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#### Quick Sips for July

Officer's Meeting @Londoner Addison July 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Club Meeting @NTHBS Store July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:30pm

NTHBA Meetup @Brass Tap in Allen July 15<sup>th</sup> Noon – 3:00pm

These and other events can be found on our <u>Club Calendar</u>.

#### Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

Well summer has arrived! You know it is summer in Texas when the asphalt patches on 75 starts to melt. Through poor planning on my part, I have brewed twice in this sweltering heat. For both batches I did a BIAB so I could finish before noon. I hope at least one of these batches is suitable for Limbo.

Last month we had a great turnout at the first Dallas Area Homebrew Club meetup. While I did not take a formal headcount, there were 30-35 homebrewers at Autonomous Society for most of the event. Several people got some great deals on silent auction items, and NTHBA raised more than \$1400 dollars from the raffle and silent auction! I would like to see this turn into an annual event, although I don't think we will be as fortunate every year with the equipment donations we had. If you did not make it down to Autonomous Society for the event, it is worth the trip down to the brewpub to taste some great beer flavored beers.

Along with the heat, July bring the Limbo contest hosted by NTHBA. I hope everyone is brewing and entering. It is always good to make a strong showing in our own contest. Please read further details in the Limbo article by our director, Bill Lawrence. One change for this year, the summer party and the Limbo awards party are combined.

Lastly, there are discussions/planning for upcoming events/classes in progress. An off flavors class will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup> at NTHBS brew shop. If you are going to judge at Limbo, this is a great class to take to help you understand what certain off flavors taste and smell like. Also, discussions are in progress to start an BJCP certification class, hopefully beginning in August. Finally, we are discussing Labor of Love being hosted in a new location. As soon as plans get firmed up we will let everyone know.

Stay safe brewing in this hot weather.

Prost,

Terry

#### The Seventh Round of Socials by Marcio Fazzani

First, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Jason Garland and his family for hosting the Brew Day in June. Additionally, a shout-out to Dean for hosting the DFW club meetup at Autonomous Society, which had a fantastic turnout. If you haven't had a chance to see the pictures from the DFW club meetup, you can check them out by CLICK HERE

Moving forward, there are three important things happening in July that you should be aware of:

- 1. Since the first Tuesday of the month falls on the 4th of July, the officer meeting will be held on July 5th.
- 2. Our next club meeting will provide another opportunity for us to bring our homebrew and share it with others. This meeting will be hosted by Eric at NTHBS.
- 3. Please note that there will be no Brew Day in July. Instead, we are having a meetup at Bras Tap in Allen.

As beer lovers, it's important to stay hydrated during the summer. Remember to drink plenty of water to maintain your hydration levels so that you can enjoy beer safely without worrying about dehydration. Cheers!

#### Here is what we have on tap for July

- 1. Jul 5 Officer's meeting at The Londoner in Addison
  - Address: 14930 Midway Rd, Addison, TX 75001
  - We will be arriving around 6:30pm with business starting at 7:00pm
- 2. **Jul 11** Club meeting at North Texas Homebrew Supply (NTHBS)
  - Address: 17811 Davenport Rd., Suite #11 Dallas, TX 75252
  - As usual socializing for the first 30 minutes starting at 6:30 and official business starting around 7:00pm
  - This is an opportunity to bring your homebrew to share with your club member peers
- 3. Jul 15 Club meet up at Brass Tap in Allen
  - Address: 2540 North Waters Road #80, Allen, TX, 75013
  - Time: 12pm to 3pm
  - Good beer selection and some delicious entrees

#### **Brew Day**

There is no Brew Day in July since we are replacing it with a club meetup.

#### 2023 Schedule below

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, Carrolton TX 75006		
May 6	3 Nations Brewing	1033 Vandergriff Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006		
June 10	Jason Garland	3122 Meadowood Dr, Garland TX 75040		
July	No Brew Day	Club Meetup at Brass Tap Allen instead		
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**

This time I will present some useless craft beer facts that will make you smarter when you are drinking!

- 1. Cenosillicaphobia is the fear of an empty glass. Make sure you keep a well-stocked fridge
- 2. Beers that are released by big mega brewers that look like craft beers are termed "crafty beers".
- 3. Ancient Egyptian texts have been found that contain over 100 medicinal uses for beer
- 4. "Hangover" in Norwegian is directly translated to "carpenters in the head"
- 5. The term "rule of thumb" originates from brewers who would stick their thumb into the mix to see when the temperature was right for adding the yeast
- 6. Brewers are known for being passionate and surprisingly superstitious. I know of a brewer overseas who dropped a screwdriver into his first brew by mistake. Now he drops it in every time.
- 7. The sugar in beer is said to supercharge your plants. Beer sprinkler, anyone?

Saude! Marcio

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The July '23 <u>COC registration window</u> will open July 1<sup>st</sup> and will close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting, which happens to be July 11<sup>th</sup> at <u>North Texas</u> <u>Homebrew Supply.</u>

Bring your 2 entries to the meeting (if you can't make the meeting, please make arrangements ahead of time), if you don't have entries for the July COC we will have opportunities for judging as well.

As a reminder the COC is open to all BJCP '21 styles. Brew what you like to drink, and we'll judge it for you.

#### **Lone Star Circuit competitions for '23**

Operation Fermentation, Cane Island Alers

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

#### Lunar Rendezbrew 29, Bay Area Mashtronauts

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Congratulations to Doug Hicks who collected the gold medal for his Biere de Garde (Belgian Ale (24C))

Spirt of '76 Homebrew Competition , The Horsemen of the Hopocalypse Completed, award ceremony is July 8th

Big Batch Brew Bash , Kuykendahl Gran Brewers

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

**Homebrew Inquisition**, Austin Zealots

Registration is open and closes July 15<sup>th</sup>, style details on the registration page.

#### Limbo Challenge (NTHBA hosted/run)

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

#### Alamo City Cerveza Fest, Bexar Brewers

Registration opens July 1<sup>st</sup> and closes July 28<sup>th</sup>

Awards will be September 16<sup>th</sup>

Belgian Bew Brawl hosted by the South Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) has been cancelled for '23

Dixie Cup, Foam Rangers

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

#### **Competition Hints**

When bottling your entries, I suggest paying close attention to the carbonation as it will be at least one week, maybe two weeks before they are judged and nothing will bring your scores down quicker then low carbonation for the style (well maybe other than off flavors).

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

Cheers! Tohn

#### 2023 Limbo Challenge by Bill Lawrence

Yes my friends, it's that time of year again and the Limbo Challenge begins in July. Due to a momentary lack of judgement, I am the Director this year and I hope we can have a nice contest. Who knows, maybe we can even win something. In any case, we should be able to have more than a bit of fun. Entries will be accepted starting July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. I would admonish everyone who wishes to enter to go online immediately after Jimmy opens the software for entries as many tables filled up almost right away last year. Remember, there is an entry cap of 24 entries per table so I fully expect that many of the popular styles will be well represented.



Check in will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We plan to do check in at Texas Homebrew Supply again this year and we thank our sponsor for that) and we could use some help. Generally this goes pretty fast so I'm hoping that we can get this done in maybe a couple of hours.

Judging this year will be at my house and begins on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The action continues the next couple of days (again at my place), we'll start at 9:00am on Saturday and 11:00am on Sunday. If for some reason we don't finish, we can also judge the following weekend but I am hoping we can knock this out the first weekend. Ok so this is the important

part of this message, **WE NEED JUDGES**. We just cannot pull this off without the help of our members. There are 12 tables to be judged as well as the Lawnmower entries (no styles, just the most refreshing beer wins). You do however need to bring your computer as judging is now completely digital and don't worry, if you have never done it, we will walk you through the process.

On the assumption that many of the members will be entering their beers they can of course not judge tables for which they have entries. Accordingly, I have laid out a tentative schedule for when the various tables will be judged as enumerated below:

Friday 8/4 T-53 Pale Bitter European and T-58 Scottish and Irish

Saturday 8/5 T-51 Light Lagers and Ales, T-52 European Lagers, T-59 American Ales and

Session IPA's, T-61 Specialty Session Ale, T-54 Amber, Dark European

Sunday 8/6 T-57 British Brown T-60 Belgian Ale T-62 Wild, Sour Smoked and Woody

That should leave two tables which need to be judged T-55 German and Belgian Wheat and T-56 British Bitter and Pale and well as of course the Lawnmower entries. Depending on how things go, we can slot those tables in if we get enough judges, do them during the week in the evening or schedule more judging the following weekend. I am however very hopeful that we can get all the judging done the first weekend as that makes it really easy on everyone. This is a team game folks.

The fun part is the awards ceremony which will again be held at the Beyer's abode. Along with thanking them for again hosting, I assume that everyone should bring a side as well as of course

beer for the unofficial celebration to follow. As most know, the Beyer's do own a pool so bring your swimsuit and oh yeah, Speedos are generally frowned upon.

During the club meeting, I will be pressing the members to volunteer for judging and I'll come up with sign-up sheets for each table. Please, please, please sign up for as many as you can. We anticipate that each table will require two sets of judges each. One of the great things about this contest is that all the entries are lower octane so the judges will not end up overserved as would be the case for say a flight of Barleywines. If for some reason you cannot make the meeting please message either me or one of the officers about your desire to judge and I will put you on the schedule.

Finally, you still have time to brew a batch and get an entry into the contest. Check out the Limbo Website and get after it. All the relevant information is contained on the site and thank you very much in advance for volunteering to judge.

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

#### The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

#### Treasurer's Report:

MONTH ENDED	EQUITY
2023 BEGINNING	8685.58
JANUARY	8334.74
FEBRUARY	8251.45
MARCH	8316.89
APRL	8479.36
MAY	9664.98



Current Membership: 46 New/Renewing Members:

Matt Parulis
Barry Forrest
Anupam Singhal
Drew Sturtevant
David Bierschenk
Glenn Dumond
Shane Ewald

**Charles Dennis** 

I hope everyone has some summer beers in the pipeline, we're gonna need 'em.

I still have club t-shirts and one work shirt. 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.

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T-Shirts - \$13 after the 1st		
	L	3
	XL	2
	XXL	3
Work Shirts - \$35		
	L	1
	XL	1

Memberships may be renewed at club meetings and events or by following the directions at: <u>Membership</u> <u>Renewal (nthba.org)</u>

Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Financial reports are available on the club web site at: <u>Financials</u> — <u>North Texas Homebrewers Association (nthba.org)</u>

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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#### 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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