



The Grain Mill

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The President's Corner *by Bonni Katona*

Hi Everyone!

The summer of '99 is fast drawing to a close, and what a summer SODZ has experienced. It's hard to decide where to begin!

Usually when someone says they're three for three, it's a good thing. Unfortunately, SODZ has managed to see all three of its regular meeting locations close their doors in just over four years. In case you haven't heard, Barley's Smokehouse ceased operations a month ago, so we've been orphaned again. We are now getting requests to meet at specific local establishments from other area businesses who want to see the SODZ curse at work on someone who has been a PITA!

Beer & Sweat, the annual keg competition sponsored by the Bloatarians in Cincinnati, was held last month. Mark Katona took the BJCP exam but won't know the results until November. Ask him about writer's cramp! Wes Raynor didn't make the trip this year, but he did send a "care package" of a partial keg of CRS (chocolate raspberry stout) with David Fayerweather. I was given total discretion as to how and when it was poured. Yes, I do share. Every so often a small, hand-picked crowd gathered behind David's van and everyone was drinking a beer and wearing the grin that only CRS can elicit!

Two of our members made impressive showings at Beer & Sweat. Herb Bresler took first place with his pale ale and placed in the top four for Best of Show. Mark Irwin took first place and Best of Show with his doppel weizenbock (or is it weizen doppelbock?). If you didn't get a chance to sample it at the club picnic, you're outta luck—it was gone shortly after the announcement was made. Congratulations, Mark and Herb! Recipes for the newsletter?

You can check out the results of this year's Beer & Sweat online at <http://brew.oeonline.com/bloat/sweatwin.html>. Pictures of the event are posted at <http://brew.oeonline.com/bloat/images/sweat99>. Be sure to check out hopqueen.jpg!

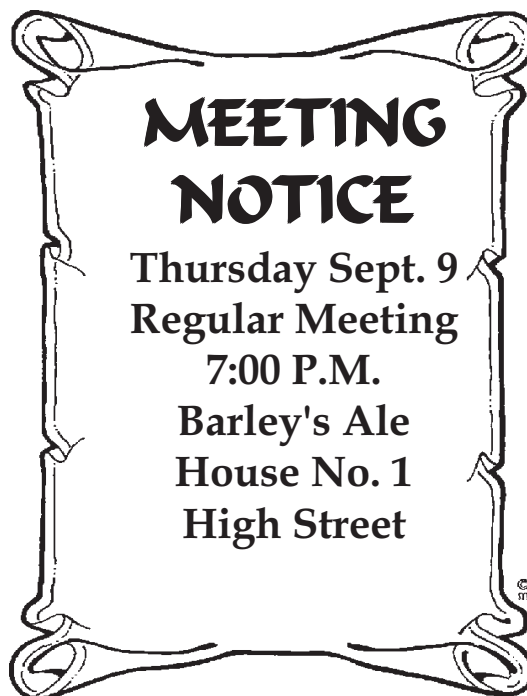
In upcoming competition news, the DRAFT competition in Dayton is Saturday, September 10. They are looking for volunteers to serve as judges and stewards. Details may be found at <http://hbd.org/draft>. Info on the Derby Brew Club 6th Annual Homebrew Competition in Wichita, Kansas, are located at <http://www2.southwind.net/~mjones/dbc.htm> for anyone interesting in send in an entry.

Don't renew your subscription to Brewing Techniques; they have ceased publication. They will be sadly missed.

Hops!, a chain that brews only lagers, is opening a brewpub soon in the Polaris area, just west of I-71.

The September 9 SODZ meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at Barley's Underground at Ale House No. 1 downtown. Please show your gratitude for our free use of the Underground by having dinner before the meeting or staying after the meeting to drink some of their beer. As always, be discreet in bringing in your homebrew (place smaller containers in bags), and wait until you're downstairs before pouring.

See you soon!



Visit the SODZ Web Site

www.sodz.com

SODZ INFO

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

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership in SODZ costs \$20 and is renewed during the member's anniversary month of joining SODZ. Dues may be mailed to the 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 in Word 6 or 5.1 format for either Macintosh or the PC.

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Doppel Weizenbock Mark Irwin

Here is the Doppel Weizenbock recipe I entered at Beer and Sweat. It was based on the Aventinus recipe from the Clonebrews book.

Ingredients:

9 lbs Light German wheat malt

6 lbs German Pils

1.5 lbs Munich malt

0.5 lbs Crystal 40

1 oz Chocolate malt

1 oz Hallertau 3.2% (90 min)

0.5 oz Hallertau 3.2% (15 min)

Irish moss (15 min)

Wyeast 3068 (Weihenstephan Wheat)

Mash Schedule:

15 min at 125 (protein rest)

120 min starting at 154 dropping to 145

Boil Time: 90 min

OG: 1.076

FG: 1.023

According to my notes I did a 3 week primary and a 3 week secondary. I knew I felt rotten in late May and early June, but I didn't think I was sick enough to allow a 3 week primary. For most of the time the temperature would have been in the low 70s but I didn't keep good notes on the temperature in my basement. The week before Beer and Sweat I cold conditioned the beer at about 40 degrees.

Style of the Month

Mark Irwin

The style for the September meeting will be porters. If you have a porter you wish to enter of the club only competition, please bring it to the meeting and if possible, please let me know ahead of time that you will be entering it (e-mail: irwin.49@osu.edu, phone: 457-2487). For the educational part of the meeting, I'm planning on giving a brief discussion on the history and characteristics of porters including a tasting of a few examples. Of course, as usual, please bring whatever you like for the tasting session afterwards.

I'm looking for help in planning future meetings. If there is a topic you might be interesting in seeing discussed at an upcoming meeting please let me know, in particular if you would be interested in leading the discussion or giving a presentation. Also I would like to organize a club only competition for the May meeting next year. I'm looking for some guidance on how it should be organized and judged. If you have any ideas or are willing to help organize it please contact me

AHA Club-Only Competitions 1999

Here are the club-only competitions for the next year. Remember, the styles are AHA not BJCP.

**October
Porter!
Category 9**

**December
Winter Warmers
Category 10**

Ohio State Fair Competition

The 1999 Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition was a big success. 119 entries were judged on July 17, with Brian Walrath of Columbus winning best of show with his "One Beer Short Ale", a Strong British Bitter. We are proud to say some members of SODZ did very well. Herb Bresler took home one second place and three third place finishes, John Bohn had one second and two third place finishes, and Jim Leas took home one first place medal.

The new location for the competition was well received and made for an even smoother running competition. Now if we can only get a walk-in cooler for next year, everything will be perfect! There were a number of people from SODZ who served as judges and stewards and without whose help, the competition would not be possible. A very special thank you goes out to:

Mark Irwin, John Bohn, Bonni Katona, Mark Katona, Stacy Groene, Eric Drake, Woody Drake, Jon Woodman, Tom Jones, and Herb Bresler.

Thanks again to everyone who entered or helped out at the competition. Your support is very much appreciated.

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Mark Your Calendars

***September
Regular Meeting
Barley's Alehouse #1
Downstairs***

***Sept 10
D.R.A.F.T. Competition
Dayton***

***October 14
Regular Meeting
Location T.B.A.***

*Locations subject to change
with notice.*