

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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Prez Sez

By Leroy Gharis



I cannot believe we are at the end of the year. I have mixed emotions as my term as your club president ends. It has been a very enjoyable time but I am looking forward to getting some time back.

However, I will not be getting it all back as am taking on two different responsibilities in 2011. I will be the director for the AHA National Homebrewing Competition Regional judging. This will occur in April. I will be looking for all of you judges to assist in this effort. More details will be forthcoming.

Also, I will be administering a BJCP test on October 15th in our area. This will be in addition to the test that James Lallande will be administering in Ft. Worth in September. This is needed as the number of testers is now limited to 12 instead of 20. I will be looking for a location where we can hold this test.

December Brew day

For the first time since I have been a member in the club we are having a December brew day on Saturday the 18th. I know that many people may be out of town or busy with family but I hope this provides us a time to meet and share brews between the Christmas Party and the January meetings. I hope to see you there.

Speaking of brewing, I hope you have a schedule for brewing your beers for the 2011 Lone Star Circuit competitions. Let's keep up the Bluebonnet winning string going. We are on three years in a row as Bluebonnet Homebrew Club of the Year. Let's keep that trophy in the North Dallas area where it belongs.

2011 Officers

I would like to thank my fellow 2010 officers for all of their hard work and assistance. When you see them, shake their hand and tell them thank you. The 2010 officers were Scott Townson, Kim Rhea, Melinda Beyer, Bill Lawrence, Clay Mahone, and Damon Lewis.

Your 2011 officers are:

President – Wayne Yandell (president@nthba.org)

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I urge you to give all of these officers your support. Please don't be afraid to volunteer to help when they ask for assistance. The club belongs to all of us and it takes all of us to make it as great as it is.

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. I will be spending a lot of time watching the college bowl games with a brew day here and there. It's been a great time serving as your president. I encourage any member to serve as an officer. You don't have to be a long time member. In fact it is good to get new members involved with new ideas. Keep up the good work. Brew Strong.

Leroy

What's Brewin'

By Kimberley Rhea

I would like to thank Pam and Walter Hodges for hosting our Christmas Party this year. It was nice to have so many of you attend. All of the food was delicious and the decorations beautiful. Thank you all for bringing the side dishes and desserts.

The can food drive was a success. I will be handing off those items to the Plano Police for their Annual Holiday Food Drive.

I would also like to thank Jim Lavin for hosting our November Brew Day and Clayton Mahone for his demo on how to install taps to a refrigerator door. I know we all had a wonderful time.

We decided to have an extra Brew Day this year. It is scheduled for December 18, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at my home. Please email me and let me know if you will be brewing since I have limited space. Lunch will be provided.

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The Wine Makers Toy Store & Dallas Home Brew

DOUBLE DISCOUNT DAYS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday December 16th, 17th, and 18th ONLY

The Wine Makers Toy Store & Dallas Home Brew will be

DOUBLING the normal 10% discount

the North Texas Home Brewers already receive.

Available on in store orders only, Limited to in stock items only.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!!!!

As always, NTHBA members receive a 10% discount throughout the year.

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I am now scheduling our Parties and Brew Days for 2011. Let me know if any of you are interested. Be sure to keep an eye on the NTHBA calendar located on our website, nthba.org, and our Monthly Newsletter for upcoming parties, brew days, classes/demos offered, maps to locations and general information.

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

Kim
"Woo Girl"

The Competitive Edge
(Where the action is!)
By Scott Townson

The final COC competition of the year complete and the winners were as follows:

Category judged was Strong Ales

1st place for his American Barley Wine Scott Townson

2nd place for his English Barley Wine Jay Schafer

3rd place for his English Barley Wine, Scott Townson

The Brewer of the Year and the Brewer Royal standings are below. Well done all!

North Texas Homebrewers Association - Brewer Royal -

Brewer / Team	Janu- ary / Febuar y	March / April	April / May	July / Au- gust	Se pt / Oct	Nov / Dec	Yearly Total
Randy Friese	3			2	2		7
Scott Townson		3				4	7
Wayne Yandell		2		4			6
Jesse Thoresen		1	3				4
Melinda Beyer & Kim Rhea					3		3
Doug Nett			2				2
Jay Schafer						2	2
Orlando Guerra	2						2
Dave Werner	1						1
Leroy Gharis			1				1

North Texas Homebrewers Association - 2010 Homebrewer of the Year -

Brewer / Team	Bluebonnet Brew-Off	Alamo City Cerveza Fest	Big Batch Brew Bash	Celtic	Lunar	Limbo	Cactus Challenge	Dixie Cup	Yearly Total
Scott Townson	10	15		4	3	3	3	2	40
Cougar Brewing		3			5	2		3	13
Wayne Yandell	5			6					11
William Bens, Trevor Pulver	6					5			11
Leroy Gharis		3		2	3			2	10
Kelly Harris & Don Trotter	3			3		1			7
Cody Gray	1	1		3					5
Sage Anderson						2	3		5
Fred David	1					3			4
Jimmy Orkin						3	1		4
Oriando Guerra and Damon Lewis	2					2			4
Adam Klaff & Tony Rivera						3			3
Bill Lawrence	2					1			3
Cameron Mathews				3					3
Doug Nett	2						1		3
Greg Haun								3	3
Jesse Thoresen	3								3
Walter G Hodges								3	3
Charlie Gottenkieny	2								2
David Ireland	2								2
Jim Lavin						2			2
Chris Mewhinney	1								1
Jason Christian						1			1
Steve Hacker							1		1
Club Total	40	22	0	21	11	28	9	13	144

The Bluebonnet will be here before you know it so let's all buckle down and get to brewing. It's that time of year. I hope you've already got a few batches going and more planned for the next couple of months. Let's start the season off right by bring home the lion's share of the porcelain this year.

Scott Townson

1st 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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