

# LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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## Quick Sips for May

Brewday	@North Texas Homebrew Supply	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 3:00pm
Officers Meeting	@Voodoo Brewing Plano	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Club Meeting	@North Texas Homebrew Supply	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

## Prez Sez by Marcio Fazzani

Happy May NTHBA family!

May is the month for all homebrewers celebrate the National Homebrew Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>, which was officially announced before the congress in 1988.

The American Homebrewers Association, also known as AHA, celebrates National Homebrew Day on the first Saturday in May with an event called Big Brew Day. This year, in 2024, it will be on May the fourth. AHA has shared five official Big Brew 2024 homebrew recipes inspired by Star Wars. Click to see the recipes:

1. [Degobah Dunkel](#)
2. [Jabba Juice Hazy IPA](#)
3. [Return of the Jedi Pale Ale](#)
4. [The Empire Strikes Back Dark Ale](#)
5. [A New Hope Pale Ale](#)

NTHBA will celebrate the National brew day on May 4<sup>th</sup> at NTHBS with multiple brewers making the beer they like to drink.

## Your Hobby has its own holiday!

Limbo competition is approaching quick and if you are thinking about entering your beers it's time to start brewing them!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the May 4<sup>th</sup> brew day and at the next club meeting, if you have any questions, please direct them to me at [president@nthba.org](mailto:president@nthba.org).

*Saude!*

*Marcio*

**At North Texas Homebrewers Association, we're all about bringing beer lovers together for a good time! Our mission? To build a lively and welcoming community where everyone can learn, improve their skills, and get creative with beer. Cheers to the spirit of camaraderie, growth, and trying something new!**

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## The First Sip by James Smith

Greetings, homebrewers! Welcome to May and the month we all as homebrewers celebrate National Homebrew Day. We have an exciting day planned at North Texas Homebrew Supply this Saturday, so make plans to stop by for a little while or longer. At this point, there will be a few folks brewing, and anyone else is welcome to come out and brew. Just let me know by sending me an email([socials@nthba.org](mailto:socials@nthba.org)).

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



- May Brewday – This Saturday, May 4, we will be at North Texas Homebrew Supply for the National Homebrew Day Big Brew. The address is 17811 Davenport Rd Suite 11, Dallas, TX 75252. Map [HERE](#). We will get started around 9 AM and will go until early afternoon. Lunch will be provided.
- May Officer Meeting – May 7 at Voodoo Brewing in Plano. Address [HERE](#).
- May Club Meeting – May 14 at North Texas Homebrew Supply. Address [HERE](#).

You can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar [HERE](#). We do keep the club calendar updated with all club events, so it is worth adding in whatever calendar app you use on your device so you can always have visibility to it. Below is the public iCal format link you can use:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/president%40nthba.org/public/basic.ics>

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](mailto:socials@nthba.org). I look forward to hearing from you! Have a great month.

*Cheers!*

*James, aka "Smitty"*

## Competition Corner by John Sutton

### **Club Only Competition (COC)**

The [registration window](#) for the next COC will open May 1<sup>st</sup> and close at 5pm on the day of the club May meeting (always 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) 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 May COC we always have opportunities for judging and as bonus you get 1 point in the Brewer Royale standings for judging.

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.

### **COC Changes**

As discussed during the April club meeting, we are updating the COC bylaws to encourage and reward COC judging. The changes to [COC bylaws](#) will be posted to website in the near future.

### **COC Standings to date**

January	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Rendon	British Brown Ale
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Smith	American Wheat
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jimmy Orkin	Belgian Single
March	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Little	Dunkel Weissbier
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evan Brady & Bruce Robinson	Saison
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Smith	Rauchbier

### **Lone Star Circuit competitions** for '24

As a reminder the club will pay for shipping to LSC competitions.

### Operation Fermentation, Cane Island Alers

Congratulations to Doug Hicks, Doug's 1<sup>st</sup> place adds one point to his Brewer Royale total.

Doug Hicks	1 <sup>st</sup>	Saison
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belgian Blond Ale
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belgian Pale Ale

### Bluebonnet Brew-Off

Congratulations to all who entered and took home hardware.

Mark Redon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Best of Show	Best Bitter
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Best Bitter
	1 <sup>st</sup>	London Brown Ale
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dark Mild
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oatmeal Stout
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Historical Beer
Steve Little	3 <sup>rd</sup>	American Lager
Bill Lawrence	1 <sup>st</sup>	English IPA
Fred David & James Dorman	1 <sup>st</sup>	English Barleywine
Doug Hicks	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Belgian Pale Ale
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bière de Garde
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belgian Blond Ale
Jimmy Orkin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Belgian Single

### Lunar Rendez Brew XXX

Registration is closed, winners will be announced June 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Spirit of '76 (link is not currently working)

Registration opens May 20<sup>th</sup> and closes June 4<sup>th</sup>

Drop off is from June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>

## [KGB Big Batch Brew Bash](#)

Registration/Drop off is June 1st and closes June 14<sup>th</sup>

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

See above link for more details, but as with all popular competitions, registration will fill up fast.

- Registration opens July 7<sup>th</sup> and closes July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Login will be July 27<sup>th</sup>
- Judging 1<sup>st</sup> weekend will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Awards Ceremony/Party, August 17<sup>th</sup>

## [Alamo City Cerveza Fest](#)

Registration opens July 6<sup>th</sup> and closes July 27<sup>th</sup>

500 entry limit (including mead and cider)

Registration link is currently not working.

## [Competition Hints](#)

This month BYO magazine has an [article on analyzing your test](#) (judging) results to improve the quality of your beer

Any questions you can reach me at [firstvp@nthba.org](mailto:firstvp@nthba.org)

*Cheers!*

*John*

## The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

### Treasurer's Report:

MONTH ENDED	EQUITY
<b>2023 BEGINNING</b>	10827.46
<b>JANUARY</b>	10314.71
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	10392.77
<b>MARCH</b>	10226.11

**Current Membership:** 88 as of 4/16

#### **New/Renewing Members:**

David Holloway  
 Tony Silveira  
 Ian Walton  
 Zachary Grotovsky



Welcome to our new and renewing members and thanks for your support.

YUP. It's that time of year again. Your 2023/2024 membership is about to expire. If your membership card has a picture of Fred Flintstone, it is time to renew. Memberships are good until May 31<sup>st</sup>. You may renew your membership from the club web page (see the link below), or you may renew in person at a club meeting.

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

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

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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## Our Supporting Home Brew Stores



[North Texas Homebrew Supply](http://NorthTexasHomebrewSupply.com)



[Kettle To Keg](http://KettleToKeg.com)

## 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!

"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.



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