed being the president for the past two years, but also look forward to handing off that role. As most of you already know, we will be turning over all of our executive positions in the club this year. It is great to see multiple nominees for all the positions (accept two, but there is still time for a popular write-in to appear). There was a time not too far back where the only way we could field a full slate was dig out old pictures of club events and resort to extortion.

Now that we are past the BBF, it is time we turn our attention to brewing the Kentucky Common for our bourbon barrel beer. We will also need to start thinking about the AHA regionals in Westlake and the NHC finals in Denver. Last year the region exploded with number of entries; and if this year is the same, any able-bodied judges and stewards who can make it up to Westlake to help out will be appreciated.

With all the other things going on, we haven't gotten to several activities that are a traditional part of our spring/early summer. AHA Big Brew day is set for Saturday May 5. This is an event where clubs across the country brew one of a couple of beer recipes, publish the sites where they will be brewing, and use the event to celebrate and promote our homebrewing hobby. This year's recipes are not posted yet, but we can start to arrange club activities for the date.

In addition to Big Brew, we have a tradition of brewing a club beer to serve at our annual picnic in July. Last year we combined the club brew, with Big Brew and the Iron Kettle. Depending on the Big Brew recipes, perhaps we can combine our club brew and Big Brew again this year. Since I brought it up, I would also like to have the Iron Kettle Challenge once again this year in a May or June time-frame. I need to maneuver around a couple of trips I have planned this year, but I'm sure I can make it happen.

SODZ MEETING

Monday, March 19

Dinner at 6 PM; Meeting at 7PM

**Winking Lizard
Crosswoods Location**

Officer Elections

SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the third Monday of the month at various locations in Central Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Membership dues are \$15 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to:

Mark Katona, Treasurer
2574 Zebec Street
Powell, OH 43065

Members receive *The Grain Mill*, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter should be received no later than 10 days prior to the next meeting date. Articles should be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MS Word, and graphics in .jpg format to bkatona@columbus.rr.com.

Current SODZ officers are:

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SODZ Web Site

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 14, 2007

Beginning Balance on 12-31-06	\$2,207.32
Add: Membership Deposits	\$150.00
Subtotal	<u>\$2,357.32</u>
Deduct: Expenses	\$349.25
Ending Balance on 3-14-07	<u>\$2,008.07</u>

Submitted By:

Mark Katona, Treasurer

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following SODZ members have been nominated to serve as your 2007 Board of Trustees/Officers.

President:	Frank Barickman Jay Wince
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Vice President:	Chris Alltmont Steve Huckaby
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Secretary:	Rick DeShone
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Treasurer:	Kristen Huckaby
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Membership Director:	Jeff Hornberger Bonni Katona
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Voting will be by secret ballot at the March meeting.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER BREW

By BONNI KATONA

It's time to start planning an annual Katona tradition—the Easter Brew. Anyone interested in brewing that day may set up in our garage beginning at 10am on April 8. Some of our regulars brew solo, while others like to brew in pairs and make a 10-gallon batch.

Brewers come with any range of brewing experience from novice extract to experienced all-grain brewer. Some of the recent posts to the Yahoo Group have come from people interested in learning about how to do all-grain brewing, so this is a good opportunity to learn. Last year Bob Breckler came with his two young assistants and made some really awesome root beer. We also welcome lurkers—people who don't want to brew but just want to hang out and drink good beer.

Here's a little bit of history about the Easter Brew. We began the tradition in 1997, so this is the 11th Annual Easter Brew. Once or twice we opted to hold the brew on a different date if Easter came early, as it would have been really cold in our garage. In fact, we went to Florida one year for an Easter in March and postponed the brew until Derby Day. Most years we brew right on Easter Sunday.

The first year we held the Easter Brew, Mark Katona and Mark Irwin brewed their first all-grain batch—a Belgian ale—on our deck under the careful snoopervision of AJ Zanyk. It was a pretty overcast day, and their cauldron (er, brewpot) looked intriguing to one of our neighbors.

The phone rang, and the neighbor remarked about how she keeps seeing Mark (husband) going in and out of the house and occasionally stirring or checking on something in a large pot over a flame. She asked, "What's Mark making?" I didn't give it much thought when I said, "Oh, he's making beer."

There was a very pregnant pause followed by "Oh." Obviously this wasn't the answer she was expecting. That's when I realized that I'd just told a Mormon that we were spending Easter Sunday making beer. The neighbor and I are still on speaking terms, but she never inquires about our Easter Sunday activities anymore.

Sometimes we dub the day the Orphan Homebrewers Event, as most of the people who come over do not have family in town and enjoy spending the holiday with friends brewing beer and eating a very nice potluck dinner. Families are welcome, so bring the kids! We have coloring books, board games, jigsaw puzzles, and Disney videos. We live near the zoo, so you can take the kids there for a little while, too. The new Asian exhibit is very impressive.

Please email me at bkatona@columbus.rr.com and let me know if you will be coming this year. We'd like to know what you're brewing or if you are just hanging out. We will provide the meat entrees. Let us know what you will bring for the potluck besides beer, of course.

Hope to see you that day!

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SODZ 4th Annual BBF Results (N=116)

Ordinary and Standard Bitters

8 B Rick Frankhauser
9 D Mike Heilman
8 B Tim Esson

N=7

English pale Ale 1
Scooter's Irish Setter Red 2
Brighton Bitter 3

Scottish Ale

9 A Frank Barickman
9 B Tim Esson
9 B Frank Barickman

N=13

Scottish 60/- 1
Pico 70/- 2
Lucci 70/- 3

Barley Wine and Wee Heavy

19 B Gordon Strong
19 B Chuck Bernard
19 B Jay Wince

N=7

English Barley Wine 1
Untitled 2
Tres Borrachos Barleywine 3

Brown Ale

11 C Rick Frankhauser
11 A Jay Wince
11 A Dan George

N=11

Nut Brown 1
You Drive Me Mild 2
Thomas Toes Mild 3

Porters

12 A Frank Barickman
12 C Gordon Strong
12 B Frank Barickman

N=11

Brown Porter 1
Baltic Porter 2
Chocolate Porter 3

Stouts

13 D Jay Wince
13 C Tim Esson
13 D Tim Esson

N=11

Old Motor Oil 1
Ipswich Oatmeal Stout 2
Chocolate Stout 3

English IPA

14 A Frank Barickman
14 A Gordon Strong
14 A Frank Barickman

N=10

PartyGyle IPA 1
English IPA 2
English IPA #2 3

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SODZ 4th Annual BBF Results (N=116)

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ESB

8 C Frank Barickman
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8 C Rick Deshone

N=9

PartyGyle ESB 1
Son of ESB 2
PartyGyle ESB 3

Old Ales and Russian Imp. Stout

13 F Gordon Strong
19 A Matt Crill
13 F Frank Barickman

N=9

Imperial Stout 1
Old Ale 2
Russian Imperial 3

Mead

24 B Rick Deshone
26 C Gordon Strong
26 C Eric Asebrook

N=18

Seven Dwarf's Mead 1
Open Category Mead 2
Oak Aged Strawberry Melomel 3

Cider

27 B Gary Awdey
27 D Gary Awdey
28 B Gary Awdey

N=6

English Cider 1
Six Pear Perry 2
Cider W/ Tart Cherry 3

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As St. Paddy's Day approaches, the below information is vital:

BEER TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Feet cold and wet	Glass Being held at incorrect angle.	Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling
Feet warm and wet	Improper Bladder Control	Stand next to nearest dog, complain about lack of house training
Beer unusually pale and tasteless	a. Glass empty. b. You're holding a Coors Lite	Get someone to buy you another beer
Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights	You have fallen over backward.	Have yourself leashed to bar
Mouth contains cigarette butts, back of head covered with ashes	You have fallen forward	See above
Beer tasteless, front of your shirt is wet	a. Mouth not open b. Glass applied to wrong part of face	Retire to restroom, practice in mirror
Floor Blurred	You are looking through bottom of empty glass	Get someone to buy you another beer
Floor moving	You are being carried out	Find out if you are being taken to another bar
Room seems unusually dark	Bar has closed	Confirm home address with bartender. If staff is gone, grab a six-pack to go and hit the nearest fire escape door. Run
Taxi suddenly takes on colorful aspect and textures	Beer consumption has exceeded personal limitations	Cover mouth, open window, stick head outside
Everyone looks up to you and smiles	You are dancing on the table	Fall on someone cushy-looking

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Beer is crystal-clear	It's water! Somebody is trying to sober you up	Punch him
People are standing around urinals, talking or putting on makeup	You're in the ladies' room	Do not use urinal! Excuse yourself, exit and try the next door down the hall. Try to get phone numbers (optional)
Hands hurt, nose hurts, mind unusually clear	You have been in a fight	Apologize to everyone you see, just in case it was them
Don't recognize anyone, don't recognize the room you're in	You've wandered into the wrong party	See if they have free beer
Your bedroom is painted gray, has a concrete floor and an interesting steel door. Toilet may be conveniently located next to your bunk	a. You're in jail b. You're in the Navy	Sleep it off, you can always get out tomorrow. Don't talk to your new roommate, and under no circumstances sleep on your stomach
You are dancing to a Village People song, and your partner is wearing leather chaps	You're in a gay bar	Keeping your back to the wall, edge toward nearest exit. Do not accept offers for backrubs
Your singing sounds distorted	The beer is too weak	Have more beer until your voice improves
Don't remember the words to the song	Beer is just right	Play air guitar

UPCOMING AHA CLUB-ONLY COMPETITION SCHEDULE

COC Category	SODZ Judging	AHA Due Date
Scottish Ales	March/April 2007	3/24/07
Extract Beers	May 2007	5/04/07
Strong Ales	August 2007	TBA
Bocks	Sept./Oct. 2007	TBA
Pilseners	Nov./Dec. 2007	TBA
Dark Lagers	Jan./Feb. 2008	TBA
Perfect Porter Challenge	March/April 2008	TBA
Extract Beers	May 2008	TBA
Mead	August 2008	TBA
Imperial Anything	Sept./Oct. 2008	TBA



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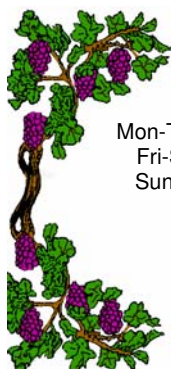
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these meetings and future beer events!

- Mar. 17 BJCP Class #8, 9-11:30AM – Brewing Procedures – Stouts / Porters
- Mar. 19 SODZ Meeting, 7PM, Winking Lizard Crosswoods – Officer Elections
- Mar. 24 BJCP Class #9, 9-11:30AM – Exam Review – Style TBD
- Mar. 31 BJCP Exam, 9AM-Noon – Springfield Polo Club, Springfield, Ohio
- April 2-13 NHC Eastern Regionals Entries Due
- Apr. 8 Easter Brew – Mark & Bonni Katona's House
- April 20-21 NHC Eastern Regionals Judging, WC Dover, Westlake, Ohio
- Apr. 16 SODZ Meeting, 7PM, Mulholland Brewing Co. (New Officers Installed)
- May 21 SODZ Meeting, 7PM, Leatherlips Yacht Club – Mead
- June 20 Ohio State Fair Competition Entry Forms & Fees Due
- June 21-23 National Homebrew Conference, Denver
- July 21 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition, Fairgrounds
- July 22 SODZ Picnic, Leatherlips Yacht Club



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