

# LIVIN' THE BREWS



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## Prez Sez

By Leroy Gharis

Wow! July sure went by fast. There I was enjoying a leisurely evening on my laptop and then comes the nagging message, "Get your articles in because I'm working on the newsletter this weekend." I was wondering what in the world do I have to say. Well, the meeting at Fox and Hound didn't go off as well as I had hoped. I know I had forgotten that it was on MLB All Star game night and I think Fox and Hound did, too. I have been there a few times on Tuesday night and there was definitely more customers that night than any other.

cold one.

I think we probably have worn Bill James out this month. He hosted a great brewday on July 10<sup>th</sup> and also the summer party on July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you missed either event you missed a great time with good turnouts. Thanks Bill and all of your helpers for two great club events. There were some very neat togas at the party. I enjoyed seeing the variety and colors.

## Limbo Challenge

There are two very important events this month. First is the login and judging for our Limbo Challenge. Come help judge on August 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have never judged don't worry, we'll pair

you up with an experienced judge or judges. My first experience judging was for the Limbo three years ago in 2007. Ken Woodson and Mike Grover instructed me very well in judging Pilsners. We will know how many entries we have by the time we have our club meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Bluebonnet Planning Starts

The second very important event is the beginning of planning for the 2011 Bluebonnet. We are the host club this year and Mike Grover is the director. The first planning meeting was held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Mike will be letting us know when the future meetings are scheduled. I encourage you to get involved. The planning meetings are a great time to get to know other club members and members of the other DFW area clubs. Your assistance is needed. There is something for everyone to do with a variety of talents needed.



## August Meeting at The Rugby House

This month's meeting will be at The Rugby House Pub in Plano on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. It's been a while since we were there. There has been some concern that the billiard tables in the back room might interfere with our meeting space. John and Sasha have assured me they are quite capable of handling 50 people by pushing the tables to the side. The food there is good and the drafts are all \$2 off on Tuesdays. They are eager to have us back. I hope we will have a good turnout. It's too hot outside to do much so come inside and have a

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## Celeia Beer Comp

For those of you that received Celeia hops, I am tentatively setting the entry due date as Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. You can dropoff your entries at Homebrew Headquarters or The WineMaker's Toy Store. Please submit two bottles. There is no entry fee. Also, since this is for Dennis Wehrmann to know how the hops were used, please include a recipe with your entry. Depending on the number of entries I am thinking we will take the top ten or so to Dennis for him to taste. I am not planning on judging these according to any style, only on what is more enjoyable. We will let Dennis and his team be the final judge of the winner. I have no idea at this time if there will be any prize awarded. It may just be one of those pride things. By the way, I have two entries to submit. As long as they are different beers you can submit more than one entry.



Kelly and Kim at the spring party

## Shirts and membership renewals

Don't forget to bring your money to the club meeting to purchase a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary club shirt. We have ladies' sizes, too, in royal blue and pistachio. The men's shirts are all olive green. Also, for those of you who have not renewed your membership, well I'll

leave that to Mr. Lawrence to tell you what to do. But if you quit receiving the Newsletter you'll know you have not renewed.

## 2011 officer candidates

We are looking for members that would like to be officers for 2011. We will definitely need a replacement for president as I will go out to pasture as past president. Also we will likely need a new secretary and 1st VP/competitions director. We're still not sure about treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP / social director but anyone is welcome to try to campaign for any office. If you want to throw your name in the hat just submit a short bio of yourself to [secretary@nthba.org](mailto:secretary@nthba.org) and/or [president@nthba.org](mailto:president@nthba.org). New members are encouraged to help as well as long time members. New members make great officers as they come in with new ideas, so don't be bashful guys and gals. I must say being president is less work than 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and treasurer, probably less than secretary, too. Maybe next month we'll put the officer descriptions in the newsletter for all to peruse.

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Leroy



Leroy Gharis as the winner of the toga contest at the spring party.

## Limbo Challenge

The planning for the Limbo is done. It is time to execute and we need your help.

### Dates and Location

Login: August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Sue and Fred David's

Judging: August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Sue and Fred David's

Awards Ceremony: August 28 at 2:00 PM at BJ's Restaurant Addison

We are already receiving entries. The entry deadline is August 6. Get your entries to either the Wine Makers Toy Store or Homebrew Headquarters. You can also bring your entries to login if you come to help. Login will occur on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Sue and Fred David's house in Parker. Their address is 6803 Overbrook Drive, Parker, TX. Please come out and help us login the beer.

We need help judging on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> again at Sue and Fred's. I am hoping we have a big turnout and can finish on Saturday. If we need to, we will judge on Sunday.

The Awards Ceremony will be at BJ's Restaurant Addison.

For the latest news read the thread in the club forum under Competitions.

Brew Strong!  
Jimmy

## 2010 Half Over

By Clay Mahone

The September Brew day will have a demonstration on weldless fittings and soldering on stainless steel.

## What's Brewin'

By Kimberley Rhea

Wow what a great month.

Thank you Bill for not only hosting our Brew Day but our Summer "TOGA" Party as well.

At our Brew Day, Clay led a "Water Discussion" which included a basic Demo on water additives easily available locally and a basic pH sampling of water. Thanks Clay.

Great Food, Friends and TOGAS. We had a great turn out at our toga themed party. I could tell that many of you were channeling Bluto from Animal House. Thanks to all that participated you really made it an awesome party. Everyone had wonderful Togas. Leroy won the award for "Best Toga". He not only had a great toga but he also brought his small and mighty sword and shield as well.

We do not have any Brew Day's for August due to the Limbo Challenge.

Our next Brew Day/Social is scheduled for Sept 4, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the home of Wayne Yandell. I will have more on that in the next newsletter.

Please contact me at [socials@nthba.org](mailto:socials@nthba.org) if you have any questions.

I now have all of our Parties and Brew Days scheduled on the club calendar. Be sure to keep an eye on the NTHBA calendar located on our website, [nthba.org](http://nthba.org), and our Monthly Newsletter for upcoming parties, brew days, classes/demos offered, maps to locations and general information.

Kim

## The Bluebonnet Update

By Mike Grover

"Woo Girl"

The Bluebonnet Brew-Off dates have been set for March 25 and 26 2011. We are starting the planning now. The next planning meeting is August 22 at Uncle Buck's in Grapevine at 1:00 in the afternoon. We still have several positions that need to be filled by our club. We also need artwork for steins and shirts. This will be the 25th Bluebonnet so keep that in mind if you are interested in contributing

## The Competitive Edge (Where the action is!)

By Scott Townson

artwork.

We took home five metals at the Lunar Rendezbrew.

First place for European Amber Lager for 'Men are From Marzen' went to Kim Rhea and Melinda Beyer of the Cougar Brewers.

First place for Dark Lagers for 'I know Nothing' went to Leroy Gharis.

Second place for Sour Ales for 'Not Your Sweet Tart's Lambic' went to Kim Rhea and Melinda Beyer of the Cougar Brewers.

Third place for Fruit Beers for 'Peaches and Cream' went to Scott Townson.

Second place for Standard Cider and Perry for 'Hartford Cider' went to Scott Townson.

The Limbo coming up this weekend. Please come out and help us with check in and judging.

Don't forget the Dixie Cup is still coming up. If you haven't already

**- 2010 Competition Schedule -**

Competition/Style	Entry Deadline	Competition Awards
<b>Jan/Feb '10 COC</b> English Brown Ale (BJCP style 11)	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> . (Club) Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Blue Bonnet Brew-Off</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>Feb. 25th</b>	March 19 & 20  40 club points
<b>Alamo City Cerveza Festival</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>March 6-21</b>	April 10 22 club points
<b>March/April COC</b> American Ales (BJCP Style 10)	<b>March 24th (Club)</b> <b>April 3rd (AHA)</b>	April 10 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>AHA NHC</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>April 1st</b>	<b>National Homebrews Conference</b> <b>June 19th</b>
<b>May COC</b> Extract Beers	April 19th (Club) May 1st (AHA)	May (Club) May 22nd (AHA)
<b>Big Batch Brew Bash</b> English Barleywines	May 8	May 16, 2010
<b>Celtic Brew-Off</b>	May 14	<b>Texas Scottish Festival,</b> <b>June 5, 2010</b>
<b>Lunar Rendez-Brew</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	June 25 Packing party 6/21	July 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Limbo Challenge</b> Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below.	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	August 28
<b>Cactus Challenge</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 10-11
<b>August COC</b> Mead	July 20 <sup>th</sup> (Club) July 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	July (Club) August 8th (AHA)
<b>September/October COC</b> Sour Ale	Sep 1 <sup>st</sup> (Club) Sep 9 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Sep (Club) Sep 19 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Dixie Cup</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 17	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November/December COC</b> Strong Ale	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Club) Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Dec (Club) Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)



*Get a grip, gird you loins, stiffen those upper lips, and dig for victory!*

**Scott Townson**

1<sup>st</sup> VP / Competition Coordinator

# The Brewing Equipment Trading Post



## FOR SALE

To list your equipment, include the following information -

- 1 - Description of items
- 2 - Whether it is "For Sale", "Will Trade For \_?\_" or "Free, Come & Get It"
- 3 - Your name
- 4 - How and when to contact you.

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## Club Brewmeisters

Club Brewmeisters are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, new and old, with brewing problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late, too early, or during Cowboy games!

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## North Texas Home Brewers Association

The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published about once a month. We do accept advertising, although the NTHBA, its officers, assignees, and editors are not liable for losses or damages resulting from mistakes or misprints, or any other consequences of advertising in this or any other publication. Ads are \$30 for a 1/3 page and \$50 for a full page, subject to change without notice. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. The deadline for ads and articles each month is 14 days prior to the club meeting.



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