



# LIVIN' THE BREWS



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## November Meeting & Election

Tuesday, November 9, 1999, 7:30 PM

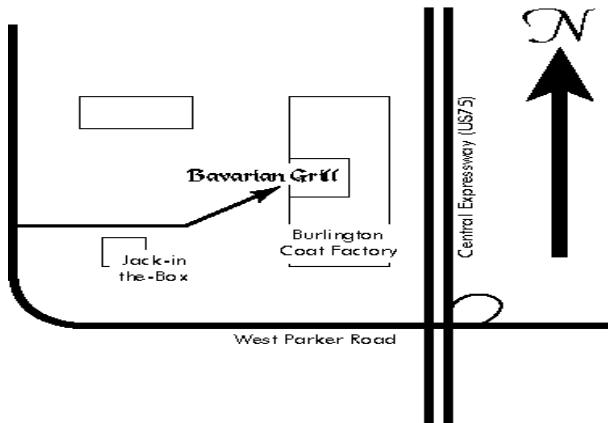
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(in the Bier Garden)

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## The 1999 Dixie Cup Report

by Jim Layton

### The beer was out there

It's history now, but I won't forget it any time soon. Houston puts on a mighty fine homebrew competition. Over 700 entries were judged and, for a couple of days, we were livin' large! Good food, good beer, and a lot of hard work by our hosts made for a great event.

Fred Eckhardt made his annual appearance as Mr. Dixie Cup. This was my first time to meet him, but now I understand why it is an annual thing. Fred was gracious, funny, and an all-around good sport. He led an entertaining group beer and food tasting on Friday night, pairing local brews with local foods. Amber ale with queso and chips, dark mild with spicy peanuts, barleywine with tequila lime bread pudding, you get the idea. The bread pudding was most excellent. Trouble was, I'd stuffed myself a bit too much on the potluck dinner beforehand. Barbeque brisket and chicken, beans, potato salad, cobbler, and much

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## Help Wanted It's Election Time ---

by Steve Wall

Your beer club needs your talents, energy, and a little of your time. We will be electing officers at this month's meeting.

In case you don't know already, we elect six enthusiastic, hard-working and gullible people to fill our six officer positions and let them decide amongst themselves who will fill which position.

Those positions are:

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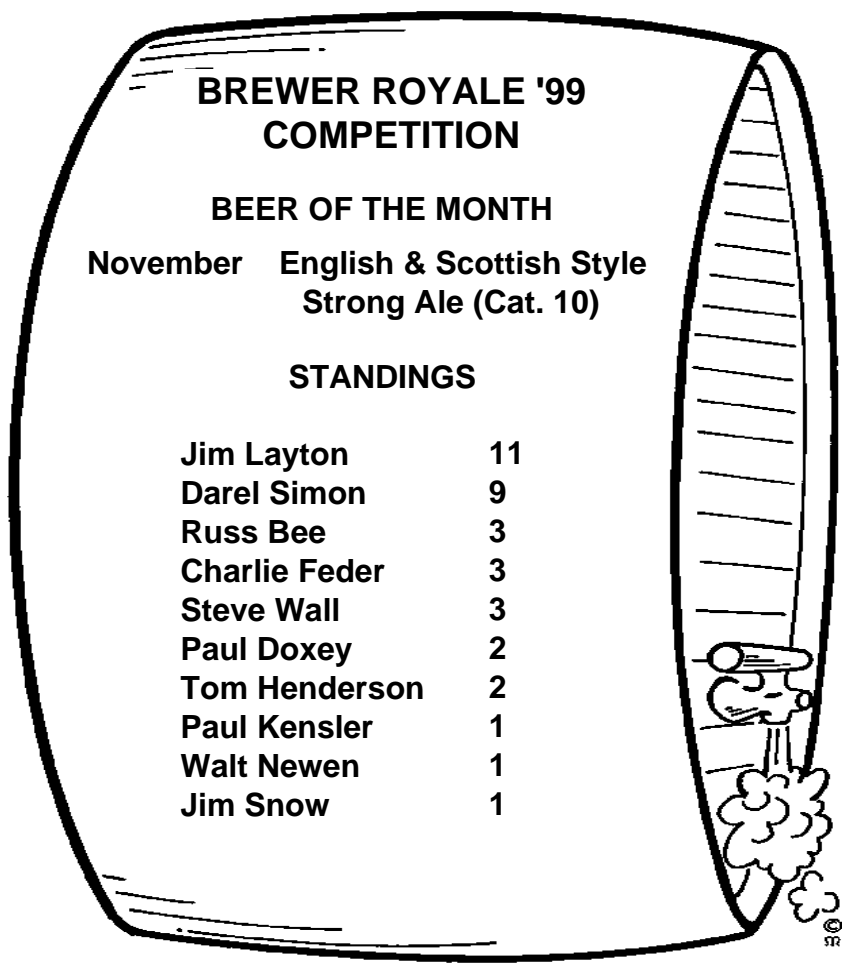
Bring your **English & Scottish Strong Ales (Cat 10)** for the Brewer Royale Competition Style Guide on Page 3

## BJCP Study Group Begins

by Steven Hacker

The first session of the BJCP study class occurred on Saturday October 30th at The Homebrew Shop in Arlington. Eleven brewers representing all 4 area clubs were present. Information about the BJCP Program was discussed plus the new BJCP style guide and score sheets were given to all

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### BJCP Study Group

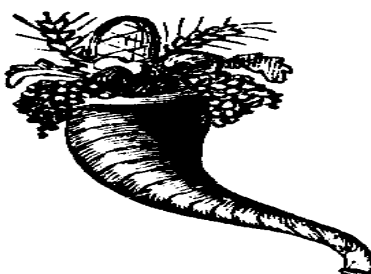
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attendees. Plans for future sessions were also discussed.

If you were not able to attend, (but wanted to) relax, don't worry..... the next session is the first really good one (you get to drink some beers). It will be hosted by the NET Hoppers and will occur in conjunction with their club meeting on Tuesday night November 16th. The club meeting will be at the Homebrew Shop in Arlington and begins at 7:00 PM. Dave said he would finish early so class can start about 8 PM. Mike Porter will cover the technical topic - Hops, then Brown, Scottish and Strong

Scotch Ales will be discussed and sampled.

The following session will be on Sunday November 21st. at 3 PM. The location will be The GingerMan at 2718 Boll St. in Dallas. Technical topic will be Ingredients - Malts and Adjuncts. Light Lagers will be the style covered. The Bluebonnet Committee meeting will also be at The GingerMan at 1 PM. So come early if you would like to listen in on the planning.



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**President** - Runs club meetings, finds venues for our meetings, plans meetings, arranges for demonstrations or discussions at our meetings and reviews the financial records of the club.

**1st Vice President** - Is responsible for educational / informational programs and for organizing Brewer Royale club contests.

**2nd Vice President** - AKA "Party Boy" organizes club parties and projects.

**Secretary** - Keeps minutes of the meetings (in theory), maintains club membership list (in theory), corresponds with other clubs and appropriate bodies (in theory) but mostly makes sure the club newsletter gets done, although he/she doesn't necessarily have to write the newsletter him/herself.

**Treasurer** - Handles club finances. 'Nuff said

**Officer at Large** - Does jobs that do not fit into other officer's categories.

Officer's terms run for one year, January to December. Being an officer involves attending 3 or 4 board meetings a year.

It's a lot of fun, and there is no

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## NTHBA Brewer Takes Off for the Great White North

Michigan beer facts:

Did you know that Michigan has 65 breweries?

Did you know that the AHA 2000 meeting is in Michigan?

Did you know that a NTHBA member is in Michigan?

As of October 12 (just in time for winter!), I have relocated back to my home state of Michigan. I will miss a lot about Dallas, but my friends and the homebrewing community there are at the top of the list. Just for the record, I won't miss doing a double decoction 15-gallon mash in July when the outside temperature is 105!

I would love to hear from any club members who are travelling to Michigan (I'm in Lansing) - maybe we can have a pint or two of local brew. Even if you're not travelling to Michigan, I would like to hear from you to talk beer or just keep in touch. And hopefully you'll be hearing my name called next spring at the Bluebonnet - I still haven't won one of those First Place Steins, and I won't quit trying until I do.

Until next time,  
Paul Kensler

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## **Dixie-Cup 1999**

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more were served on top of the hotel parking garage. That was a neat experience, standing next to the railing, eating great food, drinking serious beer, talking not so serious beer talk, with a great view of the city at night.

Saturday morning started with some much needed coffee and the milli-conference. Gregg Smith, author of "Beer in America, The Early Years", gave us an interesting and entertaining perspective on how beer shaped our nation's history from colonial times up to the recent past. Randy Mosher, aka Dr. Bob Technical, talked about European white beers (wit is just one of several) and gave tips on brewing spiced beers. Pete Takacs, head of QA for the Spoetzl brewery, gave a presentation on how he would make home brew if he were a homebrewer.

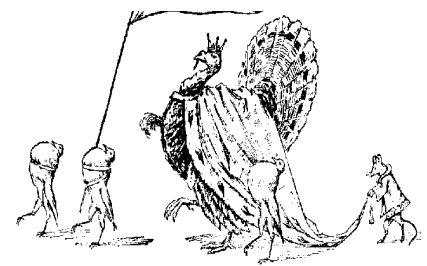
First round judging followed the milli-conference, and second round judging began at almost the same time. As the second round came to a close and Best of Show Judges were chained to a table, the busses loaded for a pub-crawl. Saint Arnold's was the first stop (free beer!), followed by The Brewery (real nice brew pub). Last stop was The Richmond Arms, about as close to a real English pub as you can find in Texas. We had real English pub grub and a fine selection

of English beer taps. Next stop - the awards ceremony. Congratulations to Russ Bee for 2nd place Bohemian Pilsner, 2nd place Continental Dark, and 2nd place Am. Light/ Standard/ Premium; Tom Henderson and Waylon for 1st place Munich Helles and 2nd place Fruit Beer; Jim Layton for 1st place Pre-Prohibition Lager and 1st place German Style Ale; and Gene Parejko for 3rd place English Brown and Mild Ales. And special congratulations to Russ Bee, Gulf Coast Homebrewer of the Year!

Best of Show Beer went to Mike Riddle of HOME (Homebrewers of Marin and Elsewhere), Best of Show Mead went to Tim Nagode of High Plains Draughters, the Mike Tempelton Award went to Mike Riddle, and the Foam Rangers collected the Dixie Cup.

I'll close with words of thanks to our hosts, the Houston-area clubs. The Foam Rangers, Kuykendahl Gran Brewers, Bay Area Mashtronauts, Deja Brew, and Brew Bayou. Y'all done good. Real good. I hope to see all of you soon at the Bluebonnet.

Jim Layton



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better way to make some lasting friendships than to serve! If you're interested, just tell Rett Blankenship, and he'll put your name in the hat.

So far, here's who has committed to run.

**Steve Hacker** - Has been in the club over 3 years He currently is the club Secretary and a BJCP judge.

**Jim Layton** - Has been brewing 7 years and a club member for 6 years.. He

currently is the club Treasurer and a BJCP judge.

**Don Trotter** - Has been brewing for 9 years and a club member 4 years..

# Happy Thanksgiving



## North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc. Board of Directors

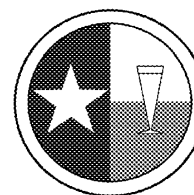
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## Club Brewmeisters

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!

Russ Bee -----	(972) 771-9489
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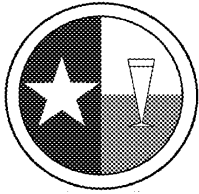
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The North Texas Home Brewers Association is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in

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.

Visit the NTHBA WEB Site at  
<http://hbd.org/nthba>  
or [www.nthba.org](http://www.nthba.org)



## NTHBA 2000 Club Officer Election Ballot

1. Pick your choice of six officers from the following list of candidates, write in your choices on the lines provided.
2. Bring your ballot to the November 9th club meeting (at the Bavarian Grill).

If you are unable to attend the November meeting, you can mail in your ballot to  
 NTHBA  
 PO Box 168274  
 Irving, TX 75016

All mailed ballots **must** be received by November 9, 1999 to be included in the counting at the club meeting.

**Steve Hacker**

**Jim Layton**

**Don Trotter**

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### Your Suggestions will help shape the future of our club

Please take the time to list any requests or special activities you would like to see our club involved in. (Remember, they should be beer related and legal.) The Board of Directors is always open for fresh ideas that will benefit our club members.

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