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# LIVIN' THE BREWS

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## PINTS OF INTEREST

- THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS AUGUST 9TH AT HUMPERDINKS NW HWY.
  - THE NEXT BREW DAY IS SEPT. 3 AT CHUCK HOMOLA'S HOUSE.
  - FRI., AUG. 5TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR LIMBO CHALLENGE ENTRIES. GET 'EM IN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
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## Prez Sez

By Wayne Yandell

Its official. Its hot. Really hot. Luckily the summer party is Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this it will have come and gone and the swimming, swilling and sweating will be just another fond memory. Maybe by the time you read this we will have broken the streak of 100+ days.

I hope everyone who plans to enter the Limbo competition has bottled their creations. Entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to drinking some great beer at judging. Anyone new to the club interested in an easy introduction to judging beer should look at the calendar and plan to come help us judge the entries for Limbo Competition. We host this competition so we need a good showing of beer and help getting the entries judged. [www.limbocomp.org](http://www.limbocomp.org)

In case you missed our last club meeting, I talked some about new officer selections. It might seem a bit early to be talking about this, but if you have enjoyed our club and want to contribute, then you should consider running for officer. I would encourage anyone even slightly interested to come up and talk to me or any officer about serving in some capacity.

Our next club meeting is scheduled on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Humperdinks at NW highway in Dallas. Hope to see you there.

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### Limbo Challenge

By Jimmy Orkin

Wayne has already reminded us of the blistering weather. It is time to cool off with the Limbo Challenge. The Limbo is NTHBA's own competition for session beers. We are almost done planning. Actually I think the planning is done but we are meeting one last time at Gordon Biersch in Plano on August 3 at 7:00PM just to check everything. Join us if you can.

We need help at login and judging. Both will be done at Melinda and Brian Beyer's house. Login is on August 6 starting at 9:00AM.

Judging will be on August 13 (and 14 if needed). We will also start at 9:00AM.

Please come help judge no matter what your experience level. If you are new to judging, we will pair you with an experienced judge. We also need Lawnmower Beer judges. The Lawnmower Beer judges can not have an entry in the Lawnmower category and must appreciate a cold beer on a hot day.

If you have any questions about the Limbo Challenge, please contact me at [director@limbocomp.org](mailto:director@limbocomp.org).

Melinda and Brian's house address is:  
2117 Rheims Drive  
Carrollton, TX

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### **What's Brewin'?**

By Kimberley Rhea

I would like to thank Doug Nett for hosting our July Brew Day. The turnout was great and the BBQ tasty.

We will not have a Brew Day in August since we are hosting the Limbo Challenge.

Bill James hosted our Summer Party. The Mexican food was delicious. Thank you, Bill, for hosting again this year. I think we all had a great time.

See you all soon!

Kim "Woo Girl"

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### **Education Update**

By Chuck Homola

While we may all be in the middle of the Dog Days of Summer – this month's educational programs are trying to keep their cool and remain refreshing – in spite of the miserable heat we are all enduring. So let's delve into the hot and cold of it and bring everyone up to speed.....

The BJCP Exam Prep classes are moving right along – we are past the half way point now with 5 classes remaining for the current season. We had the annual Big Boy Beer Day recently going through a number of delicious IPAs and Strong Ales – needless to say it came with a substantial amount of pizza afterwards! We continue to study technical topics – most recently fermentation and yeast, various beer styles and practice beer judgments. In addition to the usual fare that we provide

we had our first guest speaker – the brewmaster from Deep Ellum Brewing – Drew Huerter. He provided a very insightful discussion on how various things in the brewing process can heighten or reduce the effects of various aromas and flavors in the finished beer. He also brought along some home brew that was nothing short of "quite good"! Thanks again for coming by Drew!

We are looking forward to having a couple more local guest speakers stopping by and we eagerly await the arrival of our sensory kit so we can determine each person's sensitivity to various "offs" that show up in beer. All of this will culminate in several class participants in taking the BJCP exam in October – good luck to everyone that is planning to do this.

Last but not least – Jimmy provided a great mashing demonstration at the July brew day – I know a number of people were eager to see this and hopefully it inspired some folks to take the leap into all grain brewing. I am looking for a good demonstration for the August brewday – if anyone would like to volunteer to help out with this – please contact me at [education@nthba.org](mailto:education@nthba.org) - thanks!

Stay cool while you brew.

Chuck

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### **Upcoming Competitions**

By Jim Lavin

#### **Limbo Competition**

The Limbo Competition entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Drop off will be at the local area home brew supply stores. This is a great opportunity to get feedback on any of your beers with an original gravity of 1.050 or less. Judging will be August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> with the awards ceremony happening on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Check out the NTHBA web site for more details.

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**Drop Locations:**

Homebrew Headquarters  
300 N. Coit Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080  
(972) 234-4411

**Or:**

The Wine Maker's Toy Store  
1300 N. I-35E, STE 106  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
866-417-1114

**Cactus Challenge**

The Cactus Challenge entry and shipping deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with the awards ceremony scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you were unable to get your entries dropped off for the weekend road trip you still have time to get shipped overnight.

You can ship entries to the following address:

Cactus Challenge  
c/o Robert Piwonka  
4519 Lehigh Street  
Lubbock, TX 79416

**Dixie Cup**

The Dixie Cup entry deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the awards ceremony is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Once I know more, I'm planning a packing party on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 I will post location and times on the NTHBA website.

**Club Only Competitions**

August Club Only Competition will be Meads, The Club deadline will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and we'll be letting the BJCP Class perform the judging at their August 7<sup>th</sup> class.

September/October Club Only Competition will be Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers. Entries must specify the experimental nature of the beer (e.g. type of special ingredients used, process utilized or historical style being brewed), or why the beer doesn't fit an established style. Additionally, the entrant may specify an underlying beer style. For historical styles or unusual ingredients/

techniques that may not be known to beer judges, the brewer should provide descriptions of the styles, ingredients and/or techniques used. The Club deadline will be October 8<sup>th</sup> and we'll be letting the BJCP Class perform the judging at their October 9<sup>th</sup>, class.

November/December Club Only Competition will be Hail to Hefeweizen. Club deadline will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. I'll post the judging location details, once I have a firm location to perform the judging.

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**- 2011 Competition Schedule -**

<b>Competition/Style</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Competition Awards</b>
<b>Limbo Challenge</b> Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below	August 5th	August 27
<b>Cactus Challenge</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	August 5th	September
<b>August COC</b> Mead	August 5th (Club) August 20th (AHA)	August 27th
<b>September/October COC</b> Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers	October 8th (Club) October 15th (AHA)	October 29th
<b>Dixie Cup</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	October 20th
<b>November/December COC</b> Hefeweizen	November 9th (Club) November 25th (AHA)	December 3rd (AHA)
<b>January/February 2012</b> Dark Lagers	TBD	TBD
<b>March/April 2012 COC</b> Stout	TBD	TBD
<b>May 2012 COC</b> Scottish and Irish Ale	April 20th (Club) April 27th (AHA)	May 5th

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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!

Homebrew Headquarters  
 (972) 234-4411

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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.



Visit the NTHBA Website at  
[www.nthba.org](http://www.nthba.org)