

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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September Quick



[September brew day at Bill James house Saturday September 6th](#)

[Club Meeting September 8th at The Londoner in Addison](#)

[Oktoberfest Party Saturday September 26th at Walter and Pam Hodges house.](#)

Prez Sez By Mike Grover

Well we've made it through the dog days of summer. O.K., technically it isn't over for a few more weeks but why be a wet blanket? The tenth Limbo Challenge competition is in the books, and NTHBA had another great showing. Read Competition Corner inside for the Limbo Challenge results. The event was a great success this year with a big increase in the number of entries and good turnouts for both judging and the awards ceremony. Thanks to Brian and Melinda Beyer for hosting judging and storing all of those entries for several weeks. Congratulations to Walter Hodges for winning the cherished golden lawnmower blade! This month things get back to normal with an upcoming brew day on September 5th at Bill James's house and our Oktoberfest party on September 26th at Walter and Pam Hodges house. See the First Sip inside for more details about upcoming club events. Check the club website (www.nthba.org) for activity announcements and the club calendar, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well.

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1st at the Taphouse Gastro Kitchen & Bar located at 8320 Texas Highway 121 in Frisco. The location is near the northeast corner of 121/Sam Rayburn Tollway and Parkwood Boulevard. As always, club members are welcome to join us at the officers meetings. Give us a heads up if you plan on joining so that we get a big enough table. The September club meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at The Londoner Addison located at 14930 Midway Road in Addison. For those that haven't been, The Londoner is an English-themed pub which now has a good local craft beer selection. It is located just south of Belt Line Road at the northeast corner of the intersection with Beltway Drive.

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The First Sip By James Smith

Last month was fairly quiet with Limbo judging and awards. Thanks again to Brian and Melinda Beyer for graciously hosting the judging at their house.

Holiday Party Changes

At the last meeting, it was officially determined that the holiday party would be moved to January. We realize times are much busier for many of us with work, friend, and family holiday functions going on between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It seems to only make sense that we adjust and reschedule. Tentatively, we are planning to have what will now be known as the Winter Party on January 16th.

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

- The September Brew Day will be held at the home of Mr. Bill James. The date is Saturday, September 5th. The address is 2801 Glen Forest Lane, Plano 75023. [MAP HERE](#)
- UPDATE! The Oktoberfest Party will be held on Saturday, September 26th at the home of Walter and Pam Hodges. The time will be 6:30 – 11:30. [MAP HERE](#)
- The October Brew Day will also be held at the home of Walter and Pam Hodges. The time will be the usual 9:00 – 3:00. [MAP HERE](#)
- Our November Brew Day is the annual teach a friend to brew day. It will be hosted by Mr. Brian Beyer at Dallas Home Brew. [MAP HERE](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

- December Brew Day – December 12th(Tentative)
- Winter Party – January 16th(Tentative)

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!

Santé!

James, aka “Smitty”

Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

August was a busy month for competitions. We had results from the Lunar Redezbrew, The Inquisition and our own Limbo Challenge. We were shut out of the Inquisition but had a few Lunar winners and a good showing at the Limbo. Check out the list below of our club members who had winning beers.

Hopefully you got a few entries to Ft. Worth for O'Zapft or maybe to Mead Fest. The Lone Star Circuit is winding down with only have one competition left. I would like to see us finish strong and send a load of entries down to the Dixie Cup. Watch your email for a packing party date in mid-September.

September brings our next Club Only Competition. Bring your Sour Ales (BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23) to the club meeting or drop them off at Dallas Homebrew or Homebrew Headquarters by close of business on Monday, September 7th.

Our final COC for 2015 will be held in November and will cover Belgian and French Ales (BJCP Categories 17 and 18).

Competition	Style	Place	Brewer
Lunar Redezbrew	Northern English Brown	1st	Matthew Linnenburger
Lunar Redezbrew	Roggenbier	3rd	Walter Hodges
Lunar Redezbrew	Belgian Specialty	2nd	Barrett Tillman
Lunar Redezbrew	Straight Unblended Lambic	1st	Barrett Tillman
Lunar Redezbrew	French Cider	2nd	Barrett Tillman
Limbo Challenge	Pilsner	3rd	Don VanSlyke
Limbo Challenge	European Amber Lagers	2nd	William Lawrence
Limbo Challenge	European Amber Lagers	3rd	Leroy Gharis
Limbo Challenge	Light Hybrid	1st	Walter Hodges
Limbo Challenge	Light Hybrid	HM	Barrett Tillman
Limbo Challenge	English Pale	1st	William Lawrence
Limbo Challenge	English Pale	2nd	Joseph Flay
Limbo Challenge	English Brown	3rd	Tim Callahan
Limbo Challenge	Brown Porter & Dry Stout	2nd	Arthur Stockstill
Limbo Challenge	German & Belgian Wheat	2nd	Walter Hodges
Limbo Challenge	Belgian & Sour	1st	Tyler Hoke
Limbo Challenge	Lawnmower	1st	Walter Hodges
Limbo Challenge	Lawnmower	2nd	Barrett Tillman

Brewer of the Year	
Brewer/Team	Points
Walter Hodges	19
Barrett Tillman	16
Matthew Linnenburger	12
Don VanSlyke	12
William Lawrence	9
Jesse Thoresen	6
Anthony Gachima	5
Arthur Stockstill	5
Leroy Gharis	4
Richard Harris	3
Tyler Hoke	3
Mason McPhail	2
Doug Nett	2
Joseph Flay	2
Jimmy Orkin	2
Don Trotter	2
Tim Callahan	1
David Kutshman	1
David Lee & Lloyd Yeager	1
James Smith	1

Brewer Royale	
Brewer/Team	Total
Don Van Slyke	6
Barrett Tillman	4
Joseph Flay	3
Mike Grover	3
Doug Nett	3
Layne McBeath	2
Mason McPhail	2
Bill James and Tim McGrath	1

Competition Schedule			
Lone Star Circuit		Club Only	
Competition	Entry Deadline	Theme/Styles	Entry Deadline
Dixie Cup	9/26	Sour Beers BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23	9/7 – Drop off at homebrew stores 9/8 – Drop off at club meeting
		Belgian and French Styles BJCP Categories 17 and 18	November

Prosit!

Walter

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's Report By Jimmy Orkin

By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity June end \$5,790.28.

Equity July end \$5,432.35.

New members in June: 21.

Members at June end: 103.

Current members at the time of this article: 114.

Our big expenses in July were the Brewday food and the Club liability insurance. This is the second year we have paid for liability insurance for the club.

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

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

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the clubs financial information. Also, please let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

Our membership year runs June until May. Your membership may have expired at the end of May. Please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire and the end of May 2016.

I or the officers always have membership forms and cards at all the club events. I'll send some email reminders. We will also keep you on the email list for a couple of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

Beer Stuff

I am sorry to say I have done nothing on the BrewPi this month.

I did take 10 gallons of Barrett's Rye Pale Ale wort home from Fred's brewday. I fermented with the Chico yeast Barrett brought from Four Corners. Dry hopped each 5 gallons with Citra and Centennial individually. I have not worked with Citra before and I am looking forward to tasting the differences. I just got the beer off the dry hops on Sunday and started to force carbonate them. A taste just now is good but still needs more CO². I'll have this beer around at future events so check them out.

With the Limbo Challenge being almost complete I hope to focus on my fermentation control and brewday automation with vigor in September.

Addison Oktoberfest is coming up on September 17-20. Several of us attend on the Friday night. We rent hotel rooms across the street because you should not drive after Oktoberfest. Uber or Lyft might be another good option.

You will probably find us in the Schloss Addison Tent sipping on beer from 1 liter steins. Come join us.

More information is available at: <http://addisonoktoberfest.com>

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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