



# The Grain Mill

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From The Desk Of The President,

*By Eric Asebrook*

As I sit down to right this article, one thing comes to mind; Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest is a very special time in the brewing world. October signals the ancient return to brewing after the long summer months and after the summer we had around here, the cooler weather is very much appreciated. October also signals the release of the fest beer that has been lagering all summer long. It is a rich, golden amber, malt accentuated beer. It is crystal clear from the many months of lagering and has a thick, creamy, long lasting head. It has a pronounced malt sweetness that is very delicately balanced with hop bitterness. Wow! My mouth is watering right now just thinking about a wonderful fest beer.

Are you wondering where I am going with this? Well, this is my way of inviting you to attend our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2002 at 7:00pm at the Shamrock Club. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, come and join us. The Shamrock Club is a great place for a home-brew club meeting and the bartenders really

enjoy sampling the fruit of our labors. Hopefully, I will have the Thirsty Dog Oktoberfest and I will bring along a few others as well. If you have any home-brewed versions please bring them along so we all can enjoy your version of Oktoberfest. Cheers! And I hope to see you at the Shamrock Club on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Next Meeting

Thursday  
7:00 P.M.  
October 9, 2002  
The Shamrock Club  
60 West Castle Road  
Columbus, Ohio

November  
7:00 P.M.  
November 14, 2002  
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## SODZ INFO

The Scioto, Olentangy and Darby Zymurgists, Inc. (SODZ) meets on the second Thursday of the month at The Shamrock Club 7 p.m. Membership in SODZ costs \$20 and is renewed during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Due 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](http://www.sodz.org).

The officers of SODZ are:

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## AHA 2002-3 Club-Only Competitions

Set/Oct 02 ..... Cat. 18 - Strong Belgian Ale  
Nov/Dec 02 ..... Cat. 21 & 22 - Fruit and  
Spice Beers  
Jan/Feb 03 ..... Cat. 4 - Bitter & English Pale  
Ale  
Mar/Apr 03 ..... Cat. 11 - "All That Glitters Is  
Not Old" English and Scottish Strong Ale  
Aug 03 ..... Cat. 2 - European Pale L  
The style guidelines will be AHA, not BJCP. Full information on  
styles and mailing addresses will be found at the  
[www.beertown.org](http://www.beertown.org) website.

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## Beer & Sweat 2003

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted everyone to mark their calendars for Beer and Sweat 2003.

It will happen on August 23, 2003 at the Ramada Inn in Florence, KY.

Please make sure that you alert us to your competitions and such, I am sure we will have some folks that would like to participate. The Bloatarians will see you then.

Eric Tepe

Bloatarian Brewing League

If you haven't been to one of these, it is a great time and should not be missed.

## 2002 Queen of Beer Competition

After a couple years' hiatus, SHE's BAAACK! The Hangtown Association of Zymurgy Enthusiasts (H.A.Z.E.) proudly announces the return of this popular competition! Your CLUB is receiving this bulletin now so you will have time to announce this notice in one of your upcoming club meetings. Get your female members to brew that award winning entry AND to encourage other women to brew (maybe plan an all women's team brew).

Please pass this information on to any/all women brewers' that you know - make an announcement at your next club meeting, help make this the best Queen of Beer to date!

The date for judging has been set for October 26th, 2002. Entries will be accepted October 1st-19th. The competition is BJCP sanctioned. All categories open.

For complete competition information and Rules & Regulations see the H.A.Z.E. website which is located at: [WWW.HAZEclub.org](http://WWW.HAZEclub.org) or email at: QOB\_2002@hotmail.com

QOB 2002 Committee

Or snail mail: 2739 Ponderosa Road - Shingle Springs, CA 95682

## Hello Real Ale Lover:

Just a note to let you know about the newest festival from the folks who bring you the Real Ale Festival, Planet Buzz!

A Celebration of Mead, Cider and Perry.

Mead—honey wine—and cider represent some of humankind's oldest and most interesting alcoholic beverages. With flavors that range from tart and dry to full and sweet and with a full spectrum of spice and fruit flavors for complexity, these drinks offer a real feast for the palate.

We'll be putting on the first ever international gathering of meads and ciders in the US on November 8 & 9 in Chicago and we would love it if you could join us. In addition to beverage samples, each session will offer foods for pairing and there will be great education session covering beekeeping, meadmaking and apples and pears on Saturday during the day. As always, we'll be giving awards to the best examples in several classes of mead and cider, so you'll know which products to check out first.

Parking, public transportation and local hotels are all readily available at the festival site, the Black Orchid Showcase and Lounge at the corners of Wells and North Avenue in the great Old Town neighborhood.

Check out the web page at [www.meadfest.com](http://www.meadfest.com) for all the buzz!

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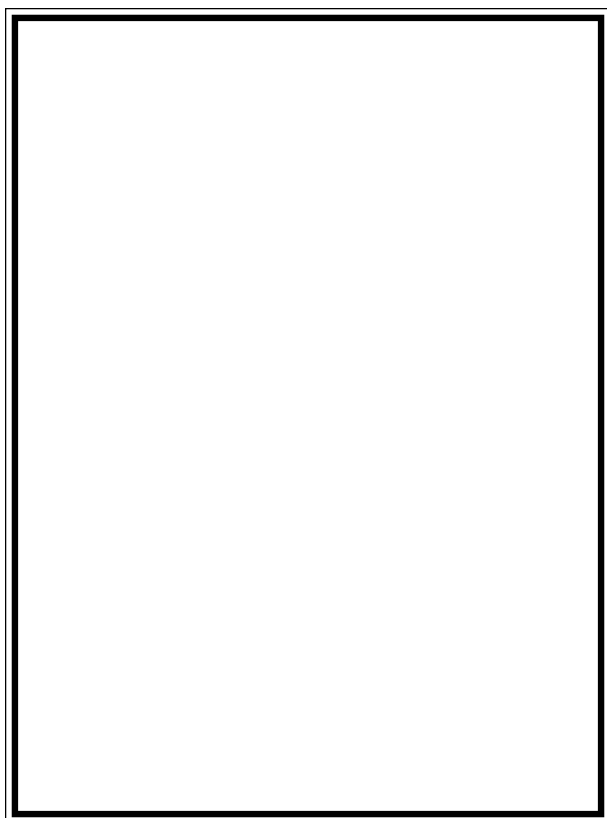
Note:

I would like to put my two cents in. I, like others would like to make my pitch for a meeting night change. I am now in a Thursday night Dart League. If the meeting night changes, I will see you in April when dart league ends and Golf league begins.

Mark



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