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President's Corner

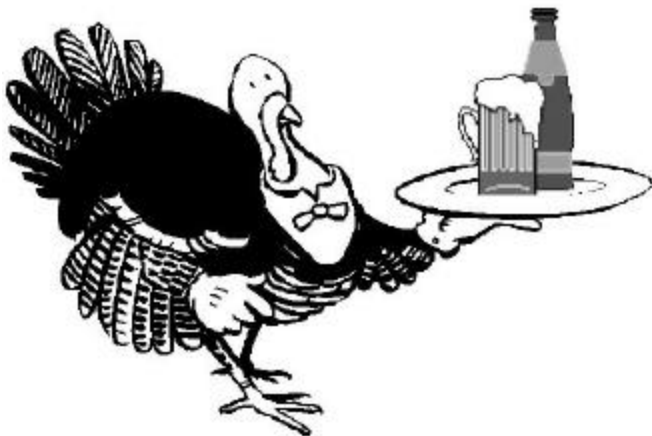
by Mark Irwin

The big thing last month was probably the Cincinnati Malt Infusers' Oktoberfest Zinzinnati competition. The club did extremely well, winning I believe 8 of the 18 flights, plus assorted second and third prizes as well. We probably should have done well since the club had the most entries, 45 out of around 150, which won the club a \$25 gift certificate to Hoster's. The second most entries came from the Net Hoppers from Texas with 32. I understand

that Dave Dixon, a member of the Net Hopper's wasn't pleased when he found out that we beat them in the number of entries at the last minute. I've heard rumours that they plan to go all out next year to make sure that they have the most entries. For those of you that haven't heard of Dave, he showed up from Texas last year at the competition with around 25 entries and ready to judge. He would have been there again this year, but it ends up the Dixie Cup happened to be the same week-

end. The Best of Show winner this year was Brian St. Clair from the Bloats with his Maibock. This is a beer I have to try sometime as he also got Best of Show at the State Fair and a gold medal at the AHA Nationals with this beer. He also won Best of Show at Zinzinnati last year with a magnificent Old Ale.

A couple of us got talking to Gordon Strong from DRAFT at Oktoberfest and he mentioned that he is considering putting together a beer judging class for early next year. What he is planning is a 10 week course which would take place on Saturday afternoons for two



Mark Your Calendar...

- NOV 9** SODZ Meeting 7:00 pm, Barley's Smokehouse
 - NOV 11** Slate Run Field Trip 2:00 pm, map inside
 - NOV 16** Barley's Christmas Ale Tapping
 - DEC 15** SODZ Annual Christmas Party
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SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of each month usually at Barley's Smokehouse, Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m..

Membership dues are \$20 per year and are renewable during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to:

Eric Drake (Treasurer)
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Members receive The Grain Mill, the club's monthly newsletter. Articles submitted for the newsletter and should be received no later than the end of the month prior to issue and may be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MSWord, to markrichards@columbus.rr.com or on disk in MSWord.

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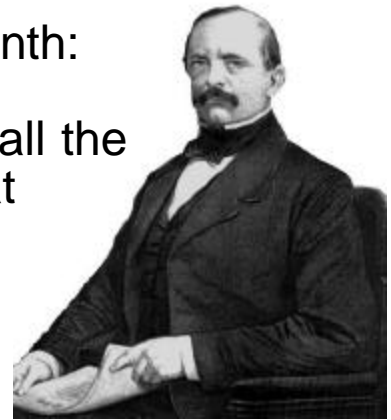
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Beer Quote of the Month:

"Beer is the cause of all the radical pot-politics that men talk over it."

Otto Von Bismark -
(1815-1898)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER *cont.*

to three hours a session. He would be holding this at a Wine store in Beaver Creek, just outside of Dayton. The cost would be \$50, which would cover his expenses, mainly beer and handouts. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact me and I'll get back to Gordon about our interest level.

As we discussed last month, the outing to Slate Run Winery will take place on Saturday,

November 11th in the afternoon. Exact time and directions will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hope to see all of you on the 9th at the Smokehouse. They know that we are coming this time. Meeting will start at 7 pm as usual, with many of the usual suspects arriving for dinner around 6 pm. I don't know what the program is or if there even is one this month. If there isn't one, I guess we get started tasting a bit earlier this month.

Mead



Bong???

Oktoberfest, Zinzinnati 2000 Homebrew Competition



Most Beers Entered by a Homebrew Club
Winner SODZ!

American Pale Ale
First Place Jeremy Appel - American Pale Ale 33.3

Bitters
First Place AJ Zanyk - Best Bitter 35.0

Classic Lagers
Third Place Matt Paulson - Dortmunder Export 36.3

Festbiers
"Best of Fest" Mark Irwin - Vienna Lager 36.7
Third Place AJ Zanyk - Oktoberfest/Maerzen 33.7

German Wheats
First Place Mark Irwin - Weizenbock 35.0
Second Place AJ Zanyk - Weizenbock 33.3

Porters
First Place Jeremy Appel - Robust Porter 39.3
Third Place Mark Richards - Brown Porter 36.0

Scottish Ales
First Place Mark Irwin Scottish Ale - Export 80 40.3
Third Place Bill Hughes Scottish Ale - Export 80 39.0

Specialty Beers
First Place AJ Zanyk - Roasted Rye Beer 41.0



OFFICIAL SODZ SPORTSWEAR



Navy/Ivory/Khaki
w/ Khaki Logo

SODZ Gap Cap
Unconstructed
Washed 100% Cotton
Twill, Low Profile,
Pre Curved Bill, with
adjustable back strap.
Adjustable \$10



Grey/Ivory/Black
w/ Black Logo

SODZ Sport Shirt with Tipping Stripe on Collar and Cuffs.

Garment washed to mini-
mize shrinkage and maxi-
mize the soft look and feel,
100% cotton.

Available in 4 colors
XS-4XL \$24



Stone/Ivory/Black
w/ Black Logo



White/Khaki/Navy
w/ Navy Logo



SODZ Long Sleeve Pique Knit Sport Shirt With Contrasting Logo.

Full cut, soft and comfortable, this
shirt has been garment washed for
broken-in comfort and to reduce
shrinkage and is made from
7 ounce combed cotton.

Available in 5 colors
XS-4XL \$24



Black

Blue

Olive

White

Gray

SODZ Shirts and Hats can be ordered by e-mail at
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and a listing of selected items (qty, color, size) to:

Mark Richards
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If you would like to receive your order at the
Christmas Party please respond before November 15.

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The results are in!

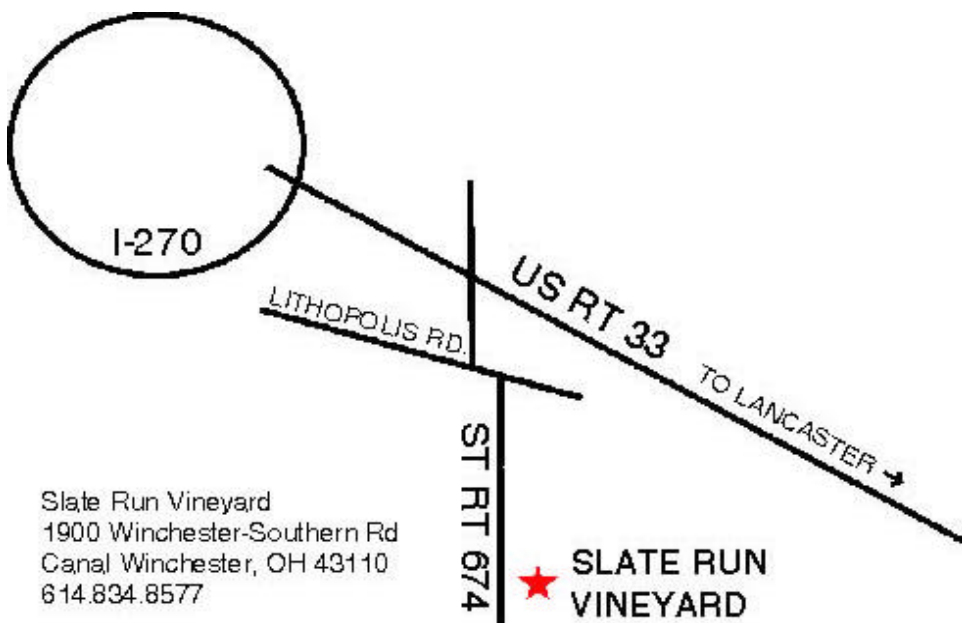
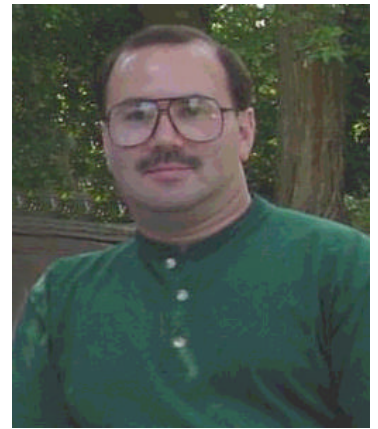
The winner of the AHA's Best of Fest Club-Only Competition is...

First Place:

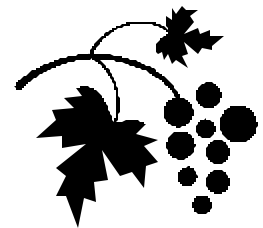
A.J. Zanyk of the Scioto, Olentangy, and Darby Zymurgists (SODZ)

When asked at time of posting, his only comment on the fine Oktoberfest beer was, "It doesn't suck!"

The next Club-Only Competition, Historical Beers, is scheduled for December 2, 2000.



**SLATE
RUN**
vinyard



This coming Saturday, the 11th at 2 pm, we have arranged for SODZ to have a tasting and tour of the Slate Run Winery in Canal Winchester. This will be a great opportunity for beer brewers that are interested in making wine or those who have an appreciation for wine to learn a little more about the process.

Owner Keith Pritchard will be giving a discussion on his experiences in winemaking and tour of his winery and vineyards. Those interested are also welcome to a tasting of his wines.

If you are interested, please reply to the e-mail that this month's newsletter was attached to immediately as I need to let Keith know how many to plan for.

From I-270 take US-33 E to the CANAL WINCHESTER(OH-674) exit. Turn RIGHT onto OH-674/GENDER RD and follow it until it dead ends. Turn LEFT onto OH-674/CR-120/LITHOPOLIS RD for a very short distance (1/2 mile or so) and then take a right at the next road you approach. This is OH-674/WINCHESTER SOUTHERN RD. Stay on OH-674 until you see the winery on your left (a few miles). If you see the entrance to Slate Run Park you have gone too far.



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