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Quick Sips for November:

11/2 - Learn to Homebrew Day - Bitter Sisters Brewing - Addison

11/5 - Officer's Meeting - BJ's - Addison

11/12 - Club Meeting - Lakewood Brewing

11/16 - November COC Entry Deadline - Homebrew Headquarters - Richardson

Prez Sez by Matt Parulis

2020 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The year is winding down and the holidays are approaching quickly! That means it's time to elect officers for next year! Elections will be held at the **November club meeting** on **11/12** at **Lakewood Brewing** in Garland. The club will be buying pizzas as an incentive to come out and cast your vote! Being an officer is not overly time consuming but it is necessary to keep all the great benefits like brew days, parties, and club competitions happening!

Each year the club has 5 elected and 2 appointed positions. A breakdown of the positions and their responsibilities is below. This is not a comprehensive list of all officer duties however it does talk about the major points. If any club members would like a full list, you can request a copy of the club bylaws by sending an email to president@nthba.org.

- **President** - sets up and facilitates monthly officer and club meetings, writes Pres Sez article for newsletter, sets general direction of club. This is technically a 2 year term since the previous year's president serves as past president the following year.
- **Past President** - serves as an advisor to the president and other officers, casts vote on club matters in the event of a tie, and hangs out at meetings while other folks do the work.
- **First VP - Competitions** - coordinates club competitions, organizes packing parties to ship entries to LoneStar Circuit competitions, writes Competition Corner monthly article

- **Second VP - Socials (aka Party Boy)** - sets up club brew days and parties, coordinates other special club events, sets up Facebook invites for events, and writes First Sip articles.
- **Treasurer** - keeps club financials in order, sets up new members in the club and collects dues, and writes an article for the newsletter.
- **Secretary** - puts together the newsletter each month, takes notes at meetings and provides a recap afterward
- **Minister of Education** - one of the appointed positions. The MoE writes newsletter articles on various brewing topics and oversees the educational portions of events.
- **IT Director** - this is the 2nd appointed position and in recent years has been handled by one of the officers. This person manages the website and sends emails to the club. Next year, we will be looking at re-designing the Limbo website so someone with web design experience would be a great fit for 2020.

Cheers,

Matt



Well, frankly I don't know where the hell I got this picture nor do I know what kind of beer it is. I would however say that it looks very nice and I especially like the lacing at the top of the glass.

The First Sip by Mike Grover

We're definitely into fall - and prime homebrewing season – now. We had a busy October and the fun continues. Whether you're brewing or not, try to stop by **Bitter Sisters Brewery** on Saturday, November 2nd. We'll be having our monthly brew day there and it is also national "Teach a Friend to Brew Day". **Note that this is just around the corner: this Saturday!**

Here is what we have on tap for October

On **Saturday, November 2nd** starting at **9am**, we'll have our November Brewday at [Bitter Sisters Brewery](#). Bitter Sisters Brewery is located in Addison at [15103 Surveyor Boulevard](#) (between Belt Line Road and Arapahoe Road). This is our National Teach a Friend to Brew Day event, so bring along anyone you know that is interested in learning about homebrewing. The club will provide a light breakfast snack in the morning, and Bitter Sisters will have a food truck on-site for lunch. We will be set up in the parking lot behind the brewery. Bring your rig out to brew or just come out to share homebrew and conversation. Bitter Sisters is offering a discount on their craft brews to NTHBA members during the event. As of now it looks like it will be crisp in the morning but sunny and dry, so great for brewing. *Please note that homebrew and bottle shares are welcome but must remain outside of the brewery building.*

The **November Officer's Meeting** is being held on Tuesday, 11/05 at [BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Addison](#). BJ's is located at [4901 Belt Line Road](#). Club members are always welcome to join us. If you're thinking about running for an officer position it would be great if you could join us but it isn't required. We meet around 6:30pm and start with club business around 7:00pm.

The **Monthly Club Meeting for November** is being held on Tuesday, 11/12 starting at 6:30pm at [Lakewood Brewing Company in Garland](#). Lakewood is located at [2302 Executive Drive in Garland \(map\)](#). **Pizza will be provided**. We will be holding our annual officer elections at this meeting, so come out to vote and join us for some great beer!

A look back at October

The *September Officer's Meeting* was held on Tuesday, 10/1 at Ron's Place in Addison. Ron's has good food and a great eclectic beer selection. Discussions at the meeting focused on upcoming officer elections and future social activities.

The *Club Meeting for October* was held on Tuesday, 10/8 at TUPPS Brewery in McKinney. We had a solid turnout and enjoyed some great draft beers. With the recent improvement in Texas beer laws breweries such as TUPPS are now allowed to sell packaged beer to go. A great selection of canned beers was available and many club members picked up a six pack or two to take home with them.

The *October Brew Day* was held at James "Smitty" Smith's house in Plano. The weather was fantastic and we had a great turnout. Excellent pizza from a local restaurant was provided for lunch. Smitty brewed a 10-gallon batch of American IPA. The batch was split and I am fermenting my half with American lager yeast to make an IPL. I look forward to comparing the beers side by side. The batch was brewed on Smitty's electric Blichmann Brew Easy system. Brian Beyer also brought his system out and brewed an APA. Well last month I spoke too soon about making it through the hottest part of the year. Perhaps October will offer us some relief.



Prost,

Mike

Competition Corner

November Club Competition

We have one more Club Competition in 2019! The Nov COC will focus on **Historical Styles** from **category 27**. Entries will be accepted at the November club meeting. As always, please do not bring your entries into the brewery. I will collect them after the meeting. The drop off deadline at Homebrew Headquarters will be **Saturday 11/16** by 6p. Judging will be scheduled during the week of 11/21. The race at the top of the Brewer Royale Standings is very close! Let's get some historical beers brewed for the last COC of the year!

Brewer Royale Standings (after Sept COC)

Fred David – 7 pts

Andrew Kotas – 6 pts

John Sutton – 3 pts

John Driscoll - 3 pts

Stephen Tyner – 2 pts

Doug Nett – 1 pt

Matt Parulis – 1 pt

Mike Grover - 1 pt

A quick reminder...if your COC entry places, you win a gift certificate to Homebrew Headquarters! First place receives a \$20 gift certificate, 2nd place receives \$15 and 3rd place receives \$10. Another great reason to keep an eye on the COC schedule and plan your brew days!

Lone Star Circuit Happenings

Awards for the Dixie Cup, which is the last Lone Star Circuit competition for the year, were announced on 10/19! We had a tight race at the top of the Brewer of the Year standings and the 2 club members vying for the top spot had good showings at the Dixie Cup! Congrats to

those who placed and thanks to all who entered. Below is a break down of club members who placed.

Fred David

- 1st Place - Dark Euro Lager - Das Schwartz - Schwarzbier (8B) - 15 entries
- 2nd Place - Strong Birtish Ale - Wee Wee All the Way Home - Wee Heavy (17C) - 24 entries

Walter Hodges

- 1st Place - Spiced Beer - Hutton Branch Hot Blonde - Spice, Herb, Veg (30A) - 24 entries

Congratulations to Fred David for winning the 2019 Brewer of the Year! Fred had a great showing at Bluebonnet early in the year and closed out strong in the Dixie Cup. Congrats to all who placed in LSC comps through out the year! Texas has some great homebrewers and placing in any of the LSC competitions speaks to the level of talent we have in the NTHBA! Awards for the Brewer of the Year and Brewer Royale will be handed out at the winter party in January.

Brewer of the Year Standings (Final)

Fred David - 18 pts

Walter Hodges - 12 pts

Layne McBeath - 7 pts

Dean Weaver - 4 pts

John Sutton - 3 pts

Don Trotter - 3 pts

Matt Parulis - 2 pts

Stephen Tyner - 2 pts

Mark Stolle - 2 pts

For more info on Lone Star Circuit competitions, please visit the [Lone Star Circuit](#) website.

2019 COC SCHEDULE

November 2019	Historical	27
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2020 COC Schedule

January 2020	American Strong	22
March 2020	Irish & Scottish	14 & 15
May 2020	British Beers	11 - 13
July 2020	Lagers	1 - 3
September 2020	Extract - American Beers (at least 50% extract)	18 & 19
November 2020	Spiced Beers	30
January 2021	Trappist Beers	26

Cheers,

Matt



Here is a picture of our own Bill James (host of the fall party) and his faithful hound. Of course the animal moves too quickly to get a decent picture and naturally the photographer was likely compromised as well.

The Secretary's Missive by Bill Lawrence

I will askew my normal verbose missive this month as we have campaign submissions below and I am mindful of the limited attention span of this newsletter's readership. I would however

add that just because you didn't submit election fodder but still wish to don the mantle of power you can still at this late hour submit your nomination and I can promise you that it will be warmly received. I am also gratified to note that none of the candidates has promised to do anything untoward nor have any coerced a foreign government to do anything, well except for Orkin. With that, I will bid you all a warm farewell for the month and as always, may God bless America.

*Prost,
Willy*



Here is a couple of the revelers at the recent fall party. The damsel appears rather serious in this photo and I can only surmise that it may have something to do with the whip hanging off "Indy's" hip (but I felt it prudent not to ask).

Beer Porn



Yeah, yeah, I know but this time of year you just have to have the ubiquitous pumpkin beer. This is of course the seasonal offering from Saint Arnolds which is located in our great state. Sadly, I never much cared for pumpkin and pumpkin spices but I am reliably told that this is a good rendition.

The Treasurers Report by Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity August end \$9,723.88.

Equity September end \$9,629.16

New members in August: 8.

Members at August end: 78.

Current members at the time of this article: 83 members for year 2020.

I want to remind you that the financials trail the newsletter because I write this article before the end of the month.

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

<http://nthba.org/?q=groups/financials-corner/financial-statement-archive>

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the club's 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. If your membership is not current, please renew at Homebrew Headquarters or any club event. I'll be at most events and you can pay with a credit card. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire at the end of May 2020.

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 few of months into the New Year even if your membership lapses. My plan was to send renewal email reminders then trim the email list. That has not happened. So you might be getting notification of the Newsletter availability with an expired membership. I hope to work on the club mail list in November.

I think we are at the end of the Limbo expenses and it looks like we lost a couple of hundred dollars. We would have made a bit of money on Limbo this year if we did not buy the medals for the next 3 years.

It is time to start working on new Club Officers. Please consider being a Club Officer for 2020. Help make our club better. For our officer candidates, remember to give us a quick write up about yourself to include in next month's newsletter.

Brew Strong,

Jimmy

Election Propaganda

Fritz Schanz

Candidate for

First VP – Competitions

Fritz Schanz has been brewing beer for 3 years, and last year, as a way to improve his beers, he sought the expert feedback from homebrew competitions. To this purpose, he also became a BJCP judge. He brews mostly Belgian and British beers but also a few American and German styles. Although he has not been too active in the Lone Star Circuit, he has been active in the Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing, in which he is the nation's leader for 2019, having won 30 medals, of which 10 are gold. As the First VP – Competitions, his goals are (a) to continue to grow enthusiasm for internal club competitions, (b) to develop a highlight program through which our many successful and experienced club members can help others become more successful in club and state competitions, (c) to develop a forum for winning strategies related to recipe formulation and brewing process, (d) to coordinate with club members to ensure that the NTHBA has a rising presence on the Lone Star Circuit at the member, team, and club levels, (e) to create strategic pathways to ensure overall club success in competitions. When not brewing, he is fly fishing and gardening. Otherwise, he works as a consultant in the ebook and audiobook industry. He lives in Aubrey, with his wife, Patricia, 3 cats, 6 hens, and a stray dog now and then.

Jimmy Orkin

Candidate for

Treasurer

I am running for an officer position in the NTHBA for the 2020 year. I am the current 2019 club Treasurer. I have been a member of the NTHBA for about 15 years but got active in the club in 2008. I was president of the NTHBA in 2009 and have been an elected and appointed officer many years since my presidency.

I am hope to get the Treasurer position as the learning curve for the position makes sense to hold the position for two terms at a time.

My interests in brewing are making and drinking good beer but I also like to focus on electronic automation in the brewing process. Early on I built a fermentation temperature controller that is still in use today. I have used projects like Brewtroller, almost defunct now, and Brew Pi. I have not found systems I really like for either brewday or fermentation but I plan to focus more on developing something of my own in the near future. I did create a controller for a commercial keg cleaning system for Cedar Creek Brewery some years ago. The picture of the system is shown below. I hope you will consider me for one of the clubs officer positions for 2020.



Bill Lawrence

Candidate for

Secretary

Well, let's see here; Jimmy said we should all provide bios so I guess I'll be compliant here for a change. My name is Bill Lawrence and I suppose it's fair to say that I am one of the oldest members of the club, both from a chronological perspective as well as actual club participation. Put another way, I have been rode hard and put away wet many, many times and it shows. Best I can remember, I have been home brewing for around 35 plus years and yeah, I have made more than my fair share of nasty swill. Back in the day we learned our craft from a book written by Charlie Papazian and the moto was "relax and have a homebrew"; I've more or less taken that approach.

As far as being qualified to serve on the board, well sadly I'm somewhat incompetent. Regardless, I'm your current Secretary and I have been Treasurer six times over the years so I do know how this club works. The phrase "pay you damn dues" is one of my noteworthy utterances for whatever that is worth. I rather enjoy the secretary gig as I have full editorial control over the newsletter and it is of course a handy bully pulpit; an attribute I have no issue exploiting for my frequent pontifications. It has come to my attention that many consider me the "moral compass" of the club, a mantle that in truth I must repudiate as I have been involved in several um... "irregularities" in times past.

Well, I think this club is actually a social opportunity for most of the members and our commonality is that we like to consume and maybe even make good beer, mead and cider. It's really about the friendships we make and the fun we have at club events, the rest of this stuff is really just in support of that goal (hedonistic as it may be). While serving on the board I will view everything through that prism and I will try very hard not to take myself or any of this too seriously. If you think my vision is in line with your views of this organization, I would be honored to serve you another year. Incidentally, it is rumored that many of my political opponents have small hands.....

Stephen Tyner

Candidate for

Who Knows, maybe President?

Greetings!

My name is Stephen Tyner and I am running for an officer position in the NTHBA for the 2020 year. I have been serving as the Minister of Education for the club since April. I started brewing in 2017 while living in Brazil and one of the first things I purchased after returning to the US was an extract kit. In the short time I have been brewing I have made the transition from brewing extract kits on the stove to BIAB to a three vessel HERMS.

My favorite beers to brew and drink are hoppy IPAs but I am enjoying branching out and trying different styles. In my short time in the club I have really enjoyed learning from fellow brewers who have been at it much longer than myself. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the members and the club in 2020.

Mike Grover

Candidate for

Socials

No submission but indicated he'd serve if forced.

Well alright, here is a little info about me. I started homebrewing in 2001 and have been a club member since 2002. I've served NTHBA in a number of roles over the years including President in 2008 and 2015 and Bluebonnet Brew-Off Director in 2011. I splurged and bought a Blichmann Engineering Brew Easy system three years ago and really enjoy it. My "house beer" is German altbier, but I enjoy most beer styles. Recently I've been into lager brewing, with a particular interest in Pilsners.



I'm actually at a loss for words here. These are our contest winners and I can honestly say that I have never actually seen anyone wear a lampshade before. Mr. Orkin was however admiring the red sweats and he commented that they looked very comfortable.

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North Texas Home Brewers Association

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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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