



The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner

by Bonni Katona

Hi Everyone!

Last month we had a great meeting at the Columbus Brewing Co. Special thanks go to Ben Pridgeon for allowing us to meet there and for providing a keg of stout for our enjoyment and consumption. Ben explained that the Columbus Brewing Co. is an ale house—no lagers are brewed there.

This month we're meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at Hoster's. This is a departure from our traditional meeting day, and we'll be celebrating "Cinco de Maibock." Victor's maibock has been a favorite tradition of SODZ for the past couple of years, and I'm certainly not one to break tradition. If you plan to have dinner, arrive a little earlier so we can begin the meeting on time.

In addition to the maibock, we'll also be sampling the Homework Homebrew. We'll change the format a bit to keep the meeting moving along. *Please bring a hard copy of your recipe to display with your container of Homework Homebrew.* Rather than have 16+ presentations that begin with, "This is my Homework Homebrew, and I yadda, yadda, yadda," we'll let everyone sample the brews and make some comments to the brewers. After we've had a chance to do some sampling, we may generate a discussion about the experience. Any other homebrews

should be held back until after we've completed the Homework Homebrew portion of the program.

The club All-Grain Brew will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the home of Larry and Molly Pesyna. (I hope Larry has told Molly by now.) At last month's meeting the members expressed an interest in deviating from our usual pale ale. It has been proposed that we brew two beers. Suggestions included a nut brown ale and a Bavarian wheat beer. If you have a recipe that you'd like us to consider for the club brew, bring it along! We'll finalize plans at the meeting so we can go shopping for ingredients and determine what equipment is needed.

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MEETING NOTICE

*Tuesday
May 5
7 p.m.*

*Hoster's in the
Brewery District*

Bring Homework Homebrew
for Everyone to Sample
(3-4 bottles or
half-gallon jug suggested.)

Visit the SODZ Web Site

www.iwaynet.net/~zaphod/sodz/sodzhome.html

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We'll be drinking the club brew at the SODZ Picnic and Campout to be held the weekend of July 11-12 at Bob Cotterman's farm. We had a great time there last year and hope to have an encore performance this time with more campers spending the night. Well, some of the encore we can do without. For example, we'd like to keep Larry from hurting his knee again and also to keep Mark Irwin at least 35 feet away from the fire pit.

Come on down to Cinco de Maibock

PLEASE PUT BACK THOSE PANTYHOSE !

Tom Jones

In the Brew Your Own magazine (www.byo.com) May issue, 1998 they have a panty hose advisory which I thought you all might want to know about.

The article says to boil your (or yours) never-before- worn pantyhose at least two times to get rid of the ink or dye used in manufacturing the nylons to prevent a horrific brew.



By Mark Katona

Pictures by Bonni Katona

This brewpub was worth the trip to Sanibel Island, Florida, by itself! The brewpub is brand new, less than a year old, but already has a proven reputation for brewing great beer. The brewmaster is Jonathan Reeves, and he won two



Head BrewMaster Jonathon Reeves holds a glass of his award winning Hammerhead Stout.

awards at the 1997 Great American Beer Festival, a gold and a bronze. The amazing thing about this is the fact that the brewery was only open for five months at that time.

The waiter was very helpful, inquiring if we needed to know anything about the beers. When we informed him that we were homebrewers, he was very excited and went to get the Brewmaster so that we could meet him. The beer is very good, but more about that later. The food is excellent and not overpriced on this resort isle (a fact we were very pleased about). We started off with the 99-cent shrimp cocktail (yes 99 cents), and proceeded onward from there. Bonni had the Broasted Chicken, and I had the Chef's Salad, a very good lunch. The whole staff is top notch and was very helpful, from the manager to the wait staff, making it an enjoyable experience.

with black currants, giving it a very delicate berry flavor and aroma, ABV 4%. The scotch ale is brewed in the "80 schilling" style, and it is definately a winner. It is a dark reddish beer that tasted like it could have come from one of the famous Scottish breweries, ABV 6%.

They also produce a **Pelican Light Beer** (that's light, not lite) that we didn't try; that is for first-time craft-brew patrons, ABV 4%, and **Tarpon Ale**, which is a British Pale Ale, spiced with Fuggles, ABV 5%. For the children or nondrinkers, (even for the beer drinkers), Johnathan produces a very good **Manatee Root Beer**; it was one of Bonni's favorites.

If you happen to go to the environs of Ft. Myers, Florida, this is a great place to detour to; heck, it's even a great destination. We will be returning in the future, I'm not sure when, but until then, Johnathan, is it possible to get a care package?



From there, we ordered the sampler of 5 beers: **Hammerhead Stout** (gold medal), the **Palmetto Honey Ale** (bronze medal), **Jolly Roger IPA**, **Beach Berry Ale**, and the **Scotch Bonnet Ale**. The Stout was roasty, with chocolate and licorice flavors very evident, ABV 5.5%. The honey ale was very good, the honey flavor was quite evident, giving this a full, rounded flavor, ABV 4.35%. The IPA was hoppy, but not too much so; it is boiled, steeped, hopbacked and dry hopped with 16 pounds of Kent Goldings hops, ABV 6%. Very Good! The berry ale was blended

Calendar of Events Regional Competitions and Events

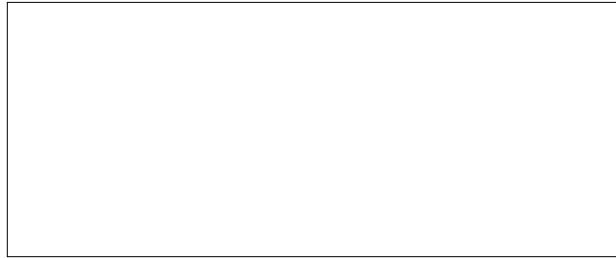
Here is a list of upcoming events within a 5-6 hour drive from Columbus (ROAD TRIP!!!!). This list contains all competitions in the region that we know of. If you know of some others, please let us know.

May 4 - 15. Entries due for the AHA National Homebrew Competition. First Round.

June 13. Champaign, Il. 4th annual Boneyard Brewoff. AHA SCP. Contact Joel Plutchak at (217) 359-4931 or plutchak@uiuc.edu. Entries due June 8. \$5 entry fee.

July 18. Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State Fair Homebrewed Beer Competition. AHA SCP. Contact Brett Chance at (614) 644-4126. Entry form due June 20th.

August 15. *Beer and Sweat X. World's largest all keg homebrew competition.* Contact Robert Pinkerton at (513)459-1046, robertp@cinti.net.



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Cleveland

May 5 (Tuesday) *SODZ Meeting*
Cinco de Maibock, Homework Homebrew
Hoster Brewing Co.

August 15 *Beer and Sweat*
Cincinnati

June 7 *All-Grain Brew*