



LIVIN' THE BREWS



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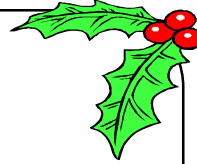
Club Christmas Party and December Meeting

SATURDAY, December 9, 2000 - 4:00 PM
Location: **The Bo and Robin Turton Home**
3747 Vancouver Dr.
Dallas, TX 75229

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Activities include:

- Drawing for the Big-Mohunker Prize
(you must be present to win)
- Holiday Brew Competition (you be the judge)
- Food, Beer and lots of Cheer!
- White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Heated Swimming Pool (if you dare)



Lettrz from the Prez

Hey! Where has the year gone? It seems that I looked away, got busy with a few details, then turned around, and now its already time for our Christmas party.

Alright, Christmas Party! It's a big event in our club's year. Lots of good food, good beer, and good friends to share it. As usual, the club provides the meat and everyone brings a dish of some sort. Salads, vegetables, desserts, whatever you choose to bring will be appreciated.

The beer this year will be all homebrew, and there will be plenty to choose from. There's a fifty-dollar prize for the most popular keg, and some of our club's finest brewers will be in contention. No stinking style guidelines, just tell us which beer you like the best.

We'll have our special raffle drawing for the big mohunker prize, a chest freezer. Don't bother trying to buy tickets for this one, you either did it earlier or you didn't. Remember those loosing raffle tickets that you bought throughout the year? Remember writing your name on the back and turning them

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Party Central

by Bo Turton

Season's Greetings to everyone! Mark your calendar – this Saturday, December 9th is our Christmas Party and monthly club meeting.

Here's the plan: Things will start about 4:00 PM

- The beer will be flowing so you can start sampling some of the Holiday Brew Contest entries. Remember, this is a "Peoples Choice" contest so try all the entries during the party before you cast your vote for your favorite. We'll

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Annual Holiday Beer Tasting at Ginger Man

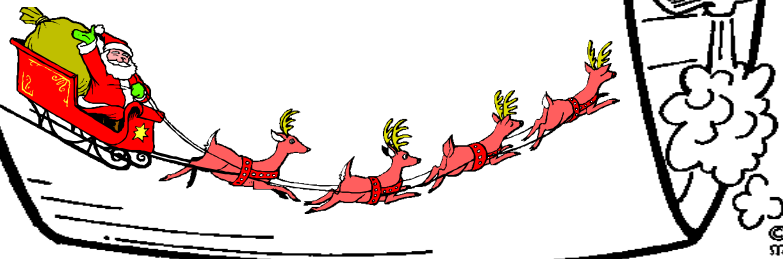
It has become a tradition at the Ginger Man to present a holiday tasting event that always proves to be enjoyable. Our very own McKee Smith will be leading the participants through a variety of winter warmers and seasonal brews.

The tasting will be Tuesday night, December 12th. It starts at 8:00 PM but you should arrive early because it has been known to sell out. The price for this event has not been set at the time of this writing but should be \$15 or \$20.

BREWER ROYALE 2001 COMPETITION

Beer Of The Month

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| January | European Dark Lagers (Dunkel & Schwarzbier) Cat. 13 |
| March | Stout - Cat. 16 and Russian Imperial Stout Cat. 12C |
| May | Bock - Cat 14 |
| July | Witbier - Cat. 19B |
| September | California Common Cat. 6C |
| November | Mild - Cat. 10A |



2001 Bluebonnet Brew-Off

The next planning meeting for the 15th Annual Bluebonnet Brew-Off will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 16th at the Flying Saucer in Arlington.

Brewer Royale Update

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2000 Brewer Royale competitions. We had a lot of good beers.

January brings us a "clean slate" for 2001 so let's get ready to brew! I have posted the month and style for each of next year's competitions on this page so everyone can plan next year's entries.

Good Luck and Good Brewin'



Competition Corner

By Russ Bee

WE WIN!!!!

Just in case you haven't heard, the North Texas Homebrewers went down to Houston and walked away with the Dixie Cup. It was a huge event (as always) and a huge win for our club. Those of us who went down there had a great time (as always) and the Foam Rangers went out of their way to make all the visiting clubs feel welcome. Our club had a nice effort with lots of entries and plenty of ribbons to go around. It also was a good indication of just what we can accomplish if we pull together and go after a trophy. The big question is, can we build on this victory and carry it into next year's Gulf Coast contests?

Speaking for myself, it was the best Dixie Cup I've been to. It was great to see Al Bourg and Ernie Spreen from the New Orleans club win the Mike Templeton award for most points at the Dixie Cup. They have been competing with me all year for the Gulf Coast Title and are great competitors (and really good guys).

Congratulations to "Bert & Ernie." And speaking of the Gulf Coast Title, hats off and my personal congratulations go to Wes & Nancy Sampson from Florida for a resounding victory in this year's Gulf Coast Homebrewer of the Year race. Although I did not win the title this year I take great pride in beating Dave Dixon from the Net Hoppers.

NOW is the time to be brewing for the spring competitions. All those who have signed up for the Sunshine Challenge Posse, all I can say is it's in our hands. Fire up those kettles and let's continue the winning streak in Y2K1!

Russ



Map to Christmas Party



Party starts about 4:00 PM

Heated swimming pool will be open for your pleasure

Wear your Holiday attire - hats, shirts, holiday socks, etc. (ties are not required but allowed).

Bring:

1. "Covered dish" - veggie, desert or your special holiday dish
2. Can goods, unwrapped toy or winter clothing for our Christmas Charity donation
3. A Wrapped beer/brewing related item for our 2nd annual White Elephant gift exchange
4. Your appetite for good food and great beer

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in? We'll draw from those tickets. There is a precedent for the outgoing president to win this drawing, so I'll be driving my pickup to the party. Just in case.

This year's Brewer Royale competition was a real nail biter. Six brewers were in contention for first place going in to the last event, and the finish was exciting. I'll present the prizes to the winners and pass the highly sought after Brewer Royale trophy to our club's Brewer(s) Royale for 2001.

In addition to the festivities, we'll announce the results of the election for club officers. The lucky (?) winners will then retire to a conference room where they decide who's going to do what. Regardless of the outcome of this election, I want to thank all of those club members who agreed to have their names on the ballot. It takes individuals like these to make this club go, and I for one really appreciate their willingness to give something back to our club.

Let me remind you once more of our effort to help charities in north Texas. Please bring a donation of some sort to the party. Warm clothing, toiletries, and non-perishable food items are recommended. My wife, Pat, will be collecting the donations.

This party will complete our club's calendar for 2000 and marks the end of my term as president. It has been an

honor to serve you and I've had a grand time doing it. Thanks, folks, for a wonderful year.

Carpe Brewski,
Jim Layton



Party Central

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have a keg of Young's Winter Warmer for you to enjoy too.

- The swimming pool will be hot so if you would like to take a late afternoon dip, bring your swimwear.
- Dinner will begin about 6:00 PM
- After dinner (about 7:00 PM) The drawing for the "Big-Mohunker" prize will take place. Remember, you must be present to win. Jim Layton will announce the new members of our Board of Directors and we should find out if Jim had any luck during his deer hunt this past week.
- About 7:30 PM we will begin our 2nd Annual White Elephant gift exchange (or battle if you prefer). You must bring a wrapped beer/brewing related item to participate. If you don't bring an item, you can still watch the fun as everyone tries to keep their favorite gift. Don't forget to continue sampling the different Holiday Brew entries.
- At 8:30 PM, the ballots will be collected to allow time for

determining the winner.

What to bring:

"Covered dish" - veggie, desert or your special holiday dish

Christmas Charity donation - Can goods, unwrapped toy or winter clothing

White Elephant Gift - some wacky/funny beer-related item (a beer T-shirt, some odd brew equipment, etc...) You name it, just make it beer related. Be sure you wrap your "gift".

The club buys the meat and the members bring the side dishes. We are dependent on everyone to bring a side dish to make this thing work out right, so please do.

Rules for White Elephant Gift Exchange

It's simple and fun. Just bring a wrapped beer-related item (see above). The funnier the better! Humor is what makes this thing, not expense or even usefulness.

1. We'll draw numbers then start the "white elephant"
2. We'll go in order and once your number is called you have a 30 seconds (we WILL time it to keep things moving). When your time is up, you have the choice of taking an unopened gift or a gift that someone before you already has.

Note: A gift can only be "stolen" twice.

That's it -

Brewers Calendar

December

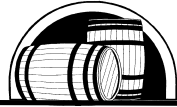
- 7 Dallas Fire Fighters Jam**
Location: The Coppertank
- 9 December Club Meeting and Christmas Party**
Location: Bo & Robin Turton's
- 12 Holiday Beer Tasting - 7:30PM**
Location: The Ginger Man
- 16 Bluebonnet Brew-Off Committee meeting - 1:00 PM**
(Tentative Date)
Location: The Flying Saucer
Arlington

January 2001

- 9 January Club Meeting**
Location: The Flying Saucer
Dallas

Your 2001 calendar will be in next months newsletter

The Brewing Equipment Trading Post



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.

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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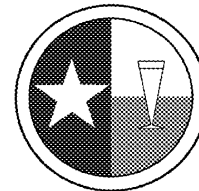
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Club Brewmeisters

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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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.

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