

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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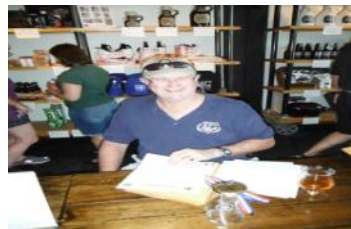
By Walter Hodges

Make your voices heard! If you have not already, please take a few minutes and fill out the club survey that was sent in an email on 9/21. The survey will be open until October 7th. We really want to hear what you think about the club and how we can make it better. So far, we have had a good response, but I would like to hear from everyone. Be honest and open; don't be afraid to hurt our feelings. If you do hurt our feelings, we'll just go drown them in beer. Besides, I work in I.T., it's hard to hurt my feelings.

Last month I made a call out for 2015 officer candidates. If you are interesting in running for an officer position, please have a short biography to me by October 15th. Please include information about your homebrewing experience and what you think you can bring to the club and your goals as an officer. The bio's will be published in the November newsletter and will be used to create the ballot for the election to be held at the November meeting. Send your biographies to: president@nthba.org. I would much rather have people interested in running to lead the club than have to rope folks into the job. If you have any questions about the duties or time requirements, please feel free to contact me.

Prosit!

Walter



The First Sip

I would like to thank James Smith for hosting the September brew day. I would also like to send a big thank you to Jeff Stark for hosting the Oktoberfest party. The turn out was light, but a great time was had by all.

Notable Club Events Coming Up (Please mark your calendars!!):

- The October Brew Day will occur on October 11 at the home of Mr. Chuck Homola. The address is 905 Glen Rose Dr. Allen 75013. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#). See Below for more Information.

October Brew Day Party

The October Brew Day Party is on October 11th starting at 9am at 905 Glen Rose Dr, Allen 75013. This year the party is sponsored by [Steam Theory Brewing Company](#). There will be 11 pilot batches of beer on tap and room for 6 guest taps. There will be a special gift for each person that brings a guest keg or brews with us that day. If you let us know what you are bringing - we will add you to the digital signage in the biergarten.

There will also be lunch prepared by the head chef to test out some menu concepts.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Oct 11th and have lots of games and fun planned for the day. Titus' happy face will be there to greet you when you arrive.

- The November Brew Day will occur on November 1 at Dallas Homebrew. The address is 1500 Interstate 35E #116 Carrollton 75006. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#).

Dallas Home Brew/Wine Makers Toy Store will be hosting the AHA Teach a Friend To Brew day for its third year in a row. Dallas Home Brew will be providing Rahr 2-Row for all grain brewers and Briess Golden Light liquid extract for a 5 gallon batch. If they want to use them we will also provide Motueka hops from New Zealand. Motueka is a Cross between 2/3 New Zealand breeding selection with 1/3 Saazer parentage. The aroma is lemon and lime tones with background hints of tropical fruit. The Alpha Acid on the hops are 7.8. If you want to brew please contact Brian Beyer at brian@finevinewines.com and let him know you will be brewing.

You can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar here: <http://nthba.org/content/club-calendar>



Big Rig Brew Day

By Barrett Tillman

As always, if ever you have a question or comments, or if you would like to provide suggestions or feedback about a specific event, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at socials@nthba.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Greetings fellow members and welcome new geeks, I am excited to see things rolling as scheduled. The year is coming to a close. I find this time to brew for the holidays or take a break to enjoy family. I am looking forward to the last two club brew days in October and November.

The plan is

October 11th

batch of wort

5 gallon

Members

to ferment

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brewday.

details.

Straight Eight Blonde Ale

88/12 Grist		
Rhar Standard 2-Row		70.00
Briess Crystal 20L		10.00
152F Mash 60 Min	Pounds of Grains	80.00
Boil 60 Min	Ounces of Hops	24.00
60 min	Hallertau (Ger) 4.2% AA	8.00
30 min	Hallertau (Ger) 4.2% AA	8.00
Flame Out	Hallertau (Ger) 4.2% AA	8.00

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brew a big
and split it into
shares.
take home wort
with different
no bugs). Then
finished beer
evaluation on
November 1st
Here are the

Yeast Strain Up Sheet

WLP090 San Diego Super	_____	WY1272 American Ale II	_____	
WLP002 English Ale	_____	WY1968 London ESB Ale	_____	
WLP008 East Coast Ale	_____	WY1332 Northwest Ale	_____	
WLP830 German Lager	_____	WY3522 Belgian Ardennes	_____	\$16 per 5 gallon
WLP051 California Ale V	_____	WY1450 Denny's Favorite 50	_____	beer a 1.045 gravity
WLP009 Australian Ale	_____	WY1469 West Yorkshire Ale	_____	hopped at 20 IBUs.
WLP028 Edinburgh Scottish Ale	_____	WY1728 Scottish Ale	_____	your share with one
				at the recommended
				There are

requirements. Each share must be fermented under temperature control. Ideally this means a temperature probe attached to the side of the carboy. Three bottles of carbonated beer must be prepared for the November 1st brewday (National Teach a Friend to Brew Day). I will also like some help setting up, brewing, and cleaning. The extra hands will allow us all to enjoy pints by our brewday host Steam Theory

Competition News

By Mike Grover

Brewing.

This project is a pitch your own yeast collaboration. The following are only suggestions. Choose a strain one that no one else is using. This will make for an interesting experiment.

Slots are available for 10 share takers email me at pastpres@nthba.org. We can follow up on NTHBA.org/forum and email. I am looking forward to running the Big50 system again. Thank you BargainFittings.com.

Cactus Challenge

Cactus Challenge results are in, and NTHBA had a number of winners:

Don VanSlyke – 3rd Place in European & Amber Lagers, Vienna Lager
Dong VanSlyke – 2nd Place in European & Amber Lagers, Munich Dunkel
Doug Nett – 3rd Place in English Pale Ale, Special/Best/Premium Bitter
Jimmy Orkin – 1st Place in English Pale Ale, ESB
Doug Nett – 1st Place in Scottish & Irish Ale, Strong Scotch Ale
George Goodman – 3rd Place in Belgian & French Ale, Belgian Pale Ale
Barrett Tillman – 1st Place in Sour Ale, Straight Lambic
Doug Nett – 2nd Place in Strong Ale, English Barleywine
Barrett Tillman – 2nd Place in Fruit Beer, Fruit Beer

In addition to the category wins, Barrett Tillman's straight lambic also finished second in Best of Show! Great work everybody and best of luck in the remaining LSC competitions!

Lone Star Circuit Standings

An unofficial summary of the LSC standings following the Cactus Challenge is listed below. Our entries have already been shipped off to the last two competitions of



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year: O'zapft is and the Dixie Cup. O'zapft judging is complete and results should be available October 4th or 5th.

Austin Zealots	217 pts
NTHBA	137 pts
Bay Area Mashtronauts	98 pts
Foam Rangers	78 pts

Brewer of the Year

Here is an update for the Brewer of the Year standings, including the Cactus Challenge. Points are awarded for first, second, and third place finishes in style categories for all Lone Star Circuit homebrew competitions.

Jimmy Orkin	19 pts
Don VanSlyke	18 pts
Barrett Tillman	17 pts
Doug Nett	13 pts
Leroy Gharis	12 pts
Walter Hodges	7 pts
Randy Friese	6 pts

Club Only Competition (COC)

I have collected entries for the German styles COC. Judging will be completed and results will be ready in time for our Oktober club meeting.

The November COC features Holiday Beers. This includes category 21B (Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer) plus Holiday or winter-themed beers in categories 16E (Belgian Specialty Ale), 20 (Fruit Beer), 21 (Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer – *think pumpkin*), and 23 (Specialty Beer). – **Entry deadline Saturday, November 22nd, 2014.** Results will be announced at the Christmas party along with our Brewer Royale and Brewer of the Year winners.

Brewer Royale Standings

The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

Leroy Gharis	8 pts
Charlene Hoke	3 pts
Barrett Tillman	3 pts
Linda Rankin	2 pts
David Lee	1 pt

Jimmy Orkin 1 pt

Looking Ahead

Check the website for the complete 2015 Club Only Competition schedule. The 2016 schedule will be set by next year's club officers. (<http://www.nthba.org/content/coc-schedule>).

COC Information

Entries for the Brewer Royale can be dropped off at Homebrew Headquarters, Dallas Homebrew/ The Winemaker's Toy Store, or you can bring them to me at club meetings, brew days, or club parties. **Due to the larger numbers of entries we have been receiving, we now need TWO bottles for each entry in the club only competition.** This is necessary so that we have enough beer to conduct a "mini best-of-show" to determine the winners. Each bottle must a label identifying the brewer, BJCP beer style, and name of the beer. Labels should be attached by a rubber band (please do not tape or glue them and do not use self-adhesive labels). I recommend using the BJCP bottle identification form (http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BottleID.pdf). Limit one entry per subcategory and two entries per club member.

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Mike Grover, NTHBA Competition Coordinator

Summary:

Equity July end \$5,552.11.

Equity August end \$5,742.39.

New members in August: 12.

Current members August end: 147.

Current members at the time of this article: 160.

The final monthly reports are available on the club website at the following link:

<http://nthba.org/content/club-documents>

The Bluebonnet Brewoff

The NTHBA is the hosting club for the 2015 Bluebonnet Brewoff. We had our Third planning meeting on Sunday, September 21 at Humperdinks NW Highway. We had a good turnout. We now have all our committee heads in place but one. We lost our Commercial Tasting Coordinator so I am looking for someone to help plan the commercial tasting. I can help you, please step to fill this final position.

The next meeting will not follow our 3rd Sunday pattern as we getting a tour of the Irving Convention Center where the Bluebonnet Event will occur in 2015. Our next meeting is on Sunday, October 26. We will start at the Irving Convention Center at 10:00AM with a tour of the facility and hopefully have our meeting there. If we cannot meet there I will find a place.

We really need artwork for the Bluebonnet Steins, Taster glasses and T-shirts. I would really like our club to provide the artwork. Please contact me if you need ideas or information on what we need. I'll work with you to come up with something great.

That is it for this month.

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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 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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