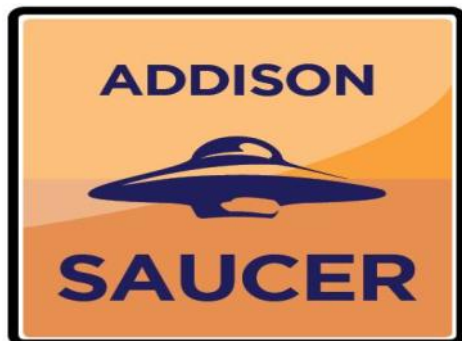


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Prez Sez

By Walter Hodges

I hope you got your Limbo entries in. By the time the newsletter is published, we'll have finished up with check in and will be getting ready for judging. We will certainly need help with judging on Saturday, August 9th at the Beyer's in Carrollton ([map](#)) starting at 9:00 AM. If you can spare an hour or two, please consider coming out and judging. Don't worry if you don't have judging experience, we'll pair you with an experienced judge.

Back at the June meeting, I mentioned that we need to work on getting the laws related to homebrewing updated. There are two sections in the TABC code that relate to homebrew. The first, Section 109.21, grants us the ability to homebrew. This one is good. The second, Section 109.22, states that we may only remove homebrew from our home for the purpose of a competition. It's this second section that is causing problems with homebrewers, homebrew clubs and competitions. As is the case with a lot of the TABC code, it was poorly written and is open to interpretation. The first highlighted line can be interpreted to mean the homebrewer and/or the competition may not charge for the beer or the event. This needs to be clarified to state that the home-producer may not be compensated for their product. The second highlighted line requires that we register all of our competitions, whether they are large like the Bluebonnet or as small as one of our Club Only Competitions, with the TABC. I have to believe that the TABC has better things to do than collect competition applications from homebrew clubs. I would like to hear your opinions about the law. We'll need to work with the other clubs in the state and the AHA to ensure that the change that is made (if any) is for the better.

Sec. 109.22. DELIVERY OF HOME-PRODUCED WINE, ALE, MALT LIQUOR, OR BEER FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

(a) This section applies only to a person who is authorized under Section 109.21(a) to produce wine, ale, malt liquor, or beer.

(b) For the purpose of participating in an organized tasting, evaluation, competition, or literary review, a person to whom this section applies may deliver wine, ale, malt liquor, or beer produced and manufactured by the person to locations that are not licensed under this code for the purpose of submitting those products to an evaluation at an organized tasting competition that is closed to the general public or by a reviewer whose reviews are published if:

1. no charge of any kind is made for the wine, ale, malt liquor, or beer, for its delivery, or for attendance at the event; and
2. the commission consents in writing to the delivery.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an increase in the quantity of wine, ale, malt liquor, or beer authorized to be produced by a person under the authority of Section 109.21(a) of this code.

This month we'll be meeting at the Addison Flying Saucer. Social hour starts at 6:30 and we'll get the business part of the meeting underway around 7:15.

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Walter

The First Sip

By James Smith

Well, we're about two-thirds through the normally dreaded and feared Texas summer, which has actually turned out to be not so bad after all. I'm a true fan of the heat, but I know most are not, including my bank account, which will certainly be glad when some cooler weather arrives. This gets me to thinking about the cooler weather brews I'm planning, such as porters and stouts. However, most of all lately, I've contemplated my first ever attempt at pumpkin ale. That will be the first batch I brew once I'm back from vacationing in Colorado where I hope to sample some of the great brews available. Until next month... cheers!

As always, if ever you have a question or comments, or if you would like to provide suggestions or feedback about a specific event, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at socials@nthba.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Notable Club Events Coming Up(Please mark your calendars!!):

- August – NO BREW DAY
- The **September Brew Day** will occur on September 13th at the home of yours truly. The address is 4100 Camino Dr. Plano 75074. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The **Oktoberfest Party** will occur on September 20th at Jeff Stark's house in Rowlett. His address is 3718 Bond Street in Rowlett. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The October Brew Day will occur at the home of Mr. Chuck Homola. The address is 905 Glen Rose Dr. Allen 75013. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)

Lastly, you can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar here: <http://nthba.org/content/club-calendar>

Please contact me at socials@nthba.org if you have any questions.

Cheers!

James, aka "Smitty"

Competition News

By Mike Grover

Lunar Rendezbrew

Congratulations to our Lunar Rendezbrew winners! Full results can be found here: <http://rendezbrew.brewcomp.com/>. The awards ceremony was on August 2nd, and NTHBA picked up ten awards:

- 3rd Place – Dark Lager – Don VanSlyke with DunkelDunkel (Munich Dunkel)
- 2nd Place – Light Hybrid – Don VanSlyke with Cream Abdul-Jabeer (Cream Ale)
- 3rd Place – English Pale Ale – Don VanSlyke with Rapture Ale (ESB)
- 3rd Place – American Ale – Cody Gray with Paco's Pale Ale (APA)
- 3rd Place – German Wheat and Rye Ale – Walter Hodges with Ryes of Texas (Roggenbier)
- 3rd Place – Sour Ale – Cody Gray with Champagne of the North (Berliner Weisse)
- 3rd Place – Belgian Strong Ale – Walter Hodges with Three Bagger (Tripel)
- 2nd Place – Strong Ale – Mike Grover with The Vicious Chicken of Bristol (English Barleywine)
- 3rd Place – Fruit Beer – Barrett Tillman with Blackmanbrew.com (Fruit Beer)
- 2nd Place – Melomel – Jonathan Barrows with Promeadtheus (Other Fruit Melomel)

Lone Star Circuit Standings

Although we had a good showing, the Lunar Rendezbrew was dominated by the Austin Zealots (sound familiar?) and the host club Bay Area Mashtronauts. The Mashtronauts finished first with 50 points, enough to vault them into second place in the LSC standings with 83 total points. The Zealots were close behind with 47 points, extending their already impressive lead in the LSC standings and giving them a total of 143 points. NTHBA drops to third but is only two points behind the Mashtronauts with 81 points. Foam Rangers matched NTHBA's 13 points and remain in 4th place. The Bexar Brewers picked up 12 points, allowing them to jump Cap & Hare and move into 5th place.

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| • Austin Zealots | 143 pts |
| • Bay Area Mashtronauts | 83 pts |
| • NTHBA | 81 pts |
| • Foam Rangers | 63 pts |
| • KGB | 37 pts |
| • Bexar Brewers | 36 pts |

Brewer of the Year

Here is a mid-year update for the Brewer of the Year standings, including the recently announced Lunar Rendezbrew results. Points are awarded for first, second, and third place finishes in style categories for all Lone Star Circuit homebrew competitions.

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| • Don VanSlyke | 10 pts |
| • Jimmy Orkin | 8 pts |
| • Leroy Gharis | 7 pts |
| • Barrett Tillman | 7 pts |
| • Walter Hodges | 6 pts |
| • Randy Friese | 5 pts |

As you can see, the standings are really close and the Brewer of the Year championship is wide open. These standings include results from five of the nine LSC competitions. The Limbo Challenge results will be final later in the month, followed by the Cactus Challenge, O'zapft Is, and the Dixie Cup.

Limbo Challenge

Limbo entries have been logged in. **Judging will be done on the weekend of August 9th and 10th** at Brian and Melinda Beyer's house (2117 Rheims Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006) beginning at 9:00 a.m. If we have a good turnout of judges we might be able to knock everything out on Saturday. The awards ceremony will be on August 23rd at the Craft & Growler in Dallas – conveniently right across the street from the Fair Park DART stop. More information is available at www.limbocomp.org.

Cactus Challenge:

- Entries accepted July 26th – August 16th, 2014 (**entries capped at 325**)
- Judging takes place on August 22/23, 29/30 and September 5/6, 12/13
- The awards ceremony will be on Saturday, September 20th.
- **NTHBA will have a packing party for the Cactus Challenge on Monday, August 11th at Dallas Homebrew at 5:30 p.m.**

The Cactus Challenge is open to all BJCP categories, and also includes a special category: “Area 51 – Most Unusual Ingredient”. This year they also have a rice wine category. Additional information can be found at www.ale-iansociety.org/cactus.

Club Only Competition (COC)

The latest COC was judged at my house on Thursday, July 31st. Thanks to Bill Lawrence and Jimmy Orkin for volunteering to judge. This round featured Limbo Beers (a.k.a. session beers) and we had a total of eight entries. Congratulations to our winners!

- 1st Place: Leroy Gharis with Schwarz (Schwarzbier)
- 2nd Place: Linda Rankin with SB1 (Special/Best Bitter)
- 3rd Place: Barret Tillman with a Cream Ale

Brewer Royale Standings

Leroy Gharis	8 pts
Charlene Hoke	3 pts
Barrett Tillman	3 pts
Linda Rankin	2 pts
David Lee	1 pt
Jimmy Orkin	1 pt

UP NEXT: German Styles (BJCP Categories 1D, 1E, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 4C, 5A-5D, 6C, 7A, 7C, 15A-15D, 17A, and 22A) – **Entry deadline Saturday, September 20th, 2014**. Note that these styles also correspond to the O'zapft Ist competition.

Looking Ahead

Check the website for the complete 2014-2015 Club Only Competition schedule (<http://www.nthba.org/content/coc-schedule>). We close out 2014 with Holiday beers in November and kick off 2015 with high gravity beers in January (woo-hoo!).

COC Information

Entries for the Brewer Royale can be dropped off at Homebrew Headquarters, Dallas Homebrew/ The Winemaker's Toy Store, or you can bring them to me at club meetings, brew days, or club parties. **Due to the larger numbers of entries we have been receiving, we now need TWO bottles for each entry in the club only competition.** This is necessary so that we have enough beer to conduct a "mini best-of-show" to determine the winners. Each bottle must a label identifying the brewer, BJCP beer style, and name of the beer. Labels should be attached by a rubber band (please do not tape or glue them and do not use self-adhesive labels). I recommend using the BJCP bottle identification form (http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BottleID.pdf). Limit one entry per subcategory and two entries per club member.

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Mike Grover, NTHBA Competition Coordinator

The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity May end \$4,862.51.

Equity June end \$5,974.27.

New members in June: 42.

Current members June end: 104.

Current members at the time of this article: 135.

The final monthly reports are available on the club website at the following link:

<http://nthba.org/content/club-documents>

If you are receiving this newsletter by email, you are current on your dues.

On to other topics.

The Bluebonnet Brewoff

The NTHBA is the hosting club for the 2015 Bluebonnet Brewoff. We had our first planning meeting on Sunday, July 20 at Humperdinks NW Highway. There was a small turn out but we are still in the middle of summer and we still have plenty of time for planning. I am hoping the turnout increases in the future meetings. We finalized most of the committee heads.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, August 17 at Humperdinks NW Highway. We start at 1:00PM. Please come out and get involved. The committee head list is at the end of this article.

We have two important committees to fill.

The first is the Judging location committee. We cannot judge at the Coors distributor anymore. We need to find a place to judge for 2015. The location cannot be a licensed alcohol entity. A house like we used last year might be our best option. We need a committee head and committee members to work this issue. There will probably be a need to build a refrigerated room at the site so we might need some folks with an understanding and experience in wood construction.

The second area is the Raffle item coordinator and Raffle committee members. These jobs entail coordinating a group of people that ask companies to donate items to the raffle at the Bluebonnet event. The individuals will call and/or email companies requesting donations to the non-profit Bluebonnet Brewoff. This is not a hard job but does take some time to coordinate. It takes a bit of fortitude to ask for free items but these companies get request like this all the time and are willing to help out.

If you are interested in or want to know more about either of these two committees, please talk to me or email me.

That is it for this month.

Bluebonnet 2015 Committee Heads and Key Contributors

- Director – Jimmy Orkin
- Assistant Director/2016 Director – Red River?
- Judging Location - ?
- Head Judge – Mike Grover
- Beer Wrangler – Danny Kocurek – Knights Asst: Kyle Mackay
- Hotel Contract – Richard Dobson
- Website Update – Brad Berven
- Registration System (BCOEM+) - Matt Morriss
- Data – David Lee?, Don Trotter
- Treasurer – Brian Schoolcraft
- Case Box Coordinator – Einar Jonsson
- Door Prize Drawing Coordinator – TBD?
- Medals/Awards – Steve Wesstrom
- Stein Coordinator – Steve Hacker
- Pub Crawl Coordinator – Brad Berven/Jamison Kirmser
- Head Steward – Jamison Kirmser
- Glasses/Shirts/Hats – Jimmy Orkin+
- Registration Table/Registration Packages –Carolyn, Sue, Jane+
- Program Editor – Kyle LaPointe
- Hospitality Room Coordinator – Walter Hodges
- Commercial Tasting Coordinator – Brian Beyer
- 1st Round Judging Meal Coordinator – Kim Rhea

Brew Strong!

Jimmy

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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 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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