
LIVIN' THE BREWS

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PINTS OF INTEREST

- THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 13TH AT THE ALLEN WICKERS IN PLANO.
 - THE NEXT BREW DAY IS OCT. 15 AT BILL JAMES' HOUSE.
 - DON'T FORGET THE CLUB OCTOBERFEST PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 24TH.
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Prez Sez

By Wayne Yandell

I have to say I'm really glad to see some temperatures below 100. I have not brewed yet but I've actually made a few plans and I'm cleaning out the old beer. What can I say but the year is flying by and in just a few months it will be time to select a new group of volunteers to lead our merry band. Please approach me or any other officer if you think you want to volunteer your time. Look for an article in this issue for more information about officer selections.

Our previous meeting as at Humperdinks at NW highway and despite them moving us to the front room due to lack of AC in the back room, we managed to have a good time and get business done. The award ceremonies for the Limbo Competition at Rugby House went well with several of our members picking up medals. Unfortunately Austin Zealots brought their A game and beat us by a few points.

We enjoyed some cooler weather this past weekend at the brew day hosted by Chuck Homola. It was a great day to hang out, talk about beer, eat some great Italian food and drink some cold beer.

With the year winding down be sure to check the

calendar for entry deadlines. Dixie cup deadline is coming up at the end of September. Hope to see you at the Allen Wickers in Plano for our September meeting.

What's Brewin'?

By Kimberley Rhea

It's party time again. The Oktoberfest Party will be at Melinda and Brian Beyer's home on September 24, 6:30-11:00. The German Pork Roast and Sausages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

2117 Rheims Dr.
Carrollton, TX

Bill James will be hosting our next Brew Day. It will be on October 15, from 9:00 – 4:00. Lunch will be served.

2801 Glen Forest Lane
Plano, TX

See you all soon!

Kim
"Woo Girl"

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September Brew Day

By Chuck Homola

What a way to blow through the last of our triple digit days this summer (hopefully) than with some hot sweaty brewing! I was happy to host the September brew day this past Saturday - we had a wonderful turn out - pushing close to 40 people throughout the day. Things started off with coffee and donuts of course and then moved out to the garage for some brewing, conversation and beer tasting. I ended up brewing a rather hoppy American IPA while Barrett was boiling up a sour. We did turn the fans on the sour at one point - certainly had the aromatic qualities of a sour beer to say the least - can't wait to see how that comes in the next few months/years.

We had a number of new and fairly new members show up - lots of great questions and suggestions on the all grain brewing process - I hope everyone got something out of it - I know I did. It looks like we have a whole new batch of potential all grain brewers in the works, which will be awesome. We had 4 more people sign up for the BJCP class email list and some new suggestions on other classes we could offer going forward.

I put a Southern English Brown ale on tap for folks to try and quite a few folks brought home brews and commercial beers along for everyone to try - I got to try some very tasty treats throughout the day. At this point we moved on to a lunch of lasagna, penne and manicotti - we did a good job of scarfing that down!

Luckily the club purchased a nice big canopy for us to use in the driveway to keep the late summer sun off of us and thanks to Jim L for bringing his as well - it really made things more comfortable for everyone.

We also picked some hops off the vines to see how the cones were coming along - they are so close to being ready - may be time to setup the Randall to do some dry hopping soon - can't wait!

Thanks again to everyone that came out to make it a really fun day - and by the way - the IPA I brewed is fermenting like a mad man - had to put a blow-off tube on the fermenter due to a very vigorous batch of yeast - but it smells soooooo good!
Chuck

Home Stretch for BJCP

By Chuck Homola

It's hard to imagine - but we are in the home stretch for this year's rendition of the BJCP Exam prep class - only 3 classes remain until game day on October 15th! We recently completed the session affectionately referred to as the "Le Pew" class where we doctor up some delicious Budweiser with various doping agents - I think most everyone was glad to have that one over with - but it remains one of our most popular and informative classes - we had a record 22 folks in attendance this year - thanks to everyone that came out to participate.

We continue to pick up new folks, which has been very encouraging - the overall list of attendees thus far is pushing 30. The really interesting thing is that there is a big variety of reasons people are taking the class - it ranges from folks preparing to take the BJCP exam in October to folks wanting to learn how to detect flaws in their beer in order to improve their brewing methods to people just wanting to try new styles of beers. This has brought an interesting dynamic to the class sessions that stimulate some very interesting conversations as we go through the lectures and the tastings. By the time the course series is complete we will have sampled close to 220 different beers - with half of those not being available here in the local area.

The remaining classes will cover topics such as recipe formulation and historical geographic brewing centers around the world. Some of the remaining beer styles to be sampled include French/Belgian Ales, Scottish/Irish Ales, English Browns, Light Hybrids and Sour beers. Some of the tastiest ones of the bunch. It is never too late to join in on the fun and education - it is still only \$10/class. If you are not on the class email list - just shoot me an email at education@nthba.org and I'll add you in straight away.

I would also like to thank the various brew masters in the local area that have come by to participate in the classes so far - that has added a new element to the course this year and folks seem to really enjoy this new dimension.

For those of you planning to take the test in Octo-

ber – now is the time to hunker down and start studying – don't wait till October to do it – it won't be enough time – trust me – I know. J There is going to be an after party for folks that have attended the class, it will be on the evening of October 15th at my house – if you all have any suggestions on which beers you want the remaining class money to go to – let me know now so I can start sourcing the beers – I'd like to do a theme this time: “Domestic Craft Beers that are not to a specific style” – this way we can try some very tasty beers that we can't use in the class itself.

Thanks,
Chuck

Help Out The Club

By Leroy Gharis

Do you enjoy being part of North Texas Homebrewers? Do you have ideas you would like to see implemented? Would you like to get to know more members?

Elections for 2012 club officers will occur at the November club meeting. I would like to encourage ALL members to consider serving as an officer. I would especially like to consider newer club members to step up. New members bring new ideas and new energy. There is no requirement that one needs to have been a member for any length of time to become an officer. The ONLY requirement is that they are a member.

You don't have to attend every club event if you are an officer. It is important to attend the monthly officer meeting so you can express opinions on items. However, there are times when someone is not able to attend due to illness, family or work.

As an officer you will meet and get to interact with other members that you might not have the opportunity as a member. If you cannot serve as an officer then you can consider helping with the COC judging, Limbo Challenge planning and/or hosting a brewday. None of the officer positions are really hard but some take more time than others.

Included below is an excerpt from the NTHBA By-laws with officer descriptions. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact one of the existing officers. Their names and contact information is

in every newsletter. Also, create a short bio explaining who you are and why you would like to be an officer. Email the bio to secretary@nthba.org to be included in the October newsletter.

Article Five — Officers

The NTHBA shall be governed by a Board of Officers consisting of the following positions:

Elected officers

President

First Vice President in charge of Competitions

Second Vice President in charge of Social Activities

Secretary

Treasurer

Past President

Appointed officers

IT Director/Webmaster

Minister of Education

The membership of the NTHBA shall elect five members to serve as officers at each annual meeting. Those five officers shall select from among themselves those persons to be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall serve a term from January first to the following December thirty-first. Elected officers shall not serve more than three consecutive terms in the same position.

The office of Past President shall be filled by the person who has most recently completed a term as President. Should said person be unable to fill the office of Past President, the office may be filled by a former President selected by the remaining members of the Board of Officers. If no former President is available, then the office may be filled by any member selected by the Board of Officers.

The responsibilities of the officers shall be:

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 organ-

ization, 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.

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. .

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

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.

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.

The Past President shall serve as an advisor to 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.

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.

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

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.

Octoberfest Party

By Larry Papkin

The always infamous Octoberfest party is fast approaching on September 24th at Brian and Melinda Beyer's house. There will be a people's choice award for the favorite Octoberfest beer, so bring your best to put it to the test. There will also be raffle prizes, with all attending members eligible to win. This is always a great party (but aren't they all?) so plan on attending and having a great time. Hope to see everyone there!

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- 2011 Competition Schedule -

Competition/Style	Entry Deadline	Competition Awards
Limbo Challenge Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below	August 5th	August 27
Cactus Challenge All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	August 5th	September
August COC Mead	August 5th (Club) August 20th (AHA)	August 27th
September/October COC Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers	October 8th (Club) October 15th (AHA)	October 29th
Dixie Cup All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 30 th	October 20th
November/December COC Hefeweizen	November 9th (Club) November 25th (AHA)	December 3rd (AHA)
January/February 2012 Dark Lagers	TBD	TBD
March/April 2012 COC Stout	TBD	TBD
May 2012 COC Scottish and Irish Ale	April 20th (Club) April 27th (AHA)	May 5th

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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
(866)417-1114

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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www.nthba.org