



# LIVIN' THE BREWS



The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.

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## October Meeting

**TUESDAY, October 10, 2000 - 7:00 PM**

Location: **The Flying Saucer  
14999 Montfort Drive  
Dallas, TX 75240**



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



## Party Central

by Bo Turton

We got through the Oktoberfest party and all had fun and plenty of food & beer. The club provided a keg of Paulaner Oktoberfest and only one brewer brought a keg of home brew (thank you Steve). It was a lager he made at the club birthday party last May. A double decoction made from the Budvar undermodified malt from St. Pat's. I hope you got some of it before it was gone. The Paulaner keg was "floating" by party's end too.

Now you all know the club will buy a commercial keg of something good for the Christmas party. You also know you are a member of the best homebrew club in the country making some of the finest beer in the nation RIGHT! Remember at the Y-2keg party we had 6 kegs and I had a

pump 21. So how can we improve the keg turnout at our parties?

Well here's an idea, lets do a keg competition at the Christmas party! You say you don't own a keg? First, if you need a keg, Bo Turton will provide an empty keg to be filled with 5 gallons of your finest. If you've never kegged before, we will give you instructions. There - no excuses. Every home brewer should have a beer for the holidays so why not keg and enter it. Second, I will make a tap handle with a picture and the name of your beer in it. This handle will be used when serving your beer at the Christmas party and it is you're to keep after the party. Finally, all the club members can vote on which beer is the best and the club will have a

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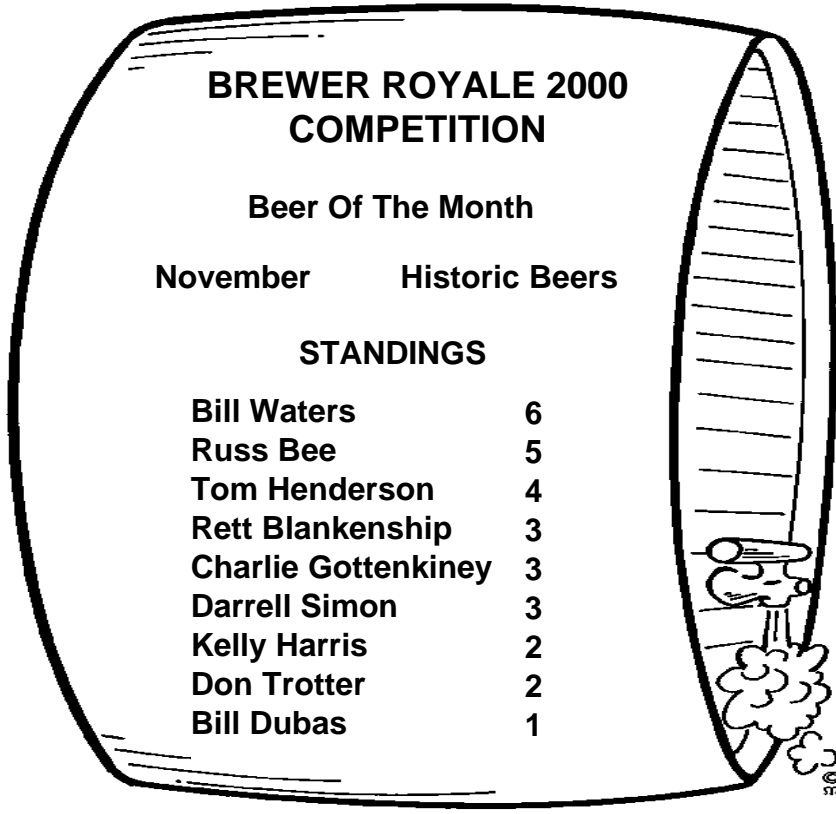
## Lettrz from the Prez

Whew! What a great party. Wonderful beer, superb sausages, and an assortment of other delicious treats made this one of our club's finest Oktoberfest parties. Thanks go out to Charlie Walker for bringing wurst and doing the grilling, Don Trotter for delivering the keg of Paulaner Oktoberfest, and everyone who brought homebrew and food. Extra special thanks to Bo and Robin for hosting the party. It was wonderful.

And speaking of parties, the Ale-ians out in Lubbock know how to put one on as well. The Cactus Challenge was a heck of a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to a return trip next year. Steve Hacker, Tom Garner, Russ Bee, and I represented NTHBA at the event. Also in attendance were folks from the Foam Rangers and the Net Hoppers.

The next competition on the radar screen is a big'un. The Dixie Cup wraps up the Gulf Coast competition circuit for year 2000 on Saturday, October 21. The Gulf Coast Homebrewer of the Year will also be crowned that evening. I'll be driving to Houston with

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## Competition Corner

By Russ Bee

Congratulations to the North Texas gang on 2 counts! We did very well at the Cactus Challenge out in Lubbock. Not only in the medal count, but we also had one heck of a good time out there. If you recall from the Bluebonnet, those Ale-ians know how to party. It was a real fine competition and pub crawl except having to endure Dave Dixon strip show at the back of the bus. (Just proves the back of the bus really does suck). Seriously, many thanks to the Ale-ian Society for making us feel so welcome and for putting on a great event. I would highly recommend putting it on your calendar for next year.

Second reason for us to be proud, we sent somewhere in the neighborhood of 90 entries down to the Dixie Cup. There were a couple of Foamys out at Lubbock and they are excited about the upcoming event. It looks like it is shaping up to be the usual wild and fun filled weekend. There are a number of North Texans headed down to Houston for the weekend of Oct. 22. If you are thinking about going, I can promise you a good time. See ya at the Dixie Cup!

### Beer Study Sessions Planned

Would you like to join a Beer Study Group? Plans are being made to start a series of sessions that will present information about various beer styles with commercial examples to sample. Taste beer styles you've never tried before. Expand your knowledge of what your nose and tongue have been trying to tell you for years. Learn things that will help you improve your brewing skills. You will also have the opportunity to learn about what causes some off-flavors in beer.

Sessions will begin in November. Contact Steve Hacker for more information at 817 540-1210 (metro #) or email [steve4beer@aol.com](mailto:steve4beer@aol.com).

### Brewer Royale Update

The Brewer Royale competition for September was Oktoberfest and with it the race for our club Brewer of the Year is getting tighter. Bill Dubas captured 3rd place, Russ Bee took 2nd and Tom Henderson got the blue ribbon. That puts 5 brewers within 3 points (1 first place winner) of the leader, Bill Waters. WOW - look out Bill !! The last competition for this year will be at the November club meeting with Historic beers being the style. With the competitive bunch we have, I bet there will be some good "old style" beers to judge. Good luck to you guys in the home stretch!

The Sunshine Challenge Posse is filling up fast. Russ still has openings on the Porter Posse or the Pale Ale Posse.



BEER at the Cactus Challenge

## Lettrz

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October 20. Anyone wanting to ride along with us is welcome, just let us know so that we set a pickup time and location. If you've never been to a Dixie Cup, you owe it to yourself to attend. This is truly one of the greatest events in all of homebrewing.

We'll soon have a new round of club officer elections. Several candidates have already offered their services for the upcoming year, but I'm sure there are more of you out there who would like to help out. Drop me a line, or let me know at the coming club meeting if you would like to serve. We'll put the list of candidates in the November newsletter and vote at the November meeting. The five lucky (?) winners will be announced at the December party. Seriously, it has been my privilege to serve as a club officer, and I still feel like this club has given me more than I could ever repay.

In closing, I'd like all of you to take a moment and toast the memory of Kerry Hauptli. Kerry was a long-time member of NTHBA and a BJCP National judge. He passed away suddenly last month. I met Kerry during Bluebonnet judging this year, and a nicer man I'll never meet. Here's to you, Kerry.

Carpe Brewski,  
Jim Layton

## Party Central

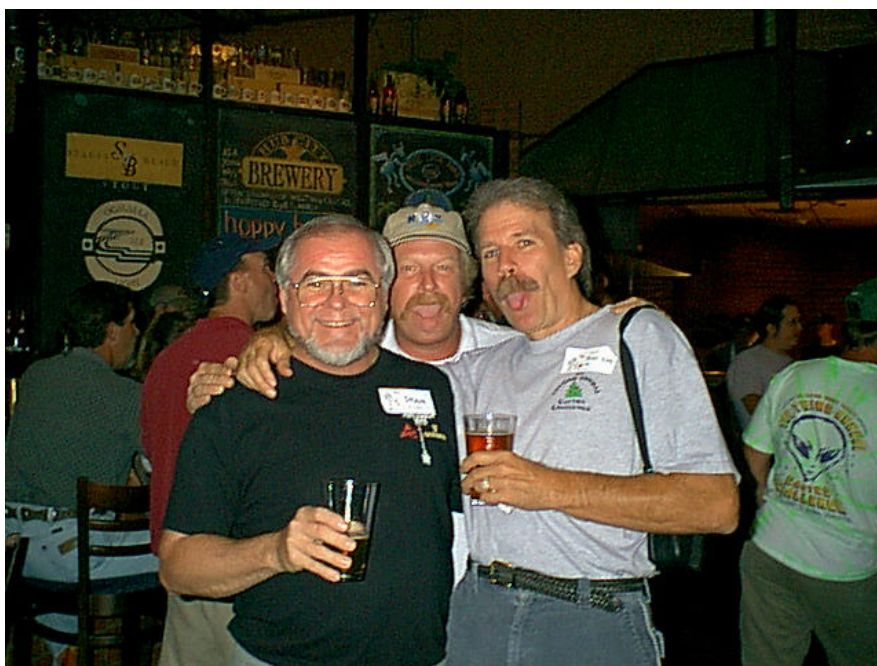
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how's that for a Holiday Brew Contest?

So don't let Steve walk away with the \$50. I know he will have a keg entered. Let's have fun and share our brew with other

our final party of the year. You will enjoy sharing your beer (it is Christmas), taking home a personalized custom made tap handle and you might even have an extra 50 bucks in your pocket.

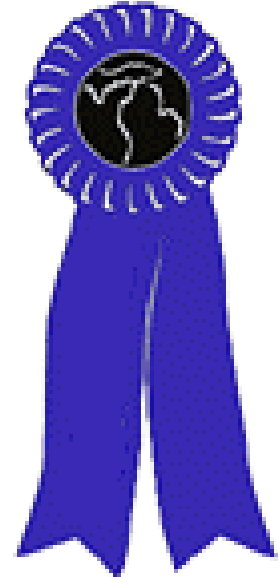
Enjoy and happy brewing.  
Bo Turton



Steve, Moon and Russ enjoying the pub crawl in Lubbock



A great turnout - people from several Texas homebrew clubs attended



## The Results are In

North Texas Home Brewers made a good showing at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cactus Challenge in Lubbock.

Here are our winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Spiced/Herb/Vegetable & Smoked Beer – Steve Hacker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Light Ale & Scottish Ale - Jim Layton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kolsch & Altbier – Russ Bee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - India Pale Ale – Russ Bee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - European Pale Lager – Russ Bee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - European Pale Lager – Russ Bee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - English & Scottish Strong Ale – Jim Layton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bitter & English Pale Ale – Russ Bee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Bitter & English Pale Ale – Doug Nett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - American Lager & Wheat Beer - Jim Layton

**Homebrew Headquarters** is looking for a knowledgeable homebrewer that can work part time. If you are interested in working 4 to 30 hours per week with a very flexible schedule, contact Kelly Harris at 972 234-4411

That's 10 ribbons - Congratulations everyone!

### 2001 Bluebonnet Brew-Off

The next planning meeting for the 15th Annual Bluebonnet Brew-Off will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 11th at the GingerMan in Dallas.

**Roger Protz**  
[www.protzonbeer.com](http://www.protzonbeer.com)  
 The »King of Beer Writers«  
 is now online. 24 hours a day.

**Brewers Calendar**

**October**

**5-7 GABF**

Location: Denver, CO

**10 Oct. Club Meeting - 7:00 PM**

Location: The Flying Saucer

**20-21 Dixie Cup 2000**

Location: Houston, TX

**November**

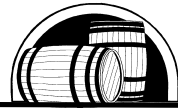
**11 Bluebonnet Brew-Off**

**Committee meeting - 1:00 PM**

Location: The GingerMan

**14 November Club Meeting and Election of club officers - 7:00 PM**

Location: The GingerMan



**The Brewing Equipment Trading Post**

**Brewing equipment for sale**  
must sell before October 15

10 gallon Volrath Pot with lid  
2, 4-gallon aluminum Pots  
4 (alas empty) Aluminum Beer Kegs  
Electric Grain mill (old but functional)  
Two 5 gallon and one 7 gallon glass carboys  
Copper coil Wort chiller  
Odds and bits, DME, dextrose, caps, airlocks, cappers etc.

I will take \$100 for the whole lot.

214-823-7266  
(Lower Greenville Area)  
John Jones  
John.Jones@UTSouthwestern.edu

**To list your equipment, include the following information -**

- 1 - Description of item(s)
- 2 - Whether it is "For Sale", "Will Trade For \_?\_" or "Free, Come & Get It"
- 3 - Your name
- 4 - How and when to contact you about your item(s).

You can give the information to Steve Hacker at a club meeting or email it to [steve4beer@aol.com](mailto:steve4beer@aol.com).

Your item(s) will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter. There is **no charge** for this service if you are a club member. Non club members may post here for a modest fee.

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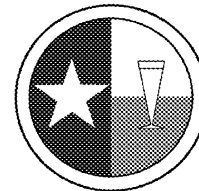
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**Club Brewmeisters**

Club "Brewmeisters" are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, both new and old, who are having problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late or too early or during Cowboy games!

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**North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.**



The North Texas Home Brewers Association 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. Deadlines for ads and articles are the last Monday of each month for publication the following month.

Visit the NTHBA WEB Site at <http://hbd.org/nthba>



# 1<sup>st</sup> NTHBA Holiday Brew Contest

**You are invited to enter one of your brews in our first Holiday Brew Contest.**

This in-club only competition was dreamed up by our club officers. It is not associated with the AHA, BJCP, MCAB or any other competition. It is for the enjoyment of the North Texas Home Brewers membership and their guests. All club members that attend the club Christmas Party and sample the Holiday Brew entries will vote for their favorite. The tally (towards the end of the party) will determine the Winner. (Kind of like Survivors except we vote for who wins, not who gets kicked out.)

**All entrants will receive a Custom Made Tap Handle**  
(see official entry form for details).

**The Winning brewer will receive a \$50 cash award.**

#### **The Rules:**

- Only one (1) entry per brewing club member.
- The entry must be a 3 or 5 gallon korny keg of **any style** brew you choose. (If you don't have a korny keg to put your entry in, contact Bo Turton. He will loan you one.)
- You must fill out the entry form and provide the "artwork" (to be used in the making of your tap handle) by November 14, 2000. (our club meeting). The actual beer entry must be brought to the Christmas Party or delivered to Bo Turton earlier with prior arrangements. You do not have to be present to win but why miss the fun!
- Judging will be based on taste and character only. No scoresheets will be used. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the soberest judge.

**This contest is open to any style beer, mead or cider**

So brew your entry – put it in your keg (or borrow one from Bo), name your beer and don't forget to create your tap handle artwork. We're all looking forward to a great holiday party!



**COMING SOON - Election of club officers**

**We will elect our 2001 club officers at the November club meeting. If you would like to run for office, please notify Jim Layton.**

## Holiday Brew Contest Entry Form

Brewer Name \_\_\_\_\_

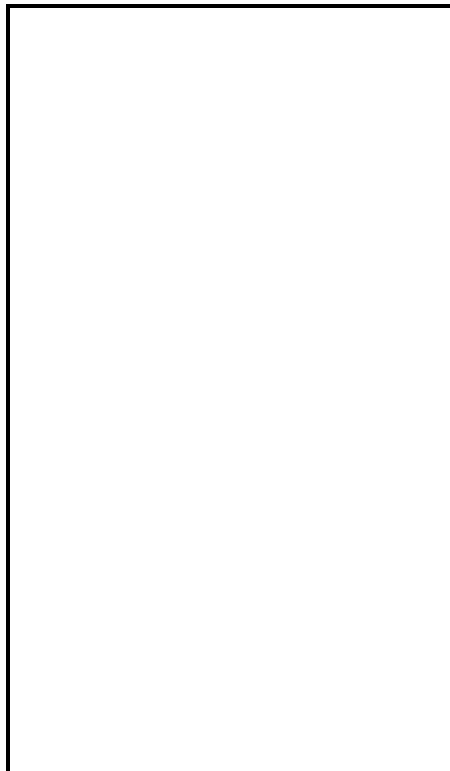
Additional Brewer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Brew \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Brew \_\_\_\_\_

Special Ingredient(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- ⚠ One entry per club member. Any style of beer, cider or mead can be entered.
- ⚠ Entry must be kegged (3 or 5 gallon korny kegs only). Call or email Bo Turton if you need to borrow a keg or need kegging instructions at 214 435-3367 or email to [bo3769s@hotmail.com](mailto:bo3769s@hotmail.com).
- ⚠ Your entry must be brought to the Christmas Party or delivered to Bo Turton earlier with prior arrangements.



Maximum Size 2" x 4"

### Tap Handle Artwork:

Your custom tap handle will be approximately 2¼ inches wide and 4½ inches tall. You may submit your artwork here in hand drawn form, attach a printout of computer generated art or submit the artwork file in jpg format to Bo Turton at [bo3769s@hotmail.com](mailto:bo3769s@hotmail.com)

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Holidays  
and  
Happy  
Brewing!

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