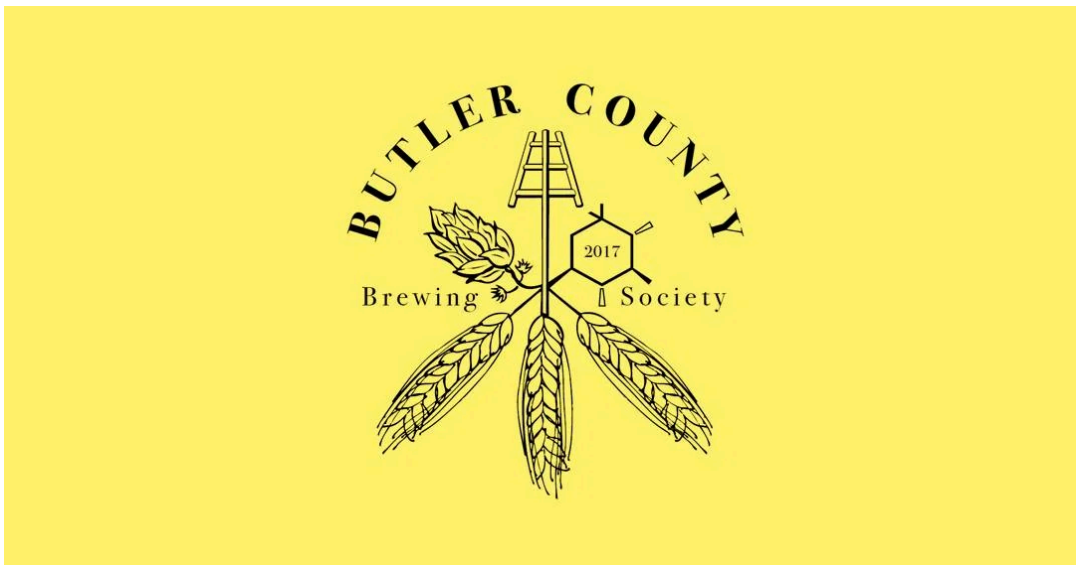




April 2026 Brewsletter

To Brew or Not to Brew?
Brew of Course!



From the President's Bar Stool

Spring is here!!!! April is one of my favorite months of the year. The weather normally starts to break and gets warmer, evening thunderstorms, and just getting outside and doing new things.

Have you ever worked so hard on something and in the end the outcome is not right or not what you wanted? Brewing homebrew can a lot of times have these same results. You spend time developing your recipe, hours procuring ingredients and brewing, weeks fermenting, even more time bottling or kegging, just to find out something is wrong. This beer just doesn't taste right! But what is wrong with it? What did I do to cause this off flavor? That's what I hope to help with this month's KART. We will be purposely spiking beer with a sensory kit to help you detect what these off flavors could be. Then we will also be giving you examples of how they happened. All this so you can help with your

brewing process and sanitization protocols, so you can avoid these terrible results.

Coming up May 2nd is AHA Big Brew Day. As a club we will be meeting at MBW Spooky Nook to brew whatever recipe your imagination can come up with. This is always a great time as a club to see what all our club members can come up with. Even if you don't plan on brewing stop by and enjoy some shenanigans.

Looking forward to a great April meeting, don't forget to bring some homebrew to share!

Cheers,

David Pfirman

BCBS President



April Members Meeting

April 12th, 2026 @7:00 pm

Municipal Brew Works - Spooky Nook

KART Topic: Off Flavors!

David will be teaching us about off flavors (complete with samples) and how to avoid.

Please bring a homebrew to share!



2026 Memberships

If you are an existing member and renewing please reach out to your Treasurer, **Matt Cutter**, to pay your 2026 membership dues.

If you are interested joining or have any questions please email brewers@butlercountybrewing.org, or talk to one of your board members. Annual memberships are \$30 per person.

Also consider joining the **American Homebrewers Association**. Joining AHA gets you a subscription to their homebrewing magazine, Zymurgy, access to past Homebrew Con presentations, as well as recipe archives for award winning beers. Membership helps our club with our insurance costs so please keep up the registrations!



Happy Hour

April 17th, 2026 @6:00pm

Come share a pint with us @ **Jungle Jim's** in Fairfield on April 17th, 2026. It's Bell's Brewery pint night at Jungle Jim's! Let's enjoy some great beer together. We will be hanging out starting around **6pm**.

Jungle Jim's International Market Fairfield

5440 Dixie Hwy

Fairfield, OH 45014

Pint Night Fairfield - Bell's Brewery



Big Brew Day

May 2nd, 2026 @8:00am

In 1988, May 7 was announced before Congress as National Homebrew Day. The American Homebrewers Association created Big Brew as an annual event to celebrate National Homebrew Day around the world.

Come come Municipal Brew Works Spook Nook location to brew a batch with us. Or come join us for some fun! We'll either be inside or outside weather depending. AHA has recipes at the link below if you need some ideas. We'll start around **8am**.

Municipal Brew Works - Spooky Nook

601 North B Street

Hamilton, OH 45013

Big Brew National Homebrew Day



Homebrew Con 2026

June 19-20th, 2026

Ashville, North Carolina

Registration for Homebrew Con is open! Tickets and details are at the link below.

Please email brewers@butlercountybrewing.org or talk to one of your board members if you're interested in attending. We'll be updating out our booth to represent BCBS at the event!

You will need an AHA membership to attend. See the club membership section above for some of the AHA member benefits.

Homebrew Con 2026



BUTLER COUNTY BREWING SOCIETY PRESENTS
**FERMENTATION
FRENZY**  ANNUAL
HOMEBREW
COMPETITION

July 31st- Aug 1st, 2026

Please mark your calendars for Fermentation Frenzy!

This is our club's big event held at the Butler County Fair Grounds. If you'd like to enter, registration opens 4/15/26. Judging will occur on 7/31 & 8/1/26.

If you have beer judging experience as a brewer, owner, BJCP judge or a Cicerone we need you!!! If you just love beer, consider signing up as a Steward. We can't do it without you. See the link below for more information and please consider volunteering!

We are the Ohio competition on the MBW Circuit of America for 2026.

[BCBS Fermentation Frenzy](#)



BCBS Golf Scramble

Watch for future details on the first (and hopefully annual) BCBS Golf Scramble - Pints & Putts. Will be a four person scramble format held this Summer at Green Crest Golf Course - Liberty Twp. Date still pending. Four person best ball scramble, 18 holes & cart will be roughly \$58 per person. **Contact David Ward if you are interested or have questions.** Start getting your foursome put together. More details to follow as we get a firm date.

Competition Schedule

[British Beer Fest](#) (Columbus, entry deadline 4/25/26, judging 4/25/26)

[Fermentation Frenzy 2016](#) (registration opens 4/15/26, judging 7/31 & 8/1/26)

Upcoming Club Activities Save the Dates!

- May 2, 2026 – Big Brew Day
- June 19-20th, 2026 – Homebrew Con 2026 in Ashville, North Carolina
- **July 31th - August 1st, 2026** – Fermentation Frenzy [dates corrected from last Brewsletter!]

Current Meeting Schedule

*** Subject to Change ***

April 12th, 2026	May 3rd, 2026	June 14th 2026
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Club Protocols for Monthly Meetings

In order to comply with MBW's serving license and show respect to our presenters - we ask all who attend club events to observe the following guidelines:

1. Club Members and Guests are expected to follow all applicable laws and the Club's Code of Conduct when participating in Club Activities.
2. Club Members and Guests are expected to comply with all reasonable requests made by host staff and owners.
3. Please only bring Homebrew for sharing at meetings.
4. Please respect presenters and guests by waiting until after the Business and KART portion of Meetings to share homebrew.
5. Homebrew MUST BE LIMITED to the designated area provided by Municipal Brew Works, and Commercial beer cannot be served within this area. This is a legal issue, so please respect our hosts.

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