



The Ultimate Guide to Surviving Beer & Sweat **August 18, 2012** *Authentic and Genuine Keg-Only Homebrew Competition*

Keg Registration (*online only starting June 1, 2012*)

Entering your homebrewed libations:

All entries must be submitted and pre-paid at
<http://beerandsweat.brewcompetition.com>
by Midnight on Thursday, August 9, 2012. *No exceptions!*

All BJCP styles are accepted. (Mead and ciders are not eligible for Best of Show.) Soda entries are accepted too! You must specify the appropriate category and subcategory names, numbers and letters, brewer's name along with co-brewer and club (if applicable).

******NOTE THAT CUSTOM BEER NAMES ARE ENCOURAGED AND WILL BE SHOWN ON YOUR TAP TAGS!******

All homebrew entries MUST be in kegs only! NO BOTTLES ALLOWED. Kegs must have at least 10 liters (about two gallons) of homebrew in them to be eligible.

Please see <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/catdex.php> for information on how to categorize your homebrew. Ask if you have questions!

Beer Example:

Robert Brewer, Awesome Homebrew Club, 12B Porter, 'Totally Brilliant Robust Porter'

Mead/Cider Example:

Bosmo & King Swanky, Bloatarian Brewing League, 24C, Traditional Mead, Sweet Mead, *Still, *Standard, *Dry (*you must specify carbonation level, strength and sweetness for all mead and cider entries. Please see <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/meadintro.php> if you need help.)

Soda Example:

Bosmo, Bloatarian Brewing League, Ginger Orange Creme (only a distinguishing name is required)

Competition / Event Entry Fees, Etc.

I am entering my homebrewed beer in the competition: Great! Your paid registration procures you an official commemorative Beer and Sweat sample glass and sampling wristband along with a 2012 individual-membership to the Bloatarian Brewing League. If you are bringing any guests or co-brewers to the competition please refer to the non-entrant instructions. You can pickup your registration packet from 3:00-7:30pm on Friday and 8:00am-12:00noon on Saturday. Please have your entries setup and ready to be judged by 12 noon on Saturday.

- \$10 for your first keg
- \$3 each additional keg up to nine
- \$0 for each keg ten and up

Example: If you are entering three kegs, your entry fee will be \$16. If you enter 9 kegs, your entry fee will be \$31. If you enter 10 or more kegs, your entry fee will be capped at \$34.

Entry Deadline: Midnight 08/09/2012 at <http://beerandsweat.brewcompetition.com>

I am entering *only* my homemade soda in the competition: Great! All soda entries are free. You will receive a Designated Driver's wristband and entry to the event. See DD rules below.

PLEASE NOTE: Sodas have always been and will likely continue to be judged by children of homebrewers attending the event. Your habanero pineapple soda may be awesome in it's own right, just don't expect the kids to love it.

Non-Entrant Admission

Admission to the main hall (if you have not entered a keg or volunteered in some fashion) is \$20/person. This procures you a 2012 individual-membership to the Bloatarian Brewing League and one tasting glass (commemorative glasses included until supplies last). Admission is only after 5pm. If you would like to hang out, listen to the band and sample soda, you will receive a free Designated Driver wristband.

Admission is free if you are a designated driver!

(Designated Drivers will be given a different colored wristband. Anyone seen drinking beer without a wristband or while wearing a DD wristband will be asked to leave immediately.)
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Beer & Sweat is designed to first be a homebrew competition and second a social event for members of the Bloatarian Brewing League. **Beer and Sweat is a 'Members Only' event and not an 'open-to-the-public' event. If you are a paid BBL member by August 1, 2012 admission is *included* with your membership.**

Volunteer!

This competition cannot be run by Bloatarians alone! **Judges, Stewards and Volunteers MUST SIGN UP** at <http://beerandsweat.brewcompetition.com> and will receive a complimentary 2012 individual membership to the Bloatarian Brewing League, entry to the event and as a thank you will receive a special gift and pizza dinner. Judges and stewards need to be available Saturday, Noon–5pm.

General volunteer positions are available. If you are interested in assisting at the Raffle Booth, Merch Sales or Registration Table please let us know! You need only 'man the booth' for 2 hours! While you do, you reserve the unalienable right to command others to go and pour you a homebrew!

Email Andy at amelchers@fuse.net to volunteer

Hotel Reservations

Beer & Sweat 2012 will again be held at

DRAWBRIDGE
Hotel
— & —
CONVENTION CENTER

2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017
(800) 354-9793

**Room reservations are available at a discounted rate
for Beer & Sweat attendees!**

Single/Double/Triple/Quad - \$83 night

**When making your reservation, a credit card is required and
REMEMBER TO MENTION “BLOATARIAN BEER & SWEAT”
TO GET THE SPECIAL GROUP RATE!
MUST CALL FOR GROUP RATE!**

**Don't forget to take advantage of the
Complimentary Continental Breakfast in the morning!**

for more info:
www.drawbridgehotel.com

Guest check-in is after 4pm and check-out is no later than 11am

What to Expect at Beer & Sweat 2012

Dinner on Saturday

Beer & Sweat provides dinner for judges and stewards, registration and raffle volunteers **ONLY**. **Attendees, spouses and others are on your own.** There are many choices around the area that are relatively close and easily accessible (see the last page). Please note that there is not a shuttle service available from the hotel, but there are plenty of taxis that can be called from the main desk. Note that food and snacks, etc **ARE PERMITTED** to be brought into the hall.

Club Banners

Club banners are encouraged! Please check with the registration desk for restrictions on how they can be posted (mainly things like no pins or nails in the walls).

Raffle – Win some awesome swag!

The Beer and Sweat raffle is the Bloatarian Brewing League's main funding source. It has always helped to keep our entry fees consistent. Please purchase raffle tickets early and often!
*If you would like to donate to this year's raffle, LET US KNOW!

Musical Entertainment

After rave review's last year, we are please to announce nationally renowned guitarist Scotty Anderson and his Band will return! <http://scottyandersonguitar.com>

A feature article in the March, 2000 issue of **Guitar One** magazine has cited Scotty as one of "America's 10 Best Unknown Guitarists." In a style that can only be described as "blazing country-bluegrass-jazz", for lack of a standard category, Scotty blends his driving country picking with an adventuresome harmonic language to display an amazing and unique voice on the guitar landscape.

Guitar Player magazine cited him as one of the *101 Forgotten Greats and Unsung Heroes of Guitar* in their Feb 07 issue.

Who to Know

Mark Brzezinski – B&S Competition Director, Data Wrangler, Results Tabulator, Excel Wizard
Andy Melchers – B&S Event Director, Graphic Design, BBL Minister team
Josh Elliott & Mark Hummeldorf – Future B&S Event Coordination Team
Ray Gerdes – BBL President, B&S Registration Coordinator
Ray Snyder – Past BBL President, former B&S Competition Director
Jennifer Hermann – Past BBL President, former B&S Event Director, Asst-Brewer at Market Garden-Cleveland
Dave Harsh – Chief Judge, All-around good guy
Peggy Meyer – Chief Steward, Always organized and sweet as peach pie
Doug Lasanen & Mark Hill – Cellar Masters, Long time do-gooders
Bryan Evenson – BBL Secretary and BBL Minister team
John Zeller – Because everybody should know John – ask him about his CAP.

All emails to **Andy Melchers: amelchers@fuse.net**

**p.s. Water is your friend. Bring some with you.
Hydrate regularly and thank me in the morning!**

The Halls

There are 3 separate rooms for this year's event.

Stuart Hall – If you have entries, bring them here. This is where the main event will be.

Tudor – Please meet here at 12:30pm if you are judging or stewarding.

Grendel/Woden – A pizza dinner and judge gifts will be served to all who assisted judging or are volunteering in some fashion. Follows the main round of judging approx 5pm. There will be an announcement in Stuart Hall when dinner is ready.

Keg Check In

Please check in at the registration desk when you arrive. If you have entered any beers, your name tag and wristband will be in your check-in packet. Otherwise, you will be given your name tag and a wristband at the desk. This wristband must be worn at all times during the event. Do not lose it – it cannot be replaced! If you are BJCP-certified, please confirm that we have your number correct. We will have your flight assignment here. Please check to make sure that neither you nor your spouse have any beers entered in your judging flight.

You will need to bring your own CO2 source and connections as well as Beer-out connections for each keg you enter. You will also need buckets or containers to put kegs in. BBL provides ice and beer lines fixed with picnic taps. Kegs will be untapped in the morning and lines cut. If you are using your own beer lines please have them untapped and removed before 8am Sunday.

Keg Drop Off

Don't want to shake up your kegs more than you have to? Staying Friday Night? Please note the following instructions that should make your life a bit easier. We have access to the cooler between 4:00-7:15pm Friday night. You must remove your kegs from the cooler by 11:30 AM Saturday.

After turning onto Royal Drive from Buttermilk Pike (if you pass Montgomery Inn Restaurant, you're going the right way), you'll drive a few hundred yards where you'll see "Shabby Chic" Salon and a sign for "Josh's English-style Tavern" on the right. TURN RIGHT HERE. Follow this driveway which will eventually take you left into a small parking area. This will lead you to the back door of the wing where our festivities will be occurring. Just inside this door is the walk-in cooler for your beer! Although you will not be able to park here permanently, this should make unloading your kegs much easier.

FOLLOW THE SIGNS FOR KEG CHECK IN! YOU WILL SEE THEM ON THE WAY IN.

To get to Guest Check-In, go back the way you came and turn right on Royal Drive. You'll drive past London Hall on the right (this is deceiving and is not a drop off point). The next building is where you need to be. Park and come on in!

Your entries must be checked in by 12 NOON on Saturday! Please ensure that you give yourself plenty of time to check in your entries at B&S. *Although you will have B&S registration tags for your kegs, we highly recommend that you personally tag all of your entries for easier identification.

Info for JUDGES & STEWARDS

Schedule

You MUST SIGN UP to judge or steward online at <http://beerandsweat.brewcompetition.com>

Judge/Steward assignments will be announced at the start of judging. Judging will start promptly at 12:30pm. If there are any errors, please find a BBL staff member so the problem can be rectified immediately.

If you are entering the competition, your beers, meads and ciders must be checked in and set up by 12pm on Saturday if you plan to enter the competition. Your registration packet can be picked up at the registration table as early as Friday afternoon at 4pm.

Judging Procedure

After you have received your judging assignments, you may not return to the main hall. The entrant's names are on the taps, and we want to avoid the risk of learning any names before judging is complete.

Once everyone has been seated and has the opportunity to introduce themselves to their fellow flight judges, we will have a brief introduction by our Chief Judge, Dave Harsh.

The tables will be numbered, and each flight will have a packet of materials. This includes scoresheets, cover sheets, style guides, and a flight summary sheet, as well as a list of the beers in your flight. A head judge will be assigned at each table. Their responsibilities will include assisting less experienced judges, checking score/summary sheets for accuracy and possibly participating in mini-best-of-show judging.

We will need approximately 5 Best of Show Judges to judge the first place beers. If you are highly ranked, have not entered beers and/or did not place first in your flight, there is a strong possibility that you will be asked to be a BOS judge. If you already know that you are interested (since you didn't enter), please inform Mark Brzezinski or Dave Harsh.

Stewards

Stewards MUST pre-register via the registration website. The first 30 stewards to sign up receive preferred status. Registrations after the first 30 and walk-ins the day of the event will only be accepted on an 'as-needed' basis.

For many stewards, Beer and Sweat is your first introduction to beer judging. While many of you will already know what to do, we will outline all of your duties here for the benefit of our novices.

Your Chief Steward, Peggy Meyer, will give you all of your instructions. She will also eventually be asking for volunteers to help retrieve the 1st place beers for the BOS judges.

Your primary task is to get each beer from the main hall to the judges. At the front of the room will be a supply table, and it will have a stack of pitchers. Get one, and rinse it out before getting each beer. (We will show you where to find the sink.) Before leaving the judge room, write down the entry number and style before leaving to get the beer. Make sure that the information on the tap label matches before taking a sample. If the information does not match, you can't find a beer, or some other problem arises, find your nearest Beer & Sweat Cellar Master for help. Pour about 8 to 10 ounces of the beer into the pitcher. Make a mental note of how the beer poured, and what it looked like as your judges may ask you for this information. Do not discuss judging results or comments with anybody in the main hall. Bring the beer to your judges. Let them pour it, unless they ask you to do so. Have a seat while they evaluate the beer. You are welcome to watch and listen to the judges as well as taste the beer, and you may ask questions,

but please refrain from giving any *opinions* about the beer other than sensory. This is because you will have seen the brewer's name on the tap label. The judges may send you for the next beer before they are finished with the first. That's not only OK, it's encouraged because it can save considerable time. Dump the remaining beer in the sink and rinse the pitcher well before getting the next sample.

As the judges finish a beer, check the addition on each scoresheet. If there's an error, give it back to the judge for correction. For each beer, fill out a cover sheet and staple it together with all of the scoresheets. The overall score is the average of the individual scores that the judges awarded. You will fill out the flight summary sheet as well. Keep all of the scoresheets for your flight together until the flight is complete. The judges will then assign first, second, and third (which may not be the top three point scores). Ensure that the head judge has signed the flight sheet. Place all of the sheets back into the flight envelope, and return these to Peggy.

Security

Please do not discuss your flight's results with anyone until after the winners have been announced. We do not wish the winner's names to be leaked before the awards are handed out. The steward will see the entrant's name when retrieving each beer, and should be extra diligent about maintaining anonymity.

*Once you have finished judging/stewarding you will NOT be permitted back into the main hall area until 5pm.

Friday Night Arrivals – Beer Places to check out

If you plan to arrive Friday, there are plenty of places to eat and drink nearby. Besides the in-house restaurants at the Drawbridge, some other choices are listed below. There are a plethora of area restaurants and bars in the Fort Mitchell area and beyond. We've included some area restaurants within 15 miles of the hotel that serve good food, great beer, have a website and have been visited by the Bloats on a number of different occasions. If you can't find somewhere to go listed below to fill your belly and whet your whistle, then you just might not be as hungry and thirsty as you thought!

Food and Beer In Kentucky, within 10 miles

Oriental Wok – (across the street) Co-owner/Chef, Guy Burgess, is a homebrewer and longtime BBL member. www.orientalwok.com

Montgomery Inn – (in the same complex) famous for their BBQ. www.montgomeryinn.com

The Pub at Crestview Hills – Great old style Pub appeal. tavernrestaurantgroup.com

The Hofbraühaus Newport – The first American Hofbraühaus. Traditional German beer hall with a festive outdoor Beer Garden. hofbrauhausnewport.com

The Beer Sellar – 120 bottles. 60 Taps. Limited bar food. www.beersellar.com

The Party Source – Excessive bottled beer and wine selection. www.thepartysource.com

Food and Beer Across the River in Cincinnati, within 15 miles

Rock Bottom – Microbrewed beer on premises. Food and Beer. www.rockbottom.com won a bronze in smoked beer category at GABF 2010.

Nicholson's Tavern and Pub – Scottish Pub specializing in Scotch. Rotating cask selection and always something interesting on tap. www.Nicholsonspub.com

Mecklenburg Gardens – Great beers on tap. German-American food selection. www.mecklenburgs.net

The Comet – Cool college dive bar. Great beer bar with 3 coolers full of micro bottles and always something excellent on tap. California style burritos (bigger and better than Chipotle/Qdoba), quesadillas and house made salsas. www.cometbar.com

There are many other beer bars throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. Check out BeerAdvocate & Ratebeer online for their suggestions.

Local and regional breweries in our area you may wish to seek out:

Rivertown Brewing – <http://rivertownbrewery.com/> Cincinnati's newest local microbrewery. Don't miss their Lambic (world class), Hop Bomber, Dunkel and other fine brews. Tasting room is open!

Mt. Carmel Brewing – <http://www.mtcarmelbrewingcompany.com/> brewing IPA, Stout, Brown Ale, Copper Ale, Seasonals and Snapshot Series. Tasting room is open!

Listermann Brewing Co – <http://beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/3474> homebrew supply and brewery... what more could you need? Brewing the Triple Digit line of big beers. Seasonal and one-off selections. Tasting room is open!

Blank Slate Brewing – BBL member and homebrewer turned Pro! Scott just started brewing in June and his beers should be on tap in select locations around Cincy. <http://www.blankslatebeer.com/>

Christian Moerlein – <http://www.christianmoerlein.com/> a Cincinnati original brewing IPA, Pale Ale, Helles, Bock, Stout, Oktoberfest, Winter seasonals and more. Lager House brewpub is now open! <http://www.moerleinlagerhouse.com/>

Alltech Brewing – <http://www.kentuckyale.com> makers of Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale

Red Ear Brewing – <http://www.redearbrewing.com>

You can also typically find regional beers such as Bells, Three Floyds (in KY), New Belgium (in IN), Rivertown, Moerlein, Mt. Carmel, Great Lakes, Goose Island and many more craft beers in the area.