

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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September Quick Glance:

HUMPERDINKS
Restaurant & Brewpub

[Club meeting](#)
[September 9th](#)
[at Humperkinks](#)
[Northwest](#)
[Highway](#)

[September Brewday](#)
[Saturday](#)
[September 13th](#)
[at James Smith's](#)
[9:00 to 3:30](#)

Prez Sez

By Walter Hodges

**ASK NOT WHAT YOUR HOMEBREW CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT
WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR HOMEBREW CLUB.**

It's time to start thinking about officers for 2015. In October, we'll ask officer candidates to submit short biographies and explain why they want to be officers. Then in November, we'll vote for officers who'll serve in 2015.

There are five elected board positions; President, 1st Vice President (Competition Coordinator), 2nd Vice President (Social Chair), Treasurer and Secretary. We vote for members at large and the elected officers decide who holds which office. If you are particularly interested in a certain position, then by all means make it known. All of the positions are important and contribute to the health of the club.

A couple of documents are available on the web site to help you understand the roles and responsibilities of each position and the rules of the club. First, the [Club Bylaws](#) outline the how the club should be run and our primary goals. Second, [Officer Tasks](#) provides a guide for each officer's responsibilities and duties.

There is nothing hard about being an officer. The most important requirement is a commitment to the club and the position you hold. A passion for homebrewing helps. If you feel that you are capable of giving your time and efforts to the club, please consider running for the 2015 board.

Prosit!

Walter



The First Sip

By James Smith

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

- The **September Brew Day** will occur on September 13th at the home of yours truly. The address is 4100 Camino Dr. Plano 75074. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The **Oktoberfest Party** will occur on September 20th at Jeff Stark's house in Rowlett. His address is 3718 Bond Street in Rowlett. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- 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](#)
- 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](#)

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

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!

Cheers!

James, aka "Smitty"

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. The pool is open as always and Titus' happy face will be there to greet you when you arrive.



Competition News

By Mike Grover

Limbo Challenge

Another successful Limbo Challenge is in the books. It doesn't seem that long ago that a few of us got together and organized the first Limbo Challenge, but next year will be number ten! Congratulations to our club's winners! We had 146 entries, which is down quite a bit from the last couple of years and the lowest we've seen since 2009. This trend is consistent with what we've seen in other regional competitions so far this year. NTHBA took home the most points with 38, followed by the Austin Zealots with 23 and the Foam Rangers with 7. Of equal importance, NTHBA swept the lawnmower beer category which means that the lawnmower blade trophy stays here in North Texas for the first time in several years. As a bonus, we added a silver edger blade and bronze tangle of weed eater cord for the second and third place winners. All are mounted on custom wood plaques crafted by our own Brian Beyer.

Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton, TX	Jimmy's Dort	1E	Dortmunder Ex- port	1
Barrett Tillman, <i>NTHBA</i>	Garland, TX	Blackman- Brew.com	1D	Munich Helles	2
Don VanSlyke, <i>NTHBA</i>	Dallas, TX	Handlebar CAP	2C	Classic American Pilsner	1
Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton, TX	Mike's DMS Bomb Pilsner	2A	German Pilsner	2
Randy Friese, Jesse Thoresen, <i>NTHBA</i>	McKinney, TX	R&J CAP	2C	Classic American Pilsner	3
Leroy Gharis, <i>NTHBA</i>	The Colony, TX	Leroy's Schwarz	4C	Schwarzbier	1
Leroy Gharis, <i>NTHBA</i>	The Colony, TX	North Of The Border	3A	Vienna Lager	2
Don VanSlyke, <i>NTHBA</i>	Dallas, TX	Cream Abdul- Jabbeer	6A	Cream Ale	3
Don VanSlyke, <i>NTHBA</i>	Dallas, TX	Steamy Steamer- son	7B	California Com- mon Beer	3
Doug Nett, <i>NTHBA</i>	Plano, TX	Hailey's Special English Bitter	8B	Special/Best/ Premium Bitter	1

Bill James, Tim McGrath, <i>NTHBA</i>	Plano,TX	Not too Ordinary	8A	Ordinary Bitter	2
Doug Nett, <i>NTHBA</i>	Plano,TX	Hailey's English Pale	8A	Ordinary Bitter	3
Bill James, Tim McGrath, <i>NTHBA</i>	Plano,TX	A Mild English Summer	11A	Mild	2
Walter Hodges, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Black Ops Mild	11A	Mild	3
William Lawrence, <i>NTHBA</i>	Richardson,TX	Willy's Richardson Porter	12A	Brown Porter	1
Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Here's to Scott Townson Hefe	15A	Weizen	1
Cary Hodson, <i>NTHBA</i>	Garland,TX	Hef Hef Hooray	15A	Weizen	2
Walter Hodges, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Wit-ness Protection	16A	Witbier	HM
Barrett Tillman, <i>NTHBA</i>	Garland,TX	Blackman-Brew.com	17D	Lambic	1
Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Put the Lime in the Coconut and Drink it all Up	29A	Lawnmower Beer	1
Walter Hodges, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Wit-ness Protection	29A	Lawnmower Beer	2
Barrett Tillman, <i>NTHBA</i>	Garland,TX	Blackman-Brew.com	29A	Lawnmower Beer	3
Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Here's to Scott Townson Hefe	15A	Weizen	1
Jimmy Orkin, <i>NTHBA</i>	Carrollton,TX	Jimmy's Dort	1E	Dortmunder Export	2

Lone Star Circuit Standings

A very strong showing on our home turf has returned NTHBA to second place in the LSC standings. We have a substantial lead on both the Mashtronauts and the Foam Rangers. If we have a solid showing in the remaining three competitions then we should be able to hold onto second place, but we can't rest on our laurels. The Dixie Cup closes out the circuit, and host club Foam Rangers usually have a very strong showing. The Zealots are pretty untouchable at this point unless they get skunked in all of the remaining comps which seems unlikely. Best of luck to our brewers in the Cactus Challenge, O'zapft Is!, and Dixie Cup.

Austin Zealots	166 pts
NTHBA	119 pts
Bay Area Mashtronauts	83 pts
Foam Rangers	70 pts
KGB	37 pts
Bexar Brewers	36 pts

Brewer of the Year

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

Jimmy Orkin	16 pts
Don VanSlyke	15 pts
Barrett Tillman	12 pts
Leroy Gharis	12 pts
Walter Hodges	7 pts
Doug Nett	7 pts
Randy Friese	6 pts

Dixie Cup:

- Entries are being accepted now through Saturday, September 27th (register by September 20th for the \$8 early entry fee; after that the entry fee is \$10)
- Judging takes place on September 28th and 30th, and October 5th, 7th, 12th, and 14th.
- The event is the weekend of October 16th-18th.
- **NTHBA will have a packing party for the Cactus Challenge on Monday, September 22nd at Dallas Homebrew at 5:30 p.m.**
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The Dixie Cup is open to all BJCP categories, and also includes a special category: "Brew Me Like a Hurricane". The Dixie Cup, like the Bluebonnet Brew-Off, is one of the largest and oldest homebrew competitions around. Additional information can be found at

<http://dixiecup.foamrangers.com/index.php>.

Club Only Competition (COC)

The next COC is open to all German BJCP styles (BJCP Categories 1D, 1E, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 4C, 5A-5D, 6C, 7A, 7C, 15A-15D, 17A, and 22A) – **Entry deadline Saturday, September 20th, 2014**. Note that these styles also correspond to the O'zapft Ist competition, so hopefully you held back a couple of extra bottles.

Brewer Royale Standings

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

UP NEXT: German StylesLooking Ahead

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 TBA. Check the website for the complete 2014-2015 Club Only Competition schedule. (<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



The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity June end \$5,974.27.

Equity July end \$5,552.11.

New members in July: 31.

Current members July end: 134.

Current members at the time of this article: 145.

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 second planning meeting on Sunday, August 17 at Humperdinks NW Highway. We had a good turnout. We almost have all our committee heads in place.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 21 at Humperdinks NW Highway. I am hoping to have a tour of the Irving Convention Center before the next meeting but that still needs to be arranged.

Einar Jonsson will be our Assistant Director and Judging Location committee head.

Just Dave said he would investigate coordinate the Raffle.

That is it for this month.

Bluebonnet 2015 Committee Heads and Key Contributors

- Director – Jimmy Orkin
- Assistant Director/2016 Director – Einar Jonsson
- Judging Location – Einar Jonsson
- Head Judge – Mike Grover
- Beer Wrangler – Danny Kocurek – Knights Asst: Kyle Mackay
- Hotel Contract – Richard Dobson
- Website Update – Brad Berven
- Registration System (BCOEM+) - Matt Morriss
- Data – David Lee?, Don Trotter
- Treasurer – Brian Schoolcraft
- Case Box Coordinator – Einar Jonsson
- Door Prize Drawing Coordinator – Just Dave
- Medals/Awards – Steve Wesstrom
- Stein Coordinator – Steve Hacker
- Pub Crawl Coordinator – Brad Berven/Jamison Kirmser
- Head Steward – Jamison Kirmser

- Glasses/Shirts/Hats – Jimmy Orkin+
- Registration Table/Registration Packages –Carolyn, Sue, Jane+
- Program Editor – Kyle LaPointe
- Hospitality Room Coordinator – Walter Hodges
- Commercial Tasting Coordinator – Brian Beyer
- 1st Round Judging Meal Coordinator – Kim Rhea

Brew Strong!



Jimmy

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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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www.nthba.org