

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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July Quick Glance:

Club Meeting
Wednesday
July 15th

Summer Party
July 18th at
James Smith's in
Plano

Club Brew Day
July 25th at
Fred David's in
Allen

Prez Sez By Mike Grover

I hope all of you are having a great summer so far and have brewed up some interesting beers. Thanks to everyone who came out to Lakewood Brewing Company for the June club meeting. Unfortunately I was not able to make it (well I was at National Homebrew Conference so I guess it wasn't THAT unfortunate). From the pictures I saw it looked like we had one of our better turnouts in a while. The brewery theme continues as we will have our July meeting at Community Beer Company in Dallas. Note that the meeting has been moved to a Wednesday since Community is closed on Tuesdays. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 15th** at 7:00 p.m. Community does not serve dinner but they identified a number of good restaurants in the area that will deliver to the brewery. There are also lots of great restaurants in the area if you want to eat before coming to the meeting.

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at the Taphouse Gastro Kitchen & Bar located at 8320 Texas Highway 121 in Frisco. The location is near the northeast corner of 121/Sam Rayburn Tollway and Parkwood Boulevard. 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.

July is a busy month, as we also have our summer party on Saturday the 18th and the July brew day on the 25th. Details for each of these events are inside and also posted on the club's website at www.nthba.org.

Be sure to get your Limbo Challenge entries bottled up over the next few weeks. They are due on July 30th. We will be looking for support from club members for judging on August 8th. Remember to pick your best thirst quenching session beer for the Lawnmower Beer category. Only two bottles are needed for this one, and it can be of any style (or non-style) of your choosing.

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The First Sip By James Smith

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEER!!!

I have a final openings for hosting of club events the rest of this year...the Holiday Party (December 5th). The club will reimburse you for cleaning afterwards. If you are interested, please get in touch with me ASAP! Thanks!

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

- Saturday, July 18th will be the date of the Summer Party. It will be hosted by James Smith. The address is 4100 Camino Dr., Plano TX 75074. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The July Brew Day will be Saturday, July 25th, and is being held at the home of Mr. Fred David. The address is 6803 Overbrook Dr., Allen 75002. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- NO AUGUST BREW DAY (Limbo)
- The September Brew Day will be held at the home of Mr. Bill James. The date is Saturday, September 5 and the address is 2801 Glen Forest Lane, Plano 75023.

[Mark Your Calendars!](#)

- Oktoberfest Party – September 26th
- October Brew Day – October 17th
- November Brew Day – November 7th
- Holiday Party – December 5th
- December Brew Day – December 12th(Tentative)

[Summer Party!!](#)

We have just a couple of weeks until the 2015 NTHBA Summer Party. As mentioned at the June meeting, we will follow the usual format of the club providing the meat...probably BBQ. All you need to bring food-wise is a side or desert. Also, bring a chair for outside as seating could be somewhat limited. Other than that, the pool will be open for anyone if they want to cool off. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

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!

Saluti!

James, aka “Smitty”



Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

On June 16th, we shipped approximately 25 entries to The Inquisition and The Lunar Redezbrew. The Lunar Redezbrew will announce winners on August 1st. Awards for The Inquisition will be announced on August 8th.

The next competition is our very own Limbo Challenge. You still have some time to brew up a quick fermenting, low gravity beer. Entry deadline for the Limbo is July 30th. Check in will be on Saturday, August 1st, starting at 8:00 AM. Come help with check-in and you can bring your entries then. Registration for the Limbo will open on July 13th. More information about the Limbo can be found at: www.limbocomp.org

For our mead makers, Texas Meadfest has been added to the LSC. This event is being hosted by the Texas Mead Association. Entry deadline for this competition is September 4th. You can check their web site at: <http://www.texasmead.org/mead-fest.aspx>

We had eight entries for the July COC – Limbo Categories. The judges had their work cut out for them with some excellent entries.

| July COC Results | | |
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| Place | Brewer | Style |
| First | Joseph Flay | 11-A English Mild |
| Second | Barrett Tillman | 6-D American Wheat |
| Third | Barrett Tillman | 17-D Straight Lambic |

| Brewer Royale Standings | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Brewer/Brew Team | Points |
| Don Van Slyke | 6 |
| Barrett Tillman | 4 |
| Mike Grover | 3 |
| Doug Nett | 3 |
| Joseph Flay | 3 |
| Layne McBeath | 2 |
| Mason McPhail | 2 |
| Bill James and Tim McGrath | 1 |



| Homebrewer of the Year Standings | |
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| Brewer/Brew Team | Points |
| Don VanSlyke | 11 |
| Walter Hodges | 10 |
| Matthew Linnenburger | 9 |
| Barrett Tillman | 7 |
| Jesse Thoresen | 6 |
| Anthony Gachima | 5 |
| William Lawrence | 4 |
| Leroy Gharis | 3 |
| Arthur Stockstill | 3 |
| Richard Harris | 3 |
| Doug Nett | 2 |
| Don Trotter | 2 |
| Mason McPhail | 2 |
| Jimmy Orkin | 2 |
| David Lee & Lloyd Yeager | 1 |
| David Kutshman | 1 |
| James Smith | 1 |

| Competition Schedule | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Lone Star Circuit | | Club Only | |
| Competition | Entry Deadline | Theme/Styles | Entry Deadline |
| Limbo Challenge | 7/31 | Sour Beers BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23 | September |
| O'zapft Is | 8/31 | Belgian and French Styles BJCP Categories 17 and 18 | November |
| Texas Meadfest | 9/4 | | |
| Dixie Cup | September | | |
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Walter

The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

The Treasurer's Report
By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity April end \$4,198.38.

Equity May end \$4,573.16.

New members in May: 18.

Members at May end: 180.

Current members at the time of this article: 80. Remember the new year started in June.

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 clubs 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. Your membership may have expired at the end of May. Please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire and 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 couple of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

We do have 80 members that have membership expiring in 2016. Thanks for renewing your membership.

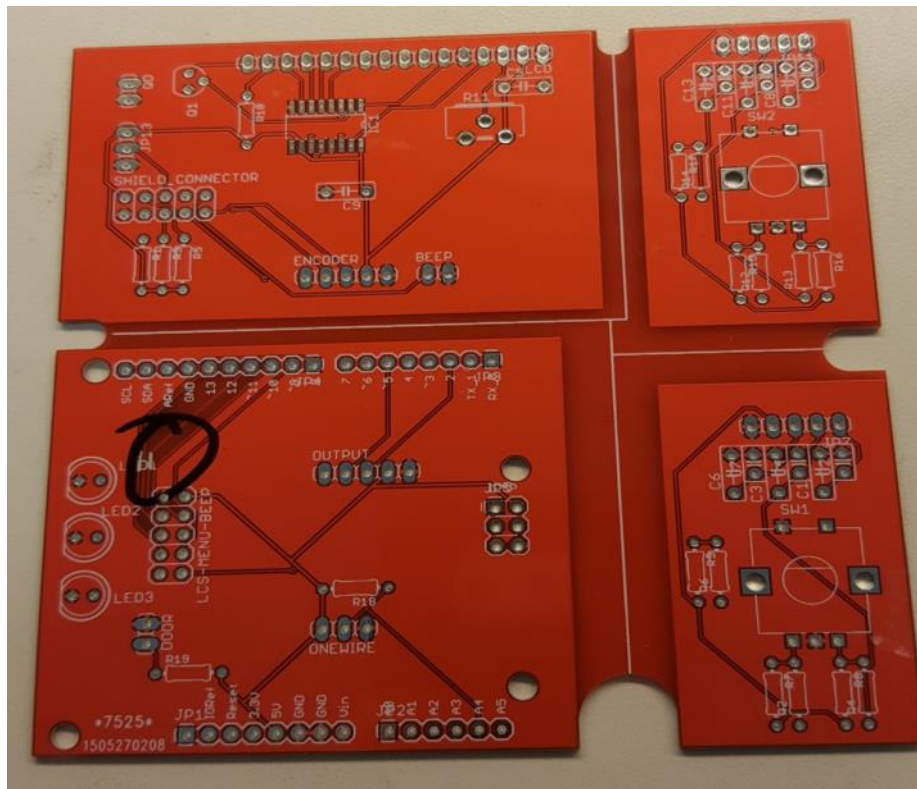
Please pay your dues! You will be glad you did!

Beer Stuff

I got my 10 PCBs from dirtypcb.com. They came in while I was at NHC. I have not had a chance to build one up yet because I had some higher priority tasks in front of BrewPi. I did find a mistake in the board design that I can fix with a wire. Overall I think the boards look great. Worth the wait and the price.

The big reason for ordering these boards was I really wanted to see what a board would look like after I designed it and it was manufactured. I'll spend more time refining the Brewtroller board I am going to design as a shield for the Arduino Mega2560.

Below is a picture of one of the boards I got back. I will cut it into four smaller boards along the white line. The two sub boards on the right side are different versions of the rotary encoder board with different spacing on the mounting holes for the encoder. I was not sure what the proper spacing was. I was surprised that the board house would do the notches you see on the sides of the board. Those were experiments just to see what would happen. You can also see an imperfection on the left side of the sharpie circle. Those two marks have the resist scraped off. Not a big deal, just an imperfection I can live with for the price.



National Homebrew Conference

NHC was very fun. I think we went out too early. We arrived on Saturday before the event week. We went to so many breweries and bars that I was a bit beered out by the time NHC started.

We went to the Brewing Network's 10th anniversary party on the Wednesday night. It was a great party with many awesome beers pouring. Amazingly there was so much good beer that there was not a line at the Russian River station. The Rare Barrel was pouring all of their beers and had a huge line. I did not wait in that line preferring to taste the other good beers at the party.

There was a weird band called the Creepy Creeps or Creepxotica. They play something like Halloween Surf music. Here is a link to a short clip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xg0YjGS6A9U> They were actually very good. They wore work suits with skeleton masks and fezzes.

NHC talks started slow for me but finished with some great talks. I am inspired to brew some sour beers now. The beer events were too crowded because outdoor space was just not big enough for the number of people attending. The beer at commercial night was very good. I thought the beer at homebrew night was some of the worst I have had at a NHC. I only liked about 10% of the beers I tasted. Some of this may have been the fact that I was burned out on hoppy beers by then and was looking for some good Porters, Pilsners and anything sessionable.

NHC will be in Baltimore next year. I don't know what the beer scene is like in Maryland. It will be close to some of the Pennsylvania breweries so there will be some options.

Enough for now.

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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