# LIVIN' THE BREWS

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## Quick Sips for August

Officer's Meeting	@Café Amore	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Club Meeting	@3 Nations Brewing	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Limbo Judging	@Bill Lawrence's House	August 4-6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Friday 9am, 1pm Saturday, 11am, 1pm Sunday
Limbo Awards	@Beyer's House and Pool	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	2pm – 7pm
These and other ever	nts can be found on our <u>Club C</u>	Calendar.	

# Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

Welcome to August! Hoping everyone is keeping cool and safe while trying to brew in this heat. One noteworthy anniversary this month, North Texas Homebrew Supply opened one year ago filling the void left by the closure of Homebrew Headquarters in 2021. The club has seen a bump in membership since the brew shop opened, and the owners, Eric and Laura Morgan, have been great supporters of the club, allowing us to meet at the shop for club meetings on a regular basis. Working at the shop, we are seeing new brewers coming in on a regular basis so the hobby is still healthy. Speaking as someone who was ordering online or making the longer trips to get to a brew shop after Homebrew Headquarters closed, it is really nice to have a local shop again.

Limbo is in full swing with judging coming up and the combined awards and summer party later this month. We had great interest in this year's contest and nearly maxed out the entry limit so we need help with judging. Please read the Limbo updates from our director for details, and if you can help even with one session, that will help us to complete all judging in one weekend.

Once we are past Limbo, social activities will pick up again, resuming brew days in September, and our fall party/Octoberfest. The club is very healthy right now with a very good balance and strong membership. As such we are also looking at options for a club funded event this fall, outside of our normal brew days and the fall party. We will inform everyone as we firm up details.

Looking farther ahead, it is not too early to start thinking about brewing beers for Bluebonnet 2024. If you are planning to enter beers in Bluebonnet, start thinking about your lager entries now. Getting those going will allow lots of time for lagering and clearing.

Stay safe brewing in this hot weather and look forward to seeing you at the club meeting.

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

First, we want to close out the month of July saying that we had good attendance and great time on our club meetup at Brass Tap, with an exception that people did not like the Sour beer from Martin House I ordered, and I am wondering why! Please check the picture below and give me your thoughts!



Just wanted to remind everyone, there is no brew day in August due to the Limbo competition.

That doesn't mean we won't be busy because we will.

No doubt that the biggest social event this month is the Limbo Competition hosted by our club, and we need you help specially for judging. If you are available on the weekend of Aug 4-6 and would like to help judging but did not register, please contact me directly at <u>socials@nthba.org</u>.

<u>Reward comes in with the Award Ceremony and the club summer party that will be hosted by the Beyer's</u> <u>family.</u>

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

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- 1. Aug 1 Officer's meeting at Café Amore
  - Address: 600 N Coit Rd #2050, Richardson, TX 75080
  - We will be arriving around 6:30pm with business starting at 7:00pm
  - Reminder this restaurant is BYOB
- 2. Aug 8 Club meeting at 3 Nations Brewing
  - Address: 1033 Vandergriff Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006
  - As usual socializing for the first 30 minutes starting at 6:30 and official business starting around 7:00pm
- 3. Aug 26 Limbo Ceremony and Summer Party



- Address: 2117 Rheims Dr Carrollton, TX, 75006 •
- Time: 2pm to 7pm •
- Please bring a side dish and your favorite commercial beer of homebrew to share. •

#### **Brew Day**

There is no Brew Day in August due to Limbo competition judging.

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	4100 Camino Dr, Plano TX, 75074			
October	Walter Hodges				
November	First Sat: Reserved AHA	AHA – TBD			
December	Bill Lawrence	2008 Glenn Meadow Court, Richardson Tx 75081			

#### **Facts About Beer and Homebrewing**

According to RateBeer, these are the top 5 worst and best beers in the world.

1. Worst

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- 1. Natural Light
- 2. Natural Ice
- 3. Camo Genuine Ale
- 4. Sleeman Clear 2.0
- 5. Dark Horse Lambeak Wants blood Orange
- 2. Best
  - 1. AC Golden Hidden Barrell Apricot
  - 2. AC Golden Troy's Blend
  - 3. Wiilbroe Porter Imperial Stout
  - 4. Guinness Special Export
  - 5. AC Golden Barrel Aged Russian Imperial Stout

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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 Fuit Mead Spiced Mead Specialty Mead 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

### Spirt of '76 Homebrew Competition, The Horsemen of the Hopocalypse Completed, award ceremony was July 8<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Mark Rendon who took home 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals and Mark adds a point to his Brewer Royale standing with the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish.

## COC

Had another great turnout for the July COC with 9 different styles, all very well executed. The gold went to Doug Hicks with his Berliner Weisse, Rob Edger took home the sliver with his Red IPA, and Mark Rendon walk away with the bronze for his American Lager.

Thanks to Harry Anderson, Jason Garland, David Bierschenk and Terry Olinger judging and North Texas Homebrew Supply for providing space for the judging.

The September '23 COC registration window will open September 1<sup>st</sup> and will close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting, which happens to be September 12<sup>th</sup> at North Texas Homebrew Supply.

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 September COC we always 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

standings.

**Operation Fermentation**, Cane Island Alers Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Lunar Rendezbrew 29, Bay Area Mashtronauts Completed, Winning Entries posted here

### Homebrew Inquisition, Austin Zealots Judging is completed, winners will be post around August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Registration & Login completed
- 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 if needed, 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 is closed

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, hosted by the Foam Rangers has been cancelled for '23

#### **Competition Hints**

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One of the simplest and easiest competition hints is to double check the entry rules as some competitions could still be using BJCP '15 for styles. Outside the BJCP style guidelines, the rest of the rules are up to the club hosting the event and details can/will vary. Nothing is worse than spending time bottling and transporting your beer only to find out your entry was disgualified for a minor issue.

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

Cheers! (Tahu

# 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
JUNE	10791.95

WARNING CLIFF AHEAD

Current Membership: 53

New/Renewing Members: **Reed Smollar Ronald Rodenbaugh Nicholas Wentink** Mark Rendon James Dorman Anthony Perea Fritz Range

The club coffers are stuffed from the special raffle and the Limbo. We are considering using the funds for special events to benefit our members. Watch for announcements.

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.

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

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.

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#### Secretary Jimmy Orkin secretary@nthba.org

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North Texas Homebrew Supply



#### North Texas Home Brewers Association

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!

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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.



