

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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December Quick Glance:



[Club Meeting
December 8th at
Bitter Sisters in
Addison](#)

[December
brew day at Bill
Lawrence's house
Saturday
December 12th](#)

Prez Sez By Mike Grover

I hope that each of you had a happy Thanksgiving and had a special beer or two to wash down the turkey and stuffing. In the spirit of the season, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this club successful in 2015. Thanks to my fellow officers for keeping things running and, inevitably, turning in your newsletter articles well ahead of mine. Thanks to everyone who has hosted a brew day or club party this year. Thanks to all who have sacrificed bottles of their homebrew to represent us in competition. Thanks to all who have brought homebrew or commercial beer to share with club members. Thanks to all of the folks who threw their name in the hat to serve as club officers in 2016. Speaking of that, the new and old officers will meet this Tuesday to determine roles and to plan out the next year for the club. I look forward to helping out the new group as Past President in the new year.

We will announce the new club officers at our December meeting on the 8th. Our holiday party has been moved to January, but we still have several things going on in December to wrap up the year. In addition to the monthly meeting at Bitter Sisters Brewery in Addison on the 8th, we have a brew day on the 12th at Bill and Cathy Lawrence's home, and we will be judging the final Club Only Competition (COC) of the year. See the First Sip inside for more details about upcoming club events. Check the club website (www.nthba.org) for activity announcements and the club calendar, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well.

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at The Flying Saucer Draught Emporium located at 14999 Montfort Drive in Addison (c'mon – you all KNOW where this is). As always, club members are welcome to join us at the officers meetings. Give us a heads up if you plan on joining so that we get a big enough table.

The December club meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at Bitter Sisters Brewery, 15103 Surveyor Boulevard in Addison (just west of the big water tower). Bitter Sisters does not serve food, so bring your own or order from one of the many delivery restaurants in the area. Come out and join us!

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The First Sip By James Smith

We're now in the last month of the year and the 2016 NTHBA Officers have been finalized. I'm happy to be one of them, and look forward to working with our new(and some re-tread) officers to help keep the club going for another year. With that, everything is pretty well set from a social perspective, even going into January, as outlined below. I had planned to add the February Brew Day, but we may have some conflicts with Bluebonnet check-in and judging all month. We shall see.....

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

- Our **December Brew Day** will occur on the 12th from 9AM to 3PM at Bill Lawrence's hacienda. His address is 2008 Glen Meadow Ct. Richardson. [MAP HERE](#)
- Winter Party – January 16th at Fred and Sue David's. The address is 6803 Overbrook Dr. in Allen. [MAP HERE](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

- January Brew Day – 23rd at Mr. Mike Grover's house. The address is 1939 Castille Dr. in Carrollton. [MAP HERE](#)

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

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!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
James, aka "Smitty"



Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

All of the 2015 Lone Star Circuit competitions are complete and I've collected entries for our final COC of the year so it's time to sit back, relax and have a homebrew, right? WRONG! The Bluebonnet Brew-off will be on us quickly. The registration deadline is January 24th and entries must be dropped off by January 28th. You have enough time to get a lager going and more than enough time to get a couple of ales brewed. The Bluebonnet will be using the 2015 BJCP style guides, so things will be different next year. Links to the 2015 BJCP Style Guide are below.

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| Beer | http://www.nthba.org/www/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf |
| Cider | http://www.nthba.org/www/docs/2015_Guidelines_Cider.pdf |
| Mead | http://www.nthba.org/www/docs/2015_Guidelines_Mead.pdf |

Get busy brewing and let's have a great competition year in 2016!

At the time this column was written, we had not judged the final COC. You'll have to attend the December meeting to find out who won the final COC and who won the Brewer Royale.

| Brewer Royale | | Brewer of the Year | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|
| Brewer/Team | Total | Brewer/Team | Points |
| Barrett Tillman | | Barrett Tillman | 18 |
| Don Van Slyke | | Walter Hodges | 17 |
| Joseph Flay | | Matthew Linnenburger | 14 |
| Mike Grover | | Don VanSlyke | 14 |
| Doug Nett | | William Lawrence | 9 |
| Layne McBeath | | Arthur Stockstill | 7 |
| Mason McPhail | | Besse Thoresen | 6 |
| Bill James and Tim McGrath | | Anthony Gachima | 5 |
| Walter Hodges | | Leroy Gharis | 4 |
| | | Tyler Hoke | 3 |
| | | Richard Harris | 3 |
| | | Joseph Flay | 2 |
| | | Doug Nett | 2 |
| | | Mason McPhail | 2 |
| | | Don Trotter | 2 |
| | | Jimmy Orkin | 2 |
| | | Tim Callahan | 1 |
| | | Jonnathan Barrows | 1 |
| | | James Smith | 1 |
| | | David Lee & Lloyd Yeager | 1 |
| | | David Kutshman | 1 |

Prosit!

Walter

The Treasure's Report By Jimmy Orkin

The Treasurer's Report
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Summary:

Equity September end \$6,436.84.

Equity October end \$6,051.28.

New members in October: 4.

Members at October end: 136.

Current members at the time of this article: 138.

I want to remind you that the financials trail the newsletter because I write this article before the end of the month.

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

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

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the club's financial information. Also, please let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

Our membership year runs June until May. If your membership is not current, please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire at the end of May 2016.

I or the officers always have membership forms and cards at all the club events. I'll send some email reminders. We will also keep you on the email list for a few of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

Time to Move on

I have been your treasurer for the past two years. I will be transitioning out of being a club officer at the end of 2015. I'll probably write the January treasurer article as it will be closing out the 2015 year. It has been a pleasure. I hope you believe I have served you well.

Going forward in 2015, I still plan to help get the club in not for profit status. I'll be working with the new treasurer.

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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