

# LIVIN' THE BREWS



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## Prez Sez

By Leroy Gharis

### Brew days

The last two brew days of the year are scheduled for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chuck Homola's in Allen and Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Jim Lavin's in Lewisville. If you have never been to a brew day it is a great time to see different brewing techniques and portable brew systems as well as getting a chance to get to know other brewers. You don't have to bring anything but you are welcome to bring samples of your homebrew and/or some of your favorite commercial beers for tasting. At the October brew day you will have a chance to see the hop vines in Chuck's backyard.

Oh, and bring your Celeia hop beers to the October brew day. Depending on how many we have we may be doing some judging and tasting. Judging results will be based primarily on taste with maybe some consideration to styles. Don't plan on receiving any score sheets for this as it is more of fun competition. I am planning on taking the top 10 or so beers to Dennis Wehrmann on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for him to taste. Be sure to submit your recipe with your entries. Please submit at least two bottles. An



extra bottle or two will mean more for people to sample at the brew day.

If you cannot bring them to the brew day drop them off at Homebrew Headquarters in Richardson or The Winemaker's Toy Store in Carrollton by Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. By the way, multiple entries are allowed.

### Club meeting

We will be meeting at a new place in October. I have arranged to have our meeting on the outdoor patio at the [Saucer on The Lake](#) in Garland on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This location recently celebrated their one year anniversary. If you have never been it is really nice with lots of space and a large outdoor patio overlooking Lake Ray Hubbard. Check out their food menu on the link. If you are familiar with the menu at the other Saucers you will be pleasantly surprised to see the choices available. They are eager to have us there. I am

looking forward to a good time. Many of you will just take LBJ Freeway (I-635) to I-30 going east toward Texarkana and take the Bass Pro Drive exit.

If you are in far North Dallas you can take George Bush (Hwy 190) toward Garland. When the toll way ends it will turn into Firewheel Parkway then Rowlett Rd. Immediately after you cross the lake on the bridge you can turn left on Roan Road which will take you to I-30. Go under the I-30 bridge, turn left (east) on the service road and follow that to Bass Pro Rd.

### End of Summer

Finally the hot days of summer are over. With the cooler weather it is time to get to brewing again. It's a good time to be brewing lagers and big beers for the Bluebonnet which is only five months away as far as entry deadline is

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concerned.

Several club members attended the Addison Oktoberfest the weekend of Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. It's always a good time and has become an annual event for several club members. It's advisable to get a room at one of the local hotels that are within walking distance of the event. If you missed it just make sure to ask around at next year's August or September meeting or brew day to see who is planning on going when. I know there were groups there Friday night, Saturday afternoon and evening so hopefully one of those times can be worked into your schedule.

## Oktoberfest Party

The club Oktoberfest party was held and the Brian and Melinda

Beyer's house on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turnout with some wonderful food and beer. Thanks to Brian and Melinda and to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts. I am certain that no one went home hungry.

You may have noticed the chafing dishes that were used to serve the sausages and beerocks (bierocks?). The club purchased three chafing dishes to use at parties to serve food. They are also available for brew days if the hosts/hostesses would like to use them. You will just have to coordinate with the social director or other officer to get them before the event.

## Bluebonnet Planning

Planning for the 2010 Bluebonnet is well on the way. There should be information elsewhere in this

newsletter with information regarding the next meeting. If you would like to keep up with the planning and learn how you can help check out the [Bluebonnet Yahoo group](#). You will need a Yahoo id to join the group.

## 2011 officer candidates

If you want to throw your name in the hat just submit a short bio of yourself to [secretary@nthba.org](mailto:secretary@nthba.org) and/or [president@nthba.org](mailto:president@nthba.org). New members are encouraged to help as well as long time members. New members make great officers as they come in with new ideas, so don't be bashful guys and gals.

Please see the officer descriptions in this [link](#) for the full by-laws.

Brew Strong

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## What's Brewin? By Kimberley Rhea

Our next Brew Day is scheduled for October 2, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the home of Chuck Homola. We will have a discussion on hops at 10 am.

Lunch will be provided, but if you would like to bring dessert or a side dish to share feel free.

Chuck's address:  
905 Glen Rose Dr.  
Allen, TX

Wayne Yandell hosted our September Brew Day and led a demo on installing fittings. Thank you Wayne.

Our Oktoberfest party was a great success. Thank you Melinda and

Brian Beyer for hosting again this year. There was plenty of food and it was wonderful! This was the first party that we used the new club chaffing dishes and serving utensils. They worked out great.

I now have all of our Parties and Brew Days scheduled on the club calendar. Be sure to keep an eye on the NTHBA calendar located on our website, [nthba.org](http://nthba.org), and our Monthly Newsletter for upcoming parties, brew days, classes/demos offered, maps to locations and general information.

Please contact me at [socials@nthba.org](mailto:socials@nthba.org) if you have any questions.

Kim "Woo Girl"

## Hop Harvest! By Clay Mahone

How do our hops go from rhizomes to brew kettle? Our brew day host Chuck has a good idea, he grows a few varieties at home. Some vines have recently been harvested, some are ready to be harvested soon, and Chuck will lead us in a practical workshop about how to grow and harvest hops at home. Workshop will start around 11 at the brewday this Saturday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chuck's house.

As always, if you have any ideas for a brewday workshop, demo or class, please forward ideas to [education@nthba.org](mailto:education@nthba.org).

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**BEER YE! BEER YE!**

**Hello fellow North Texas Homebrewers!  
Come check out some exciting new items at Homebrew Headquarters, including:**

- ◆ Belgian Candi Syrup ◆ Watermelon, Chocolate and Ginger extracts ◆
- American, French, and Hungarian Oak Cubes, with three different toast levels
- ◆ "Clone Brews" 2nd Edition, by Tess and Mark Szamatulski ◆
- "The Barley Crusher" Malt Mill ◆ Refractometers, (Specific gravity instead of Brix!)
- ◆ Quick disconnects for your brewery ◆ Breathable airlock stoppers ◆
- Belgian bottles, corks, and cages ◆ Auto-Siphon Clips

**Soon to Arrive:**  
Weyermann® Abbey and Cara Belge malts  
"Yeast-The Practical Guide to Beer Fermentation." By White & Zainasheff  
MaltEurop 2-Row Domestic Pale Malt: \$.82/lb \$39.99/50lb bag

**Let's brew strong for the Bluebonnet! Kelly**

# The Competitive Edge (Where the action is!)

By Scott Townson

## - 2010 Competition Schedule -

Competition/Style	Entry Deadline	Competition Awards
<b>Jan/Feb '10 COC</b> English Brown Ale (BJCP style 11)	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> . (Club) Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Blue Bonnet Brew-Off</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>Feb. 25th</b>	March 19 & 20 40 club points
<b>Alamo City Cerveza Festival</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>March 6-21</b>	April 10 22 club points
<b>March/April COC</b> American Ales (BJCP Style 10)	<b>March 24th (Club)</b> <b>April 3rd (AHA)</b>	April 10 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>AHA NHC</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>April 1st</b>	<b>National Home- brews Conference</b> <b>June 19th</b>
<b>May COC</b> Extract Beers	April 19th (Club) May 1st (AHA)	May (Club) May 22nd (AHA)
<b>Big Batch Brew Bash</b> English Barleywines	May 8	May 16, 2010
<b>Celtic Brew-Off</b>	May 14	June 5, 2010 22 club points
<b>Lunar Rendez-Brew</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	June 25 Packing party 6/21	July 31 <sup>st</sup> 11 club points
<b>Limbo Challenge</b> Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below.	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 28 28 points
<b>Cactus Challenge</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 10-11
<b>August COC</b> Mead	July 20 <sup>th</sup> (Club) July 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	July (Club) August 8th (AHA)
<b>September/October COC</b> Sour Ale	Sep 2nd (Club) Sep 9 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Sep 19 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Dixie Cup</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 17	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November/December COC</b> Strong Ale	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Club) Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Dec (Club) Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)



# The Brewing Equipment Trading Post



## FOR SALE

To list your equipment, include the following information -

- 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.

Email Damon at [news@nthba.org](mailto:news@nthba.org)

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## Club Brewmeisters

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

Homebrew Headquarters  
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## North Texas Home Brewers Association

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 club meeting.



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