



# LIVIN' THE BREWS



The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association,

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## Club Christmas Party & December Meeting

Saturday, December 15, 2001 - 7:00 PM

Location: Bo and Robin Turton's 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)
- White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Food, Beer and lots of Cheer!

## Party Central

by Bo Turton

Season's Greetings to everyone! This Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Party and monthly club meeting.

### Here's the plan:

Things will start about 5:00 PM but Don Trotter will be frying the turkey starting 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 have a keg of

commercial beer for you to enjoy too.

- Dinner will begin about 6:00 PM. It's pot luck so bring a vegetable or dessert. The club is providing ham, brisket and turkey.

- After dinner (about 7:00 PM) The drawing for the "Big-Mohunker" prize will take place. In tradition, the winner will become the proud owner of a new chest freezer. Just think, you'll be able to lager your brew in August! Remember, you must be present to win this prize.

- Our President will announce our 2002 Board of Directors  
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## Prez Sez

WOW – This year is ticking by quickly and our club accomplished a lot during the past 12 months. I believe it was a first for us, having 3 out of the 4 Gulf Coast trophies on OUR shelf (Thanks Kelly for giving us a place to show 'em off). Our competitive nature stimulates our desire to brew great beers and the number of awards our club members have won proves that we have the know-how. Keep on brewin' !!!

Special activities and events brought us together several times this year allowing us to further enjoy our hobby. We were able to tour Big Buck Brewery & Steakhouse. We had a couple of club brew days (President's Brew Day & AHA Big Brew Day) and the Oktoberfest party was a lot of fun.

A couple of activities didn't go as well as hoped for. Our joint club Homebrew & BBQ picnic had a light turnout in July. Our September club meeting was the lowest attendance I've seen all though it's understandable due to the tragic events of that day. But overall, I think 2001 was a great year for our club and I

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## Party Central

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- About 7:30 PM we will start our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual White Elephant gift exchange. 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 during the fun.

- About 9:00 PM, the Keg Competition ballots will be collected to allow time for determining the winner.

### What to bring:

**“Covered Dish”** – Bring a veggie, desert or your special holiday dish. The club is providing the meat and the members bring the side dishes. Walter Hodges is preparing the brisket, Bo Turton is getting the ham and Don Trotter is frying us a turkey. We'll have a feast!

**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".

**Christmas Charity donation** – We will sponsor kids on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree this year. See **Angels in Need** article for details.

### 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 makes it, 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.

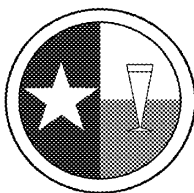
Note: A gift can only be "stolen" twice.

That's it –

I'll see you at our Christmas Party!

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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.

## Prez Sez

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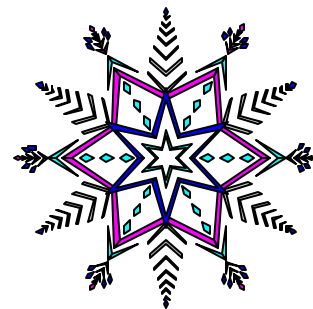
hope you feel the same way. Our club membership is over 140 and continues to grow.

Most anytime is a good time to party and enjoy some homebrew but our Christmas party is the high point of the year. We will enjoy a grand meal, enjoy the entries in the People's Choice Keg Competition, have a White Elephant gift exchange and hold the drawing for the Big Mohunker prize. If you don't know, that's when we draw from all those "loosing" tickets collected at the club meetings for the brand new chest freezer. Remember you **MUST** be present to win. Additional Christmas party details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

So we will close out 2001 with festive spirits and make ready for the new year ahead. I've really enjoyed serving our club as President and look forward to serving as Past President in the coming year.

Happy Holiday Cheers to everyone and may your next batch be the best you've made so far!

Steve Hacker





## Angels in Need

By Steve Hacker

This Christmas season the North Texas Home Brewers Association will sponsor children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Cash donations (or checks) will be accepted from our club members at our Christmas party. The amount we collect from members will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$500, with funds in the club reserve. If you would like to participate, bring your contribution to the Christmas party. Those people that would like to help in shopping for the gifts should talk to Carolyn Hacker at the party.

Thank you for helping us bring joy into the lives of some needy angels this year. >



# Happy Holidays

## 2002 Brewer Royale Competition Schedule

**January Club Meeting**  
**Category 5 - Scottish Ales**

**March Club Meeting**  
**Category 15 - Porter**

**May Club Meeting**  
**Category 7 - India Pale Ale**

**July Club Meeting**  
**Category 1 - American Lager**

**September Club Meeting**  
**Category 18 - Strong Belgian Ale**

**November Club Meeting**  
**Categories 21 & 22 - Fruit Beer and  
Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer**

Plan your brewing schedule to allow your entry in these competitions.

Here's 3 Good Reasons:

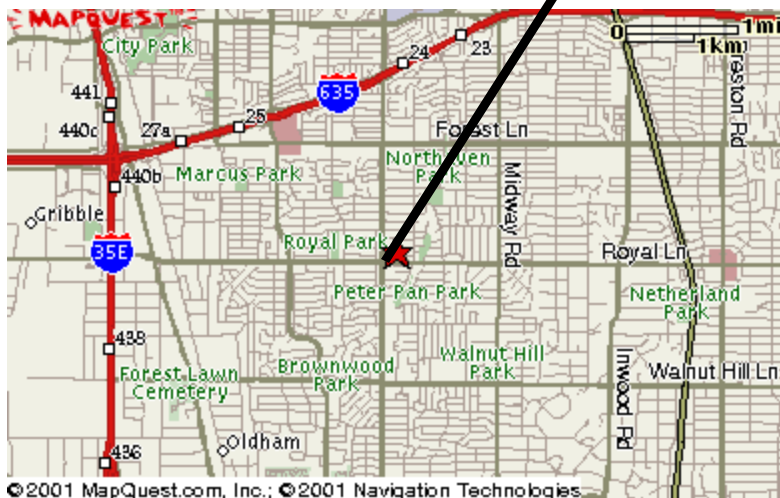
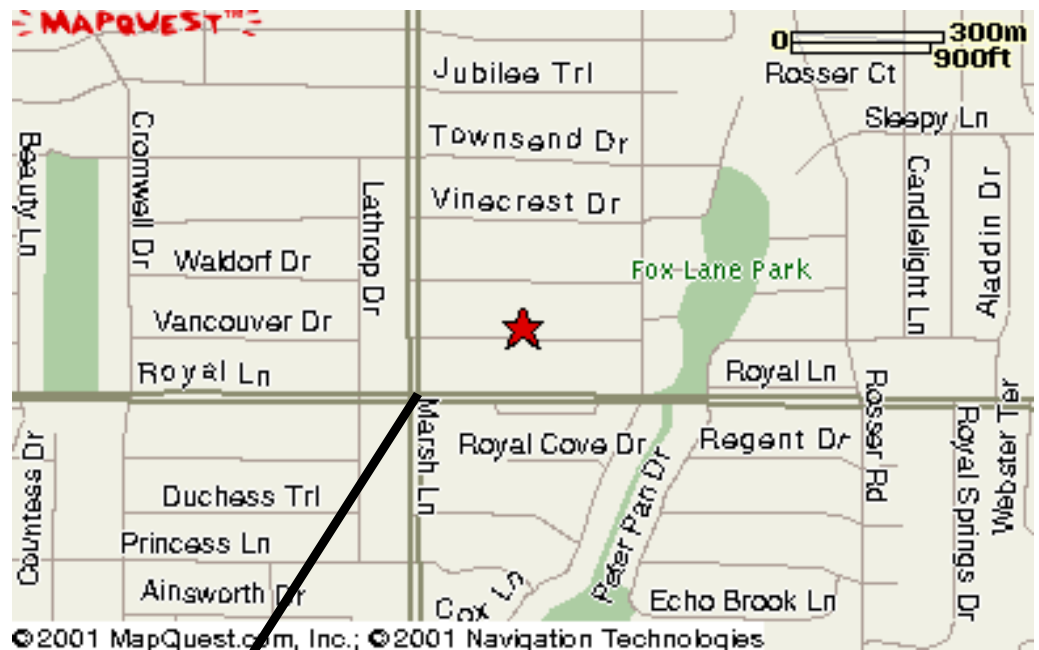
1. It only takes 1 beer to enter
2. You could be a winner, receive a ribbon and be recognized for the great brewer you are.
3. It's free !!!

## A Special Note from your Prez

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I did not receive our December newsletter. The "hardcopy" was published and mailed but the PDF version was not created. I felt some form of electronic publication should be created and sent to all members. This will insure that everyone knows about our upcoming party and hopefully will be able to attend. This Special Issue serves that purpose and when the complete issue becomes available in PDF form, I will see that it is posted on our website.

Please accept my apology.  
Steve Hacker

# Map to Christmas Party



## Party starts about 5:00 PM

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. Christmas Charity donation - (cash or check) will be collected to sponsor Salvation Army Angel Tree kids.
3. A Wrapped beer/brewing related item for our 3rd annual White Elephant gift exchange
4. Your appetite for good food, great beer and a lot of fun!

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