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Prez Sez By Mike Grover

Well April was a pretty full month of beer-related events. Thanks to Smitty for hosting the brew day on the 11th. I know that a lot of the folks that missed the brew day were at Big Texas Brew Fest. I was out of town and missed both, but was able to make it to the campout at Cedar Creek Brewery on the 18th. The threat (and reality!) of bad weather kept a lot of folks away, but we still had a pretty good showing and about a dozen folks who camped in either tent or vehicle. We did have some very strong storms that rolled through in the evening but we rode them out in the brewery. Somehow we managed to survive with only a large building full of cold beer for shelter.

The May club meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at The Drunken Donkey in The Colony at 4897 Highway 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway). Here's a link: (<https://goo.gl/maps/Rzp3S>). This is off Blair Oaks Drive on the north side of 121 and just east of the intersection with Josey/Main Street. We will be meeting on their outdoor covered patio. It is covered so we will be there rain or shine barring severe weather, of course. This place has a full menu and LOTS of beers on draft. Note that there is another Drunken Donkey location in Lewisville. We won't be there.

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 at The Holy Grail Pub located at 8240 Preston Road in Plano. It is located on the east side of Preston Road just north of Headquarters Drive. 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.

May is another busy month. In addition to the club meeting, we have a brew day on Saturday, May 2nd and our first party of the year on Saturday, May 9th. The brew day is also AHA Big Brew and is being hosted by Four Corners Brewing Co. in Dallas. Doug and Kathleen Nett are hosting the spring party. Read on for further details!

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The First Sip By James Smith

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



- The May Brew Day will be held on May 2 from 9am to 4pm. If this date looks familiar to you, you're probably on to something. This is American Homebrewers Association National Homebrew Day. Homebrew Headquarters' Kelly Harris is the official host of this event and it is being held at the great Four Corners Brewing near downtown. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)

Stay tuned for the final details, but mark your calendars to attend. Link follows for those not in the know. <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/aha-events/national-homebrew-day/>

- The Spring Party will be held on Saturday, May 9 and is being hosted by Mr. Doug Nett and his wife Kathleen. Their address is 5505 Lomita Circle in Plano. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The June Brew Day will be held at the home of Brian and Melinda Byer. The date is Saturday, June 9. Their address is 2117 Rheims Dr., Carrollton, TX 75006. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The July Brew Day is pending a date.
- 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](#)

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!

Brew Hard!
James, aka "Smitty"



Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

CALL TO ACTION!

HB 2546 urgently needs your help! This bill allows homebrew competitions to be held at TABC licensed facilities. Unfortunately the big beer distributors are trying to kill this bill just because they can. Please call the Texas House calendar committee and let them know you support this bill and want to see it come to the House for a vote. Calling the committee members only takes about 15 minutes. If you support homebrew competitions in Texas, call the committee and your representative today!

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To find out who represents you: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

Results from the Alamo City Cerveza Fest were released early in the month. In case you missed the club meeting, here are our winners. We sent down a pretty light number of entries but did well with what we sent.

Alamo City Cerveza Fest		
Category	Place	Brewer
Light Lager	2nd	Don VanSlyke
India Pale Ale	1st	Walter Hodges
German Wheat and Rye	2nd	Walter Hodges
Sour Ale	1st	Barrett Tillman
Belgian Strong Ale	1st	Don VanSlyke
Belgian Strong Ale	2nd	Barrett Tillman

Here are the current Homebrewer of the Year standing through the ACCF.

Homebrewer of the Year Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Walter Hodges	8
Matthew Linnenburger	7
Don VanSlyke	6
Barrett Tillman	5
Anthony Gachima	5
William Lawrence	4
Arthur Stockstill	3
Leroy Gharis	3
Richard Harris	3
Jimmy Orkin	2
Don Trotter	2
Mason McPhail	2
James Smith	1

The next competition is the Austin Zealots' "The Inquisition". This is a new competition for the Lone Star Circuit and is a bit different from the rest in that it does not follow BJCP guidelines. You can find a listing of their categories at: <http://inquisition.brewcomp.com/entry>. The entry deadline is June 28th, so we'll have a packing party sometime around the middle of June. A nice thing about this competition, is that they only require **two** bottles. So, if you have a beer that taste really great, but does not fit neatly into a BJCP category, then you should consider entering "The Inquisition"!

We just completed judging the April COC. We had five entries in the lager categories. Congratulations to our winners.

- 3rd place – Don VanSlykes' Munich Helles
- 2nd place – Mason McPhail's Maibock/Helles Bock
- 1st place – Don VanSlykes' Munich Dunkel

Brewer Royale Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Don VanSlyke	6

Mike Grover	3
Doug Nett	3
Layne McBeath	2
Mason McPhail	2
Barrett Tillman	1
Bill James and Tim McGrath	1

Competition Schedule			
Lone Star Circuit		Club Only	
Competition	Entry Deadline	Theme/Styles	Entry Deadline
The Inquisition	6/28	Session Beers All Limbo Categories	July
Lunar Redezbrew	June	Sour Beers BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23	September
Limbo Challenge	July	Belgian and French Styles BJCP Categories 17 and 18	November
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Dixie Cup	September		

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Walter

The Treasure's Report By Jimmy Orkin

The Treasurer's Report
By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity February end \$4,444.80

Equity March end \$4,539.03

New members in March: 9.

Members at March end: 213.

Current members at the time of this article: 215.

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. Let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

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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