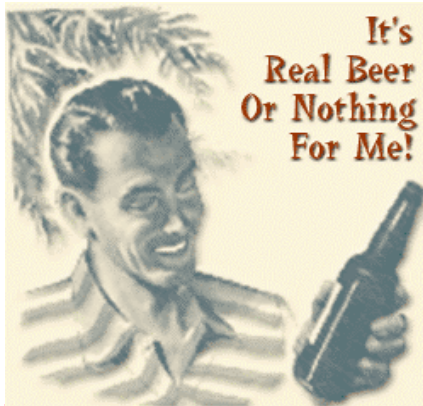




LIVIN' THE BREWS



April Meeting
Tuesday, April 12
7:00 PM

Bavarian Grill
221 W. Parker Rd.
Plano, TX 75023
(972) 881-0705

COC: Extract Beer

Bavarian Grill



Food ★★★
Service ★★★
Atmosphere ★★★

Prez Sez

By Jacque Keller

The Bluebonnet was a wonderful weekend, with a lot of drinking and learning and appreciating beer. I was happy to see so many of the new members there, along with our veteran members. Our room crawl room was the place to be on Friday night – and well on into



Saturday morning. I think we stayed open till about 5:00 AM. Richard Harris took one for the team and stayed up late dispensing beer. The beer was so great, it's no wonder people wanted to stay. Our beers were

so good, I didn't drink anywhere else. I took a look at the other rooms, but I only drank the best, our NTHBA beer. Our room looked perfect too. All who dressed up as gamblers, banditos, saloon girls and cowboys, you looked fabulous. Thank you to all who put the room together and to those who donated our 16 kegs of homebrew!

Thank you to all our members who entered beer in the Bluebonnet this year. NTHBA had some excellent brews in the competition. We won second place, along with the Cap and Hare. The Foam Rangers managed to squeak by to first place. Well, no – they actually won big, so congratulations to them. But our biggest congratulations go to our club's winning brewers - we're so proud of you! See the list of our winners and take a look at their photo on our website. Such fine brewers and good-looking too!

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The Bluebonnet score sheets are at Homebrew Headquarters now. You can pick them up there or at the club meeting. Remember that you get a free raffle ticket for each beer you entered. Just show us your first round score sheet. We'll also announce the winner of our B.J.'s Brew Contest at the club meeting. With the club only competition, there will be a lot going on. Be sure to **come to the meeting on April 12.**

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Do you have a good brown porter or robust porter in your repertoire? Then enter it in the KGB's Big Batch Brew Bash competition. There's no entry fee, so they make it easy for you. How about this for inspiration? St. Arnold's invites the winner to help brew a batch of one of their beers AND the club with the most qualifying 2nd round entries wins a half-barrel keg of St. Arnold's Amber Ale. How many porters do you think we can enter? Talk to me if you think we should go for the half-barrel. The entry deadline is May 27. <http://www.thekgb.org/Portals/57ad7180-c5e7-49f5-b282-c6475cdb7ee7/BBBB2005.pdf>

Remember that entries are due April 4th thru 15th for the 2005 AHA South Regional Homebrew Competition. <http://www.beertown.com/events/nhc/index.html> Judging is April 30 and May 1 in Houston. Our spring party is April 30 and I know everybody wants to be there. But if you happen to be stuck in Houston that weekend, there will be no better place to be than at St. Arnold's judging beer. More information is available later in the newsletter

Now, back to the party – it's going to be great! Bill and Julie Dubas are the hosts. Fred David has all the details.

Come to the party! It's guaranteed to be fun.

It's time to start brewing for all the competitions coming up during the rest of the year, not to mention the parties where we want homebrew. Let's see a big turnout at both the April and May brew days, with lots of people brewing. Here's one of my favorite thoughts about beer. The next time you brew, think of this observation by Fritz Maytag of Anchor Steam fame. "Beer does not make itself properly by itself. It takes an element of mystery and things no one can understand." So ponder the mystery of beer, preferably as you drink a homebrew, and let's get brewing!



Sláinte!
Jacque

What's Brew'n

By Fred David

The Bluebonnet is over and, with it, the biggest and best party of the year, the room crawl. We didn't win the best room but ours looked great. Kudos to Walter Hodges for building an awesome bar that our club can use over and over! Other additions were artwork from the turn of the century and authentic honky-tonk saloon

bar music that put you back to that time. Those of you that wore costumes looked great!! I hope that we can embellish on our room theme in year's to come regardless of the outcome. It was cool!!! I must admit that we just were plain outdone when it came to cleverness in the decorating arena. The Red River Brewers really went all out as you can see from some of the accompanying pictures. Who would have thought of using outhouse butt holes as overflow drains for their taps! All of the rooms



were great for traffic flow this year with every room opening to the swimming pool. I really hope they will have us back for years to come!!!

By the time you get this news letter the April brew day might have come and gone if you receive it by snail mail. I hope that many of you will have made an appearance at Steve Jones' house either to brew or for the hop evaluation experiment (a nice way of saying free beer) that he started at the January brew day. If you need directions to Steve's house, go to page 3 and you should be able to find a map.

Next up on the agenda is our

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Spring Party on April 30th.

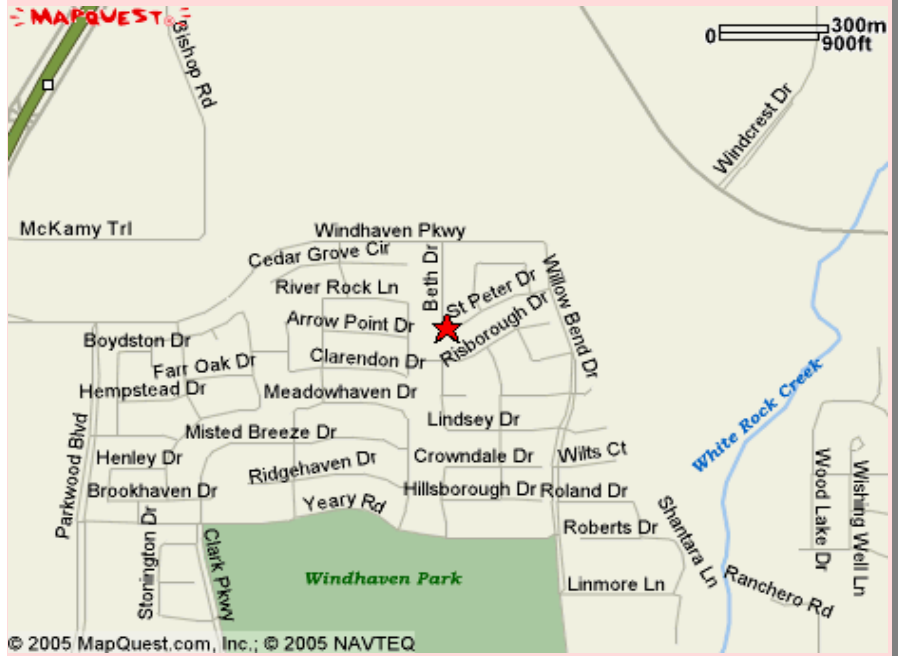
This will be at Bill & Julie Dubas' house and is going to be a lot of fun. Julie has some Mexican friends that are going to supply authentic Mexican enchiladas and tamales and, of course, there will be plenty of beer thanks to the efforts of you guys. So please get you kettles boiling and you carboys bubbling so that we will have plenty to go around. Also, as is always the case, please bring side dishes or desserts that will go well with Mexican food. Bill did ask that no one bring any chips as there were tons left over from the Bluebonnet. To the right is a map showing the location of his house along with his address and a phone number to call in case you get lost. I hope to see all of you there!

The week following our Spring Party is the **AHA National Brew Day**. I have met with management at Big Buck Brewery in Grapevine and they have reserved the entire patio for us. The beer styles for this year's AHA National Brew Day are a Rye IPA and a Porter. You can find recipes for these beers from the AHA website at the following link; <http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/recipes.html>. I would really like to have a good turnout for this and need to know how many of you will plan to attend. I have also started contacting the other area clubs to invite them so that we might get yet another chance to get to

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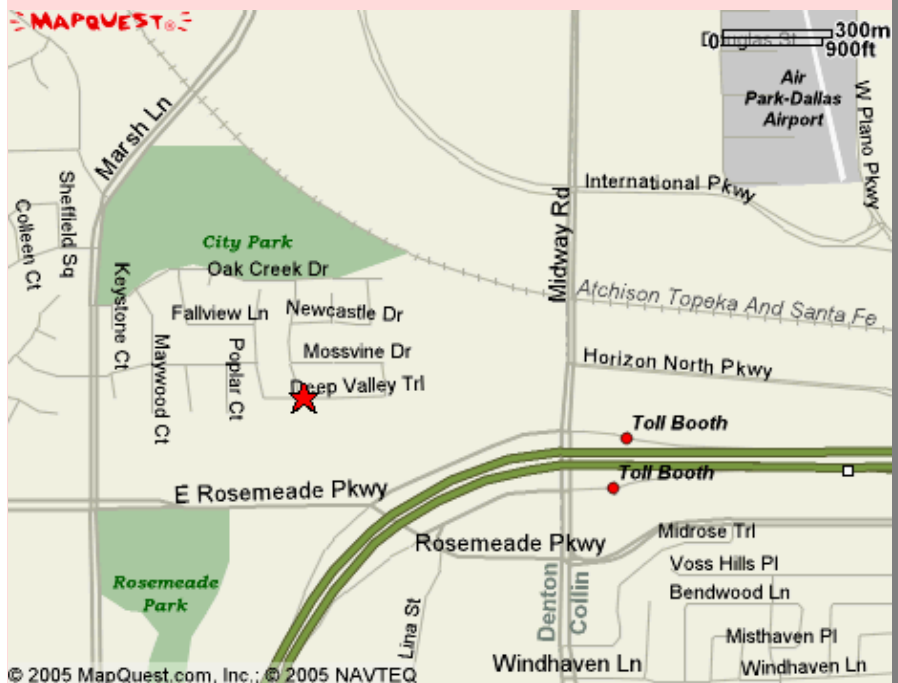
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Location change from last newsletter
Steve Jones

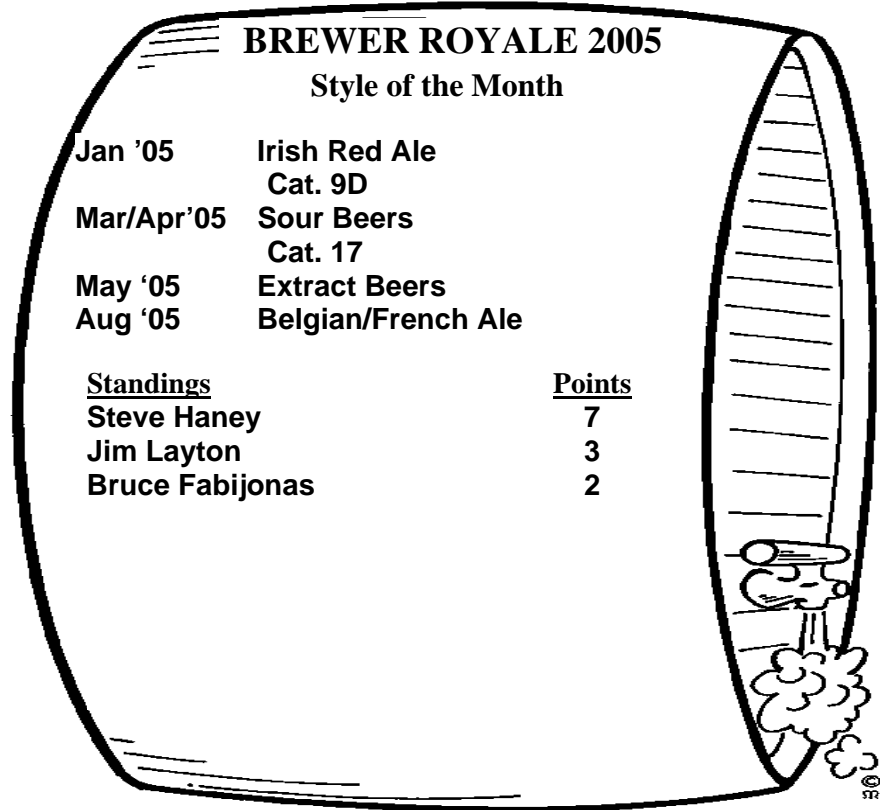
2961 Las Campanas
 Farmers Branch, TX 75234
 Cell (214) 536-3243



Spring Party (April 30th)

Bill and Julie Dubas'
 3705 Peppertree Drive
 Carrollton, TX 75007
 (972) 862-8518





and therefore it is time to get ready for the next one. There will be a packing party for the Sunshine challenge at Homebrew Headquarters on Tuesday April 19th. They typically start at 6:00 so show up with your winning entries to help us catch up to the Foam Rangers in points. The club provides the packing materials and pays for the shipping. Kelly provides the space and ships them out. All you do is register, bring, and wrap. Bring a bottle of homebrew for sharing if you like.

The Sunshine challenge is the second leg of the Gulf Coast Challenge. The Bluebonnet was the first. We need everyone to enter these competitions so we can win the cup!

As has already been mentioned, the club only contest will be held at the next meeting. The beer style is extract beer. This competition covers All BJCP beer styles (Categories 1-23) *. Extract must make up more than 50% of fermentables. I am sure we will be having lots of entries. So I will need lots of judges. Everyone has been quite helpful in the past and I appreciate it a lot. Remember if you win, I will need two bottles and the bottle labels and the entry form filled out.

We have also been invited to the KGB Porter Competition, As Jacque mentioned in her article, there is no cost to enter this competition, the only requirement is that you brew a porter.

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know them and to learn. With this addition of headcount you can see why I need to know how many of us there will be. Also, Big Buck will be firing up their grills and will be barbecuing hotdogs, hamburgers and sausage. This should be a great time. The brew day will be open for the public to watch so I encourage you to bring you friends. For those of you that have not been to Big Buck Brewery, It is located at the south end of the Bass Pro Shop just south of Grapevine mills Mall. The address is:

2501 Bass Pro Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051
(214) 513-2337

That's all until next month.

Prosit!!!

2005 Brewer Royale

By Bill James

How about the Bluebonnet? Did everyone have a good time? I know I did. The room crawl was great fun, and congratulations to the winning rooms. That outhouse room was so funny; I can see how they got first place. So for future reference, whatever the theme is, we must really go over the top if we plan on following the theme, because that is how to win. Congratulations to all the winners of the Bluebonnet Brew off and especially to Kelly Harris for taking Best in Show for Mead/Cider. For a complete list of winners got to the Bluebonnet web page and click on news. Check the side bar for a listing of our winners.

We have finished one contest

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Let's try and enter as many as we can and get one of the NTHBA members to be the one that wins this competition.

So long until next month and get those brew pots in boiling.

The 2003 Gulf Coast Circuit is off and running. Here is the list of NTHBA members that entered winning brews at the Bluebonnet. Congratulations everyone !!!

Brewer ☺ 1st Place * 2nd Place ☼ 3rd Place	Bluebonnet Brew-Off	Sunshine Challenge	Dixie Cup
Kelly Harris	☺ ☺ ☼		
Mike Grover	☺ ☼		
Paul Doxey	☺		
Steve Haney	☺		
Don Trotter	☺ ☼ ☼		
Bill Dubas	*		
Jim Layton	☼		
Dimitri Lykomi-tros	☼		
Best of Show 1st	Kelly Harris— Mead/Cider		
Best of Show 2nd			
Best of Show 3rd			

AHA South Regional Homebrew Competition

By Rob Kolacny

Hello,

Rob Kolacny, Secondary Fermenter of the Foam Rangers here. I am the coordinator/organizer for the 2005 AHA South Regional Homebrew Competition and am trying to get the word out about the South Regional Competition. Entries are due April 4th thru 15th at DeFalco's Home Wine & Beer Supplies, please ship or drop off your entries to De-falco's and NOT the judging site.

Entry fees are \$8 for AHA members and \$12 for non-members. Entries should consist of one (1) 10 to 14 oz brown or green glass bottle per entry (see site and rules for more information, link below).

The judging for the 2005 AHA South Regional Homebrew Competition will again be held at St. Arnold's Brewery, 2522 Fairway Park Dr., Houston, TX, <http://www.starnold.com> on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. St. Arnold's has a Saturday brewery tour that we must work around, so the judging hours will be like this:

Saturday, April 30
9 AM until 12 noon, break for tour (free mini-pub crawl or some other form of entertainment)
5 PM until around 10 PM

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Sunday, May 1

10 AM until Noon (Lunch provided)

Noon until Finished (or exhaustion)

That's 4 full sessions of judging for our weekend visitors and a chance to earn as many as 2 BJCP points!

For more information about the AHA, please visit their website at <http://www.beertown.com>.

For more information about the 2005 National Homebrew Competition, please visit this website:

<http://www.beertown.com/events/nhc/index.html>. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or call me. My information is at the bottom of this email.

Please, if you have a chance, come out and help us judge the entries. BJCP judges as well as non-BJCP judges and stewards are welcome. Lunch will be provided on Sunday for them.

Sincerely,

Rob Kolacny

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Legislative Update

By Bev Blackwood

Brewing friends,

I noted in today's paper that the Texas State senate passed Bill 877, giving Texas wineries the right to ship and sell their product out of the winery via mail order or the internet. I think this is an appropriate time to point out that while the Senate is bending over backwards for the wineries, Texas' microbreweries and brewpubs are being left out in the cold. Take a moment to e-mail both Senator Madla (the San Antonio sponsor of the bill) and your own local representatives, in the house AND the senate. This bill will need to find a sponsor in the House and this is an excellent chance to let them know that Texas Microbreweries deserve equal treatment.

I am attaching a link to Senator Madla's e-mail page and my own e-mail to the Senator. Feel free to modify this as you feel necessary, but please remember to 1) be polite and 2) stick to the topic. We want places like Saint Arnold to be able to sell at the brewery and we want places like Blue Star to be able to sell to their local restaurants and bars.

Strike while the iron is hot! (please send this along to any and all beer lovers you think would be interested in helping out)

<http://>

www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist19/dist19.htm#form

Dear Senator Madla,

Congratulations on the successful passage of bill 877, allowing Texas wineries to sell their wares more broadly. I'd like to point out a glaring inconsistency in the bill. What about Texas' microbreweries?

Do they not deserve the same level of support as small wineries? In San Antonio, there's a fine brewpub, Blue Star, which would benefit greatly from having the option to sell their product to other bars and restaurants. Texas Microbreweries should have the same rights as Texas wineries, I.E. the right to sell their product on premise, the right to sell it over the internet and ship it to the consumer's home.

Increasing sales for microbreweries benefit the state's treasury. It's a win-win proposition!

Texas is a very difficult place for microbreweries to survive (San Antonio has lost at least 3 alone) and as small businesses, you should be making an effort to support them as well, not just the wineries.

Thanks!

-BDB2

Bev D. Blackwood II

<http://www.bdb2.com>



The Brewing Equipment Trading Post

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FOR SALE

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

You can give the information to James Dorman at our club meeting or email to jlmdorman@hotmail.com.

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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 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 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. The deadline for ads and articles each month is 14 days prior to the next club meeting.

Visit the NTHBA Website at

<http://groups.msn.com/NorthTexasHomeBrewAssociationHomePage>

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