

LIVIN' THE BREWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH TEXAS HOME BREWERS ASSOCIATION
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Prez Sez

By Leroy Gharis

It was great to get some cooler temperatures this week. Hopefully we're done with the 100+ degree temperatures for this year. It's time to get my brew stuff ready. I'm thinking I will brew the pumpkin ale again. Did you see the news about the new fried "food" offering at the State Fair of Texas this year? New this year joining deep fried battered bacon, deep fried butter, deep fried coke, lemonade and margaritas will be deep fried beer. I'm sorry, but the thought of eating hot beer in a deep fried piece of ravioli doesn't appeal to my senses. It cannot be easy to get a liquid enclosed in a piece of batter to begin with. Why would someone go to so much trouble? Well, if you go and try it let me know what you think.

We had some shipping issues to the Cactus Challenge this month. Some if not all of the original boxes were returned by FedEx with broken bottles and what was left of the boxes. I attempted to reship my box of six entries to the same address and it was promptly returned labeled as "improper shipment". I also received "two" letters from the FedEx legal department stating that I failed to mark "adult signature required". We will have to investigate if the

club can enter into an agreement with them to ship to competitions.

I saw a sign on the side of a R+L Carriers truck while on a trip to Arkansas last weekend. It said, "we ship anything, anywhere, anytime". Pallet shipping with a shipper is what we have been doing when possible but it requires a business pickup and delivery address. Going forward our competition director will be requesting any competition we need to ship entries to provide us a business address that can accept a pallet. The pallet shipping has been cheaper, quicker and more reliable than any other method.

September Meeting at The Londoner in



Addison

The September club meeting will be Tuesday, September 14th. I was planning to meet there in August but they scheduled maintenance on their floor at the last minute which required a switch. Hope to see

you there.

Limbo Challenge



The Limbo Challenge is over and done. Several of our members received awards for their beers. I don't know the exact numbers but I am pretty sure the Austin Zealots were the top club. Congratulations to all of the winners. Jimmy Orkin did a great job as director. This is the first year that we have use PayPal to pay for Limbo entries. I think it was a big success. Thanks to Damon for getting that setup.

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. Stay tuned to the website for meeting dates, times and places.

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Celeia Beer Comp

For those of you that received Celeia hops, I am tentatively setting the entry due date as Friday, Oct. 1st. You can dropoff your entries at Homebrew Headquarters or The WineMaker's Toy Store. Please submit two bottles. There is no entry fee. Also, since this is for Dennis Wehrmann to know how the hops were used, please include a recipe with your entry. Depending on the number of entries I am thinking we will take the top ten or so to Dennis for him to taste. I am not planning on judging these according to any style, only on what is more enjoyable. We will let Dennis and his team be the final judge of the winner. I have no idea at this time if there will be any prize awarded. It may just be one of those pride things. By the way, I have two entries to submit. As long as they are different beers you can submit more than one entry.

2011 officer candidates

If you want to throw your name in the hat just submit a short bio of yourself to secretary@nthba.org and/or 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 another article of the newsletter or see this [link](#) for the full by-laws.
Brew Strong

Club officer descriptions

This information is excerpted from Article V of the club by-laws

The responsibilities of the officers shall be:

a) The President shall preside at all membership meetings, serve as Chairperson of the Board of Officers, present at each annual meeting a report of the work of the organization, see that all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed, be responsible for securing the meeting place, and have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the Chief Executive of any organization.

The president should also be on the signature list of the bank account along with the Treasurer.

b) The First Vice President shall, in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his or her office, become Acting President of the NTHBA, with all rights, privileges and powers as if he or she had been duly elected President. Additionally, the First Vice President shall be responsible for encouragement of member participation in homebrew competitions and to oversee club sponsored competitions. .

c) The Second Vice President shall be responsible for all social activities held by the NTHBA.

d) The Secretary shall be responsible for distribution of the monthly club newsletter, taking the minutes of all NTHBA meetings and Board of Officer meetings, and sending

notifications to members as directed by the Board of Officers. The Secretary shall also be the official custodian of the records of the NTHBA.

e) The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the NTHBA and be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization. The Treasurer shall be listed on the signature list of the NTHBA bank account along with the President. All expenditures of the club shall be paid using a check or an official method of payment that is traceable by the bank. Expenditures exceeding \$500 shall be approved by the Board of Officers. Expenditures exceeding \$1500 shall be approved by the membership at a regular or specially called meeting of the club. The Treasurer shall render to the Board of Officers a written account of the finances of the organization at each monthly Board of Officers meeting. Such account shall also be available to any club member upon request. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for maintaining the club membership list and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer as deemed necessary by the Board of Officers.

f) The Past President shall serve as an advisor the President and Board of Officers and shall only vote during meetings of the Board of Officers in the event of a tie. The Past President shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Officers until the Board has selected a President.

5) Appointed officers - Appointed officers shall be selected by a unanimous vote of the elected

officers at the meeting where the elected officers determine their positions in December.

a) IT Director – The IT Director shall be responsible for maintaining the information systems of the NTHBA.

b) The Minister of Education shall be responsible for activities of the NTHBA that will train members regarding brewing techniques, BJCP style guidelines, beer evaluation, BJCP judge training and other topics. Last month's water workshop was

Past Present and Future?

By Clay Mahone

pleasant- I didn't expect that. I haven't been concerned with my brewing water until recently, so my knowledge of water is pretty basic and I didn't get yelled at or schived or anything, so I think it went well. Thanks to Bill James we had a nice air conditioned indoor discussion, which probably helped keep us thinking clearly. We had a great mix of newer and seasoned brewers at the table so the discussion was filled with very useful questions and answers that I hope will make all of us newer brewers more consistent with our water preparation. Or at least as consistent as you want to be. If anyone wasn't able to make it or wants more info on water, I've put together a 2 page collection of links to different water calculators and tables for ease of use, just email me and I'll forward it to you. Education@NTHBA.org

I've been looking forward to September's Brew Day Workshop

for a while now- Stainless Steel Fittings and Soldering! Wayne Yandell is not only hosting the Brew Day, but he's the resident expert on stainless steel brew fittings used for all kinds of applications (sight tubes, built in thermometers, spouts, valves, ect) so he's going to lead us in a workshop on soldering and weldless fittings. If you're like me and you want to get your brewing out of Momma's kitchen, then you're probably thinking of building a custom brewing station for the garage or patio and this workshop will start you on some good knowledge of some major components you can use. Saturday September 4th, 9 am-check the club calendar for directions and more details.

Now I need your help... we don't have anything specific scheduled for October and November Brew Day Workshops. What else do we want to see this year? Are there any new gadgets out there that you been wondering about? Do you have a gadget that you think the world needs to see to believe? Is there some aspect of brewing that you've always wanted to learn more about? Are you that expert that could help others understand more about a piece of the brewing process? Please submit your ideas or [requests to Education@NTHBA.org](mailto:Education@NTHBA.org).

Our next Brew Day is scheduled

What's Brewin'

By Kimberley Rhea

for September 4, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the home of Wayne Yandell. Wayne will lead a

stainless steel fittings and soldering class at 9:30am. We will also have a Pre Dixie Cup entry evaluation that will begin at 10:00am. Lunch will be provided, but if you would like to bring dessert or a side to share feel free.

Wayne's address:
1535 Mayflower Dr.
Allen, TX 75002

Believe it or not, Oktoberfest is right around the corner. Melinda and Brian Beyer have been kind enough offer to host our Oktoberfest Party on September 25, from 6:00pm – 10:00pm. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

The Beyer's address:
2117 Rheims
Carrollton, TX 75006

Addison Oktoberfest is another fun event you might keep in mind, September 16–19. It is very family friendly with lots of food, shopping, entertainment and of course Beer. Check it out at www.addisontexas.net/events/oktoberfest

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, 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 if you have any questions.
Kim "Woo Girl"

Bluebonnet Brewoff

By Mike Grover

The BBO Planning Committee held its second meeting on August 22nd. We appear to have filled in all of the remaining committee positions, but will still need lots of support from the rest of the club. Our top priority at this time is to select artwork for the event. This is the Silver Anniversary of the BBO, and we want to highlight that theme in this year's artwork. If you would like to submit artwork, please contact me at mikegrover@aol.com as soon as possible. Ideally we would like to select artwork by the end of September, and by the October meeting at the very latest. In the past we have not done a good job of getting artwork lined up in a timely manner. The most critical item is the design for the 1st place steins. The design must be provided to a vendor who produces decals, and the decals must be fired onto the steins. We have a little more time to work with as far as the designs for other items (t-shirts, posters, program cover, etc.) are concerned. Artwork needs to be in vector format.

The dates for the next three committee meetings have been set. Each meeting will take place on a Sunday afternoon at 1:00 at Uncle Buck's in Grapevine. Show up a little early and enjoy a beer or two at the bar before the meeting begins.

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

I hope to see you there!

The Competitive Edge (Where the action is!)

By Scott Townson

Awards!

The limbo is behind us and we made a respectable showing. Good Job guys! Of course those ever great Demi-Gods of brewing from the BAM and Zealots clubs are kicking our preverbal butts in the Lone Star Circuit. But have no fear we shall persevere and compete the rest of the year.

This is the list of Limbo winners from NTHBA. Congratulations All!



Table 1 - Light Lager (13 Entries)

Sage Anderson – NTHBA	Plano, TX	Lager # 840	1B	Standard American	2
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Table 2 - Pilsner (12 Entries)

Jim Lavin – NTHBA	Lewisville, TX	Hevinly American Pilsner	2C	Classic American Pilsner	2
Kelly Harris & Don Trotter – NTHBA	Plano, TX	Tett(nang) Offensive	2A	German Pilsner	3

Table 3 - European Amber and Dark Lager (10 Entries)

Wim Bens & Trevor Pulver - NTHBA	Dallas, tx	No Weening	3A	Vienna Lager	1
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Table 7 - Scottish and Irish Ale (11 Entries)

Jason Christian – NTHBA	Frisco, TX	ThunderChicken 60/-	9A	Scottish 60/-	3
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Table 9 - Brown Porter and Dry Stout (13 Entries)

Fred David – NTHBA	Parker, TX	The Bellman's Favorite	12A	Brown Porter	1
Wim Bens & Trevor Pulver – NTHBA	Dallas, tx	B.P. Sticky Pelican	12A	Brown Porter	2
William Lawrence – NTHBA	Richardson, TX	Willy's Four Shades of Stout	13A	Dry Stout	3

Table 10 - German Wheat, Belgian and French and Sour Ale (23 Entries)

Jimmy Orkin – NTHBA	Carrollton, TX	Lotts Decoctions Hefe	15A	Weizen	1
Melinda Beyer & Kim Rhea – NTHBA	Carrollton, TX	Sophomoric Wit	16A	Witbier	2

Table 11 - Fruit Beer and Spice Herb Vegetable (17 Entries)

Scott Townson – NTHBA	Hurst, Tx	Peaches N Cream Hefe	20A	Fruit Beer	1
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Table 12 - Other smoked and Wood Aged Beer (3 Entries)

Adam Klaff & Tony Rivera – NTHBA	McKinney, TX	Duke of Oak	22B	Wood Aged Beer	1
Orlando Guerra & Damon Lewis – NTHBA	Carrollton, TX	Pope's Wood Aged Bitter	22B	Wood Aged Beer	2

Table 13 - Lawnmower (18 Entries)

Fred David – NTHBA	Parker, TX	Desert Island Light	29A	Lawnmower	2
Orlando Guerra & Damon Lewis – NTHBA	Carrollton, TX	Liquid In a Bottle	29A	Lawnmower	3

The next COC is scheduled for August 2nd. Please have your Sour Beer entries at Homebrew Headquarters or the Wine Makers Toy Store NLT then end of business on Thursday the 2nd of August.

I will need judges to evaluate these entries on Thursday the 2nd of August at 7:00 PM. Please let me know if you can support this event with your judging skills. Only one (1) 10-14 oz. green or brown bottles are required for each entry. If you are the winner (2-3) additional bottles will be required for the AHA Club-Only Competition. No

swing tops allowed. Printed crown caps must be blacked-out with a permanent marker and all labels removed to assure anonymity of all en-tries. Each entry should use an AHA/BJCP Bottle ID form: <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/attachments/0000/0325/bottleid.pdf>

The next Lone Star circuit competition to enter is the Dixie Cup. On-Line registration can be found here: <http://dixiecup.crunchyfrog.net/login> More announcements to come on this competition.

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

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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
 (972) 234-4411

The Wine Makers' Toy Store
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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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