

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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Quick Sips for April:

Officer's Meeting	@Palio's Pizza, Richardson	April 4 th	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Club Meeting	@Rugby House	April 11 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Brewday	@Matt Parulis' Place	April 15 th	9:00am – 4:00pm
Club Meet Up	@Bavarian Grill in Plano	April 22 nd	TBA

These and other events can be found on our [Club Calendar](#).

Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

It is officially Spring and a great time for brewing before the weather gets hot. I personally have not brewed since before Christmas due to travel and the many activities that surrounded bluebonnet. I am really looking forward to dusting off the brew equipment and replenishing my beer supply.

If you did not attend the Bluebonnet event, we had a great time and NTHBA members made a good showing. NTHBA secured Club of the Year again, Mark Rendon retained the HomeBrewer of the Year title, and five first place steins were awarded to club members: Mark Rendon (2), Fred David (2), and Jesse Thoreson (1). Jesse also placed 2nd place best of show with his Marzen, making 3 years in a row an NTHBA entry has placed 2nd in BOS. I hope next year someone in the club can nab the 1st place spot. Full results can be seen here <http://bluebonnetbrewoff.org/>. The Club of the Year trophy has been placed on display at the NTHBS brew shop.

Some fun news, we are organizing a brew club meetup with several of the Dallas area homebrew clubs. This will likely take place some Saturday in June and is really going to be a social event to meet members of other clubs, have a few beers and grow the homebrewing community. Usually when we are meeting with other clubs it is taking place at Bluebonnet or Limbo awards weekend and many other activities are ongoing. This is planned to be a more informal event. Stay tuned for more details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club meeting and brew day this month.

Prost,

Terry

Standard American Beer International Lager Czech Lager Pale Malt European Lager Pale Bitter European Lager Amber Malt European Lager Bitter European Lager Amber Bitter European Lager Dark European Lager Strong European Beer German Wheat Beer British Bitter Beer Commonweath Beer Brown British Beer Scottish Ale Irish Beer Dark British Beer British Strong Ale Strong British Beer British Strong Ale Strong British Beer American Ale

Amber and Brown American Beer American Porter and Stout IPA Specialty IPA Strong American Ale European Sour Ale Belgian Ale Strong Belgian Ale Monastic Ale Historical Beer American Wild Ale Fruit Beer Spiced Beer Alternative Fermentables Beer Smoked Beer Wood Beer Specialty Beer Standard Cider and Perry Specialty Cider and Perry Local Styles Traditional Mead Fruit Mead Spiced Mead Specialty Mead

The First Sip by Marcio Fazzani

The Fourth Round of Socials by Marcio Fazzani

The month of March is behind us, and we had great turn out on both Brew Day at Garry's place as well as the club meeting at Four Bullets.

I also wanted to first recognize all people that got involved with Bluebonnet planning, organization and operation to say BIG THANKS, and second to say CONGRATULATIONS to all winners at Bluebonnet competition.

Spring is already here and that reminds me that our Spring party is already set to be on May 20 and will be hosted by James Smith. Please mark your calendars.

Spring will go by really fast which reminds me that our summer party is also already set to be on Aug 26 and will be hosted by Brian Beyer. Please mark your calendars.

Please let me know what feedback or suggestions you might have and send me an email to socials@nthba.org.

Here is what we have on tap for April

1. **Apr 4** – Officer's meeting at Palio's Pizza
 - Address: 1469 W Campbell Rd, Richardson, TX 75080
 - We will be arriving around 6:30pm with business starting at 7:00pm
 - This place is BYOB
2. **Apr 11** – Club meeting at Rugby House
 - Address: 8604 Preston Rd #100, Plano, TX 75024
 - As usual socializing for the first 30 minutes starting at 6:30 and official business starting around 7:00pm
3. **Apr 15** – Brew Day at Matt Parulis' place
 - Address: 1805 Redbud Cir, Carrollton TX 75006
 - Bring some of your homebrew to share, or any unique commercial beers you may have
 - Lunch will be provided by the club
4. **Apr 22** – Club meet up at Bavarian Grill in Plano
 - Address: 3425 Premier Dr, Plano, TX 75023
 - Time and duration to be informed later

Brew Day

2023 Schedule still have one open spot. Who is up to fill in the month of July?

National Homebrew Day on May 6 – Who will be brewing at 3 Nations Brewing?

2023 BREW DAY SCHEDULE		
DATE	HOST	ADDRESS
January 14, 9am-4pm	Mike Grover	1939 Castille Dr, Carrollton TX
February	No Brew Day	Due to Bluebonnet Judging
March 11, 9am-4pm	Garry Beckham	2321 Stacia Drive, Plano TX
April 15, 9am-4pm	Matt Parulis	1805 Redbud Cir, Carrollton TX 75006
May 6 10:30a-4pm	3 Nations Brewing	1033 Vandergriff Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006
June	Jason Garland	3122 Meadowood Dr, Garland TX 75040
July	Open	
August	No Brew Day	Due to Limbo Judging
September	James Smith	
October	Walter Hodges	
November	First Sat: Reserved AHA	AHA – TBD
December	Bill Lawrence	

Facts About Beer and Homebrewing

- **Microbrewery** - this is defined as a brewer that produces less than 15,000 barrels of beer annually, with 75% or more of its beer sold off-site.
- **Craft brewery** - The Brewers Guild states a craft brewery must produce no more than six million barrels of beer each year, so they can be substantially bigger than a microbrewery.
- **Nanobrewery** - everyone agrees that nanobreweries are pretty much just scaled-down versions of microbreweries, but there's no set amount of beer a brewery must produce to earn the label.
- **Brew pub** - this is defined as a restaurant and brewery that sells 25% or more of its beer on site.
- **Macro brewery (or just a traditional brewery)** - these tend to be much larger than the other kinds, churning out more than six million barrels each year.

Saude!

Marcio

Competition Corner by John Sutton

COC

Had a great turn out for the March COC with 11 different entries. After two rounds of judging we selected:

Joshua Walton & Randy Grogan 1st for their Imperial Stout, Mark Rendon and his Irish Stout 2nd and David Bierschenk 3rd with a Irish Stout. Medals will be distributed at the April club meeting.

Thanks to the judges; Jimmy Orkin, Mike Grover, Matt Parulis, Terry Olinger and [North Texas Homebrew Supply](#) for allowing us use their store for few hours. Reminder, you collect Brewer Royale points for being a COC judge.

The May '23 COC registration window will open May 1st and the window will close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting on May 9th

Lone Star Circuit competitions

[Operation Fermentation](#) , Cane Island Alers

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

[Lunar Rendezbrew 29 , Bay Area Mashtronauts](#)

Registration closes April 1st

[Spirit of '76 Homebrew Competition , The Horsemen of the Hopocalypse](#)

Opens May 29th, Closes June 9th

[Big Batch Brew Bash , Kuykendahl Gran Brewers](#)

No details on the KGB web site

The [Lone Star Circuit competitions web site](#) states the entries open June 2 and closes June 16. Judging/Awards will June 25th at St. Arnold's Brewery (Houston)

[Homebrew Inquisition](#) , Austin Zealots

The [Lone Star Circuit competitions web site](#) says the competition opens June 17, but I'm unable to find any details on their website and/or FB.

[Limbo Challenge \(NTHBA hosted/run\)](#)

- Registration opens July 9th and closes July 27th
- Login will be July 29
- Judging 1st weekend will be August 4th, 5th, 6th
- Judging 2nd weekend will be August 11th, 12th, 13th
- Awards Ceremony will be August 26th

[Alamo City Cerveza Fest](#) , Bexar Brewers

The Bexar Brewers web site has not been updated for 2023.

[Belgian Bew Brawl](#) , South Area Zymurgists (SAAZ)

The Zymurgists (SAAZ) website site has not been updated for 2023.

[Dixie Cup](#) , Foam Rangers

The Foam Rangers, website site has not been updated for 2023.

Competition Hints

When I first started homebrewing the descriptions given to off flavors was confusing and hard to nail down and most importantly, correct. Here is link to a site that does a pretty good job of identifying off flavors.

[Winning Homebrew Off Flavors](#)

Any questions you can reach me at firstvp@nthba.org

Cheers!

John

The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

Treasurer's Report:

MONTH ENDED	EQUITY
2023 BEGINNING	8685.58
JANUARY	8334.74
FEBRUARY	8251.45

Current Membership: 81

New/Renewing Members:

Bill Hamilton
 Tim Baney
 Dustin Potter
 James Smith
 Jimmy Orkin
 John Sutton
 Marcio Fazzani
 Terry Olinger
 Walter Hodges
 Rob Edger



You may notice some familiar names on the new/renewing member list. We are getting to that time of year again, when flowers bloom, bees buzz and NTHBA memberships expire. Don't fret, your current membership is good through May 31st. I have new membership cards available for the 2023/2024 club year. You can renew your membership on-line (thanks Jimmy) or in person at most club events.

Club shirts are still available to any current club member. Each member receives one free t-shirt. Additional shirts are available for \$13 each. Work shirts are \$35. I will have shirts available at most club events. Below are counts of what I have available.

T-Shirts - \$13 after the 1st		
	L	7
	M	1
	XL	4
	XXL	4
Work Shirts - \$35		
	L	1
	XL	10



Memberships may be renewed at club meetings and events or by following the directions at: [Membership Renewal \(nthba.org\)](#)

Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Financial reports are available on the club web site at: [Financials – North Texas Homebrewers Association \(nthba.org\)](#)

If you have any questions about the financials, contact me and I will be happy to share club financial detail.

Prosit,
Walter

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The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer and homebrewing. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at various locations around the DFW area. Visitors are welcome!

"Livin' the Brews" is our monthly newsletter. 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.

www.NTHBA.org