
LIVIN' THE BREWS

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PINTS OF INTEREST

- CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY AT PAM & WALTER HODGES — DEC. 7
 - DECEMBER BREWDAY WILL BE AT BILL LAWRENCE'S IN RICHARDSON — DEC. 14
 - THE NEXT CLUB COMPETITION SCOTTISH & IRISH ALES—TBD
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Prez Sez

Our year has ended. The next up is the Bluebonnet Brewoff this region's most coveted homebrew competition. Our challenge all to brew the best beer. Let's set a goal to begin the year leading the Lone Star Circuit. Dust off the kettles and get brewing. Lets keep The Club of the Year trophy here for 2014. Bottled entries are scheduled for February this year so there is will time to produce some mighty fine homebrew.

I know some of our best brewers are coming out of hibernation. If you need a brewpal or would kindly like to team up for competition let me know. Better yet use the forum. I will post a schedule along with some recipes. The first will be lager followed by and ale and a wheat. Given the blessing of God you might walk away with a hand painted stein for your efforts.

The beauty of competition begins with bragging rights. Ask our local GABF winners how those small medals have confirmed long hours of hard work. We know these commercial breweries make good beer the point is the medals are for those Beer Rating List Makers far away.

For the overachieving homebrewer and their laborious pint, consider brewing to style as a target. Scoresheets are subjective but any great beer will be remembered. Trust me! I have seen judges in-

quire for brewing tips and recipes. The remaining stage for completion is by luck of the draw.

The year of 2013 left me with a long list of people to thank. I look forward to working with everyone again as we challenge the brewing community. The coming year will allow a deeper connection as we set aside our egos to work in unity. The coming officers are even more zealous. We will introduce the 2014 Team at the Christmas Party. This year we face icy weather conditions. Prepare for safe travels and a sober return. We will party at the Hodges again. Bring your best!

We will announce the winners for Brewer of the Year and Brewer Royale. In addition you must be present to win the raffle Big Mo-Hunker of \$300 cash. Also two bonus prizes have been provided by Homebrew Headquarters and Wine Makers Toy Story/Dallas Home Brew. Good Luck to all.

On a more personal note I'd like to thank you for supporting this effort. The members of NTHBA have become my support team. You've taught to fear no beer, mead, or cider, along with the joy of friendship, trust, perseverance and patience. I will pass the petitions for a more timely newsletter to our incoming officers with a smile. My focus as Past President will be on special projects. Keep a look out I will need some Help!

—**Barrett Tillman**
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What's Brewin'?

By Kimberley Rhea

Walter and Pam Hodges have generously offered to host our NTHBA Christmas Party. Their address is: 2203 LeMans Drive, Carrollton, TX

The Christmas Party is on December 7, 2013, at 6:30pm. We will provide the main course (Fried Turkey and Smoked Brisket). We are asking everyone to please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. We will have the kegerator there if you would like to bring a keg.

This year we will have a contest for the "Best Ugly Sweater". I know we all have at least one of those hanging in our closet, so break it out and see if you can win the prize.

Last year at the Christmas Party we had a successful can drive. We would like to do it again. Please bring non perishable food items to donate to a food bank. During the party we will have a white elephant gift exchange. The gift can be anything you like. The cost should be no more than \$10. You are encouraged to be creative and bring something other than beer.

Our final Brew Day of the year will be hosted by William Lawrence. It will be on December 14, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Let me know if you intend to brew. I look forward to seeing you all there. His address is: 2008 Glen Meadow Ct., Richardson, TX 75081

The 2014 President's Brew Day will be hosted by Mike Grover on January 18, 2014 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. His address is: 1939 Castille Drive, Carrollton, TX

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

Kim
"Woo Girl"

Local Brews News

By Graham Keefe

Dallas Winter Warmer will return this year on December 14th at a new venue: Main Street Garden Park in downtown Dallas. This year, the festival promises to have numerous food selections, as well as live music (again). Local breweries confirmed at the festival include Community, FireWheel, Four Corners, Franconia, Lakewood, Martin House, Peticolas, and Rahr. Goose Island's Bourbon County Stout will be making its first North Texas appearance as well as Boulevard's Imperial Stout and Santa Fe Brewing's 25th Anniversary Saison '88. A portion of the festival's proceeds will go to the SPCA of Texas which helps find more than 6,000 animals annually. Tickets are available now and will run you for \$40 for General Admission with a \$75 VIP option which grants access to limited release beers and appetizers. Tickets are available online at: <http://rhizomeproductions.com/craft-events/dallas-winter-warmer-december-14-2013/>.

Cheers y'all!
Graham

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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

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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