

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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Quick Sips for July:

Officer's Meeting	@American Tap Room	August 7 th	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Club Meeting	@Unlawful Assembly Brewing	August 14 th	6:30am – 8:30pm
Limbo Judging	@Beyer's House	August 11-12	9:00am – 5:00pm

These and other events can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

Prez Sez by James Smith

Greetings, Homebrewers! Hope everyone is having a great summer and staying cool. Much appreciated to everyone that showed up for the Summer Party at my house. Fortunately, nothing got broken and unlike last year, there was not a single garment or food container left at Casa de Smitty. We have a lot going on, so let's get to it.

Limbo Competition Update – Call for Judges

We had a great registration and login this past weekend with a record 276 paid entries. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped out. Now comes the fun part....JUDGING!! With record entries comes a greater need for judges of all experience levels to show up and help. Again, you do not need any experience to help judge. You will be paired up with an experienced judge to guide you through a very easy process. What's more is you get to learn so much about the characteristics of the styles you are sampling; presumably some that you have brewed or will brew. Please come out this weekend (information below from Zac) and help us with this record number of entries! See you there!

Bluebonnet Update

We are making early progress on Bluebonnet planning this year. I wanted to pass along that the Hop Showcase this year will feature three distinct cryo-hop (more info below) varieties, allowing for three distinct categories under the Hop Showcase portion of the competition. This is exciting stuff, not only in the fact that we have a fairly new to the market product to use, but also a selection of them to choose from. The three hops we have are Citra, Simcoe, and Palisade. Stay tuned on distribution, which will take place very soon. In the meantime, below is a chart showing alpha and beta for each:

	Alpha %	Beta %
Citra	24.8	6.6
Simcoe	23.8	7.9
Palisade	14.8	12.6

Here is a little more information on this product:

Cryo Hops provide brewers with the ability to get gigantic hop character while reducing astringent and unpleasant vegetal flavors. With a substantially higher oil and resin content, LupuLN2 powder (pelletized) offers up all the flavor and aroma of a heavily hopped beer, but with a significantly reduced grassy character. Additionally, the lower dosage rate of the concentrated powder reduces the volume of trub and therefore, kettle loss. Using Cryo Hops you will net more beer that is clearer!

Typical usage of Cryo hops would be roughly 50% of standard T-90 pellets. LupuLN2 powder can be used in any application where traditional hop products are utilized, including: Bittering, Kettle, Whirlpool and even direct to the fermentor. It is suggested that you use Cryo Hops as late additions, in the whirlpool or dry hop, as the volatile aromatic compounds will be driven off if added early in the boil.

AA% Range: 24-26% / Oil Content: 3.5-5.5%

Cryo Hops are an innovative hop product that is made by separating the lupulin from the hop flower using cryogenic processing. The result is a product with twice the potency of T90 pellets, with reduced astringency and vegetative material.

Beyond that, we are looking forward to many exciting announcements for Bluebonnet in the coming months. Stay tuned!

2019 Officer Recruitment

Yes, it is only August, but it is never too early to start showing up to officer meetings and help out with the club duties. This means running for an officer position. It is the club dues that keep us going, but the club officers that ensure the proper functioning of the club such that members continue to see it as a worthwhile expense. If you have ideas or any interest in helping to steer the direction of NTHBA, please consider going a step further than just showing up at meetings and parties. Throw your hat in the ring to be an officer next year! It is fun and very much worth your time investment.

Monthly Officer and Club Meetings

The August Officer Meeting will be Aug 7th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting up at the American Tap Room in Richardson. They are located at 3000 Northside Boulevard #900, Richardson, TX 75080. Members are always welcome, especially if you are considering volunteering.

The August Club Meeting will be on the 14th at Unlawful Assembly Brewing in Plano. Their address is 7800 Windrose Ave, Plano, TX 75024 and are located on the 3rd floor of Legacy West where there is a massive food court on the 1st floor. NOTE: We will get started PROMPTLY at 7PM for this meeting as they have trivia starting at 8. We can stay and socialize after the meeting portion but have to shut down the PA by 8. Please plan accordingly on your arrival. As always, we will be running the raffle at the meeting. \$5 gets you six tickets and any losing tickets will be entered in the Big-Mohonker.

With that, hope everyone has a great rest of the summer, and we'll see you at our upcoming events!

Cheers!

"Smitty"

The First Sip by Walter Hodges

Matt and Nicole Saladin hosted our July brewday. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend but I heard the turnout was good and folks stayed as cool as possible in 100+ degree heat. Thanks to Matt and Nicole for hosting.

The Summer Party was hosted by our President, James Smith and First Lady, Julie Dyer. We had a great turnout with lots of food and beer to help keep everyone cool in the record heat. If the beer wasn't cooling enough, we also had the pool for cooling off too. Thank you to James and Julie for opening your home up to us.

There will be no August brewday since we will be busy with Limbo activities. I encourage everyone to come out and help with login and judging. The awards ceremony will be hosted at the Beyer's on August 25th at 3:00 PM. The Beyers live at: 2117 Rheims Dr., Carrollton.

Cheers,

Walter



Competition Corner by Zac Cathcart

Not too many announcements this month, just some competition.

O'Zapft Is!

Entry Period: August 13 – 31

Awards: October

<http://ozapfthomebrew.com/>

Dixie Cup

Entry Period:

Awards:

<http://dixiecup.foamrangers.com/>

CoC's

This is the schedule for Club only Competitions:

September 2018	Altbier & Kolsch Categories 5B & 7B
November 2018	Seasonal Beers Category 30
January 2019	British Strong Ale Category 17
March 2019	IPAs BJCP 12C, 21A, 21B
May 2019	Hefe, Wit and Saison BJCP 10A, 24A, 25B
July 2019	European BJCP cats 2 – 8
September 2019	Sour and Wild BJCP cats 23, 28
November 2019	Historical BJCP cat 27
January 2020	American Strong BJCP cat 22

Nothing else to report on this month.

Cheers!

Zac

The Treasurer's Report by Kevin Smith

Wow! What a Limbo! We received over \$2,000 in limbo entries in the month of July. Thanks to all the members who have entered, as well as the team for greasing the skids of the limbo.org web site and all the organization that has made it possible.

A lot of members have renewed so far, but I bet someone is reading this who hasn't. Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience, including a brew day, officers' meeting, or club meeting. The upcoming August club meeting will be a good chance to renew your membership. I'll have the PayPal "swiper", so we can accept cards, cash, or checks in the amount of \$30 to renew through May of 2019.

Equity ended 12/31/2017: \$7,515.46

Equity as of 7/31/2018: \$10,297.26

June summary:

Income: \$2,076.00

Expenses: \$299.18

Net Income (loss): \$1,776.82

Current members through 7/31/2019: 75 (Up from 56 last month)

Additional information or full copies of financial reports can be requested by club members by emailing the treasurer at treasurer@nthba.org. Current reports including P&L, Balance sheet, and bank reconciliation information will be available a few days after the end of the month and posted to <http://www.nthba.org> -> groups -> financials-corner -> financial-statement-archive

Club memberships are effective for one year from June 1st through May 31st. If your membership is not current, please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. You may also obtain membership forms and cards at most club events. On-line membership forms are available at: <http://www.nthba.org/forms/membership.html>

*Cheers,
Kevin*

Education Topics by Steven Barsalou

Education – Survey Results

In May, a survey was sent to all active members prior to the roll-over of the new membership year. At the time, there were 134 members; 43 whom responded. The ~33% response rate would generally be sufficient to be representative of the group, but I suspect there is a fair amount of selection bias at play in these results. Said another way, the results of the survey are going to be skewed, because those members who are most active likely responded at higher rates than less active members.

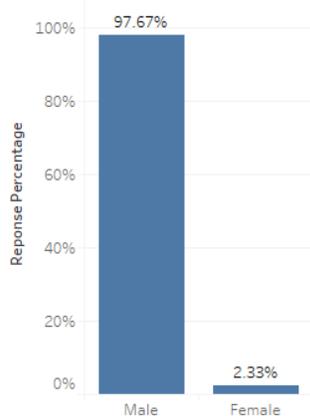
Based on the survey results, the average member is a male between the ages of 35 and 65 with short or no facial hair, brews five gallon batches of beer using all grain fly sparge methods, fermenting in glass carboys with temperature control, has six or more years of brewing experience, and lives in Plano or Carrollton.

The charts below summarize the quantitative data. For the question regarding what the club can do better, I've summarized that into a few bullets:

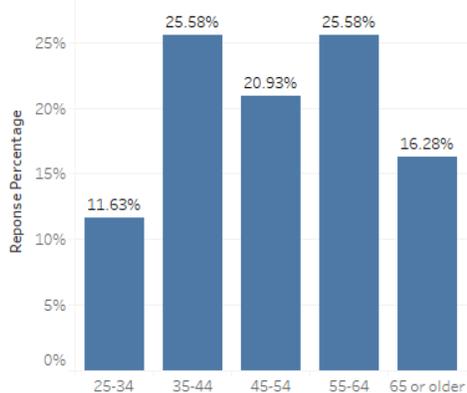
- Continue to work on attracting new members, increase diversity, and make new members feel at home.
- Increase the amount of noticed on club meetings, brew days, and events.
- Publish the brewing method and style of beer to be brewed at brew day.
- More educational presentations at club meetings.
- Better raffle items.
- Increased interactivity on the Facebook page and website to allow members to post.

While the majority of the results are no surprise, the result that was most striking to me is how evenly we are split on whether or not performing a secondary “fermentation” is beneficial. In a newsletter since the survey, I've advocated that brewers stop performing them, as this is merely additional time for stuff to settle. Allowing beer to settle in primary reduces the risk of oxidizing your beer and bares little risk of yeast autolysis, given the low hydrostatic pressure in the sizes and vessels used in home brewing. On the other hand, some believe this is an integral part of making quality beer. This sounds like a great experiment for club members to perform. If you think you're up to the task, let me know.

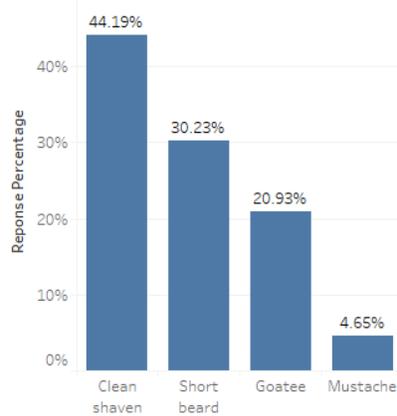
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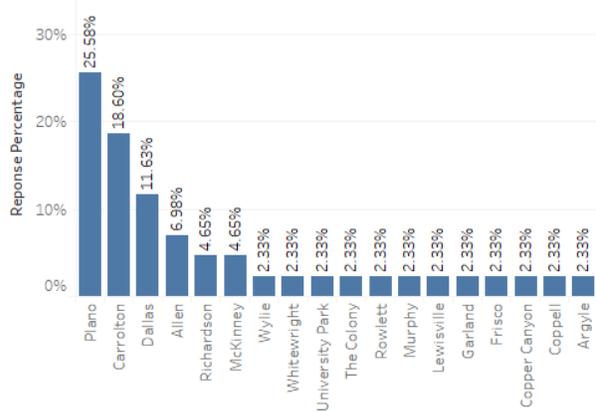
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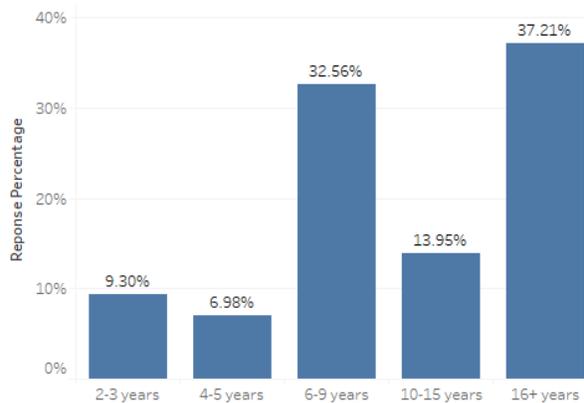
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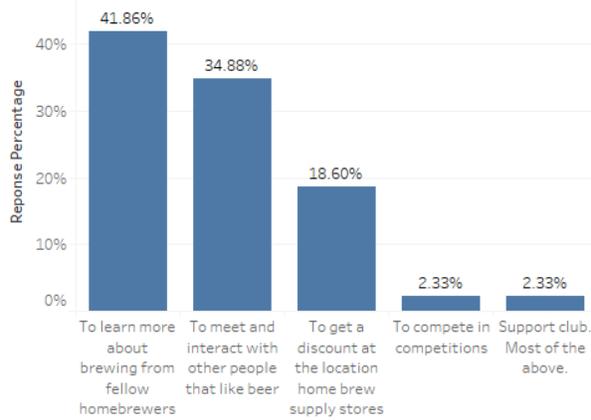
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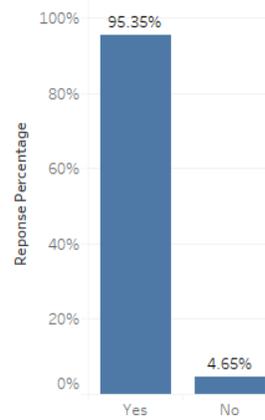
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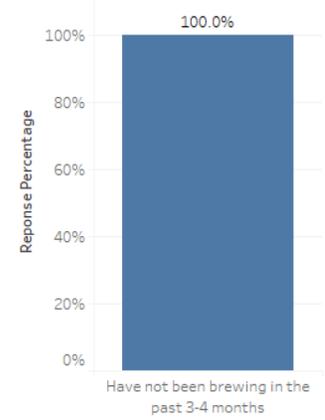
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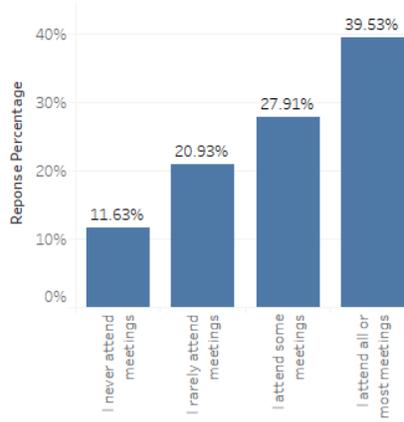
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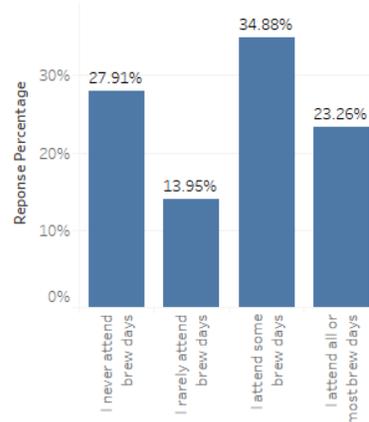
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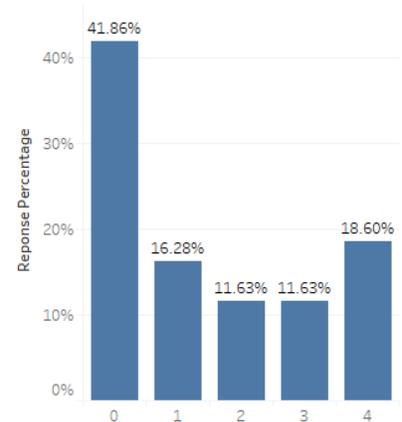
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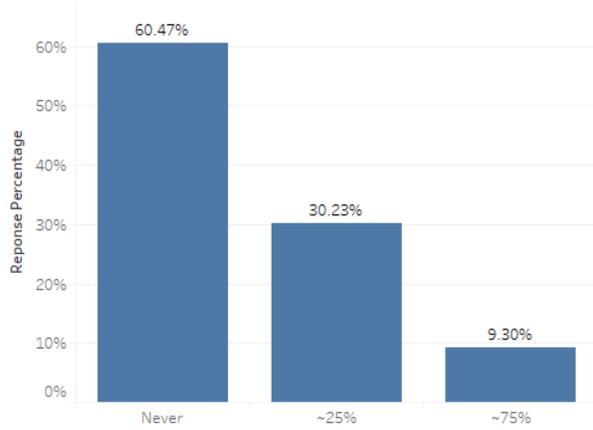
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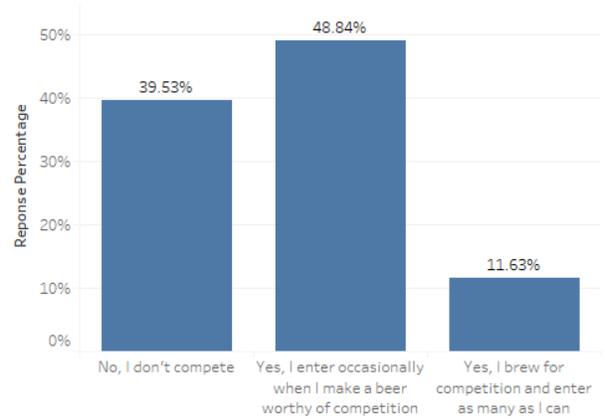
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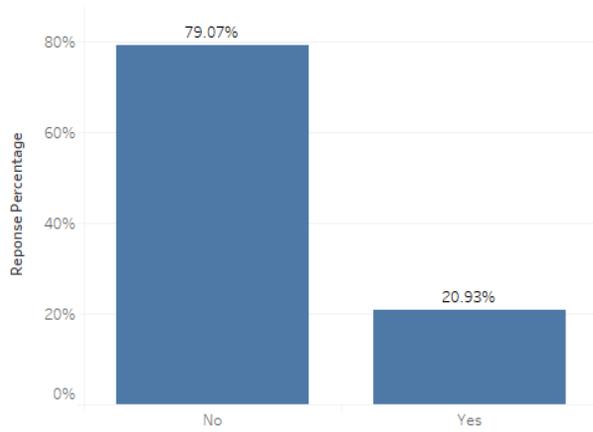
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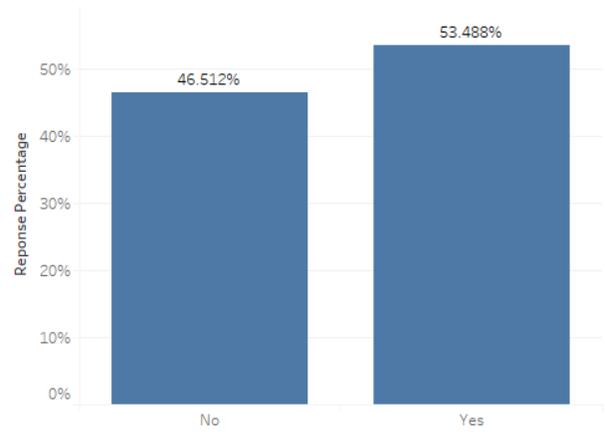
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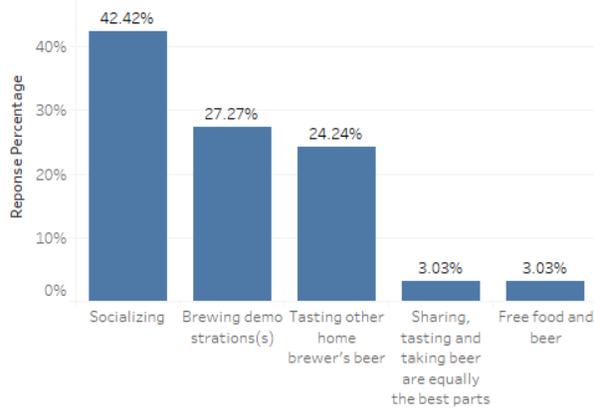
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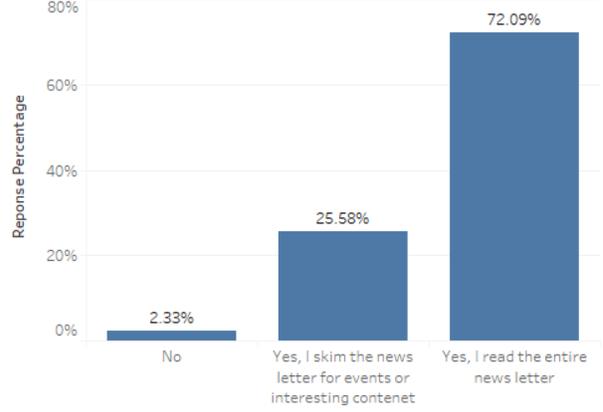
Judge - Interested In Learning



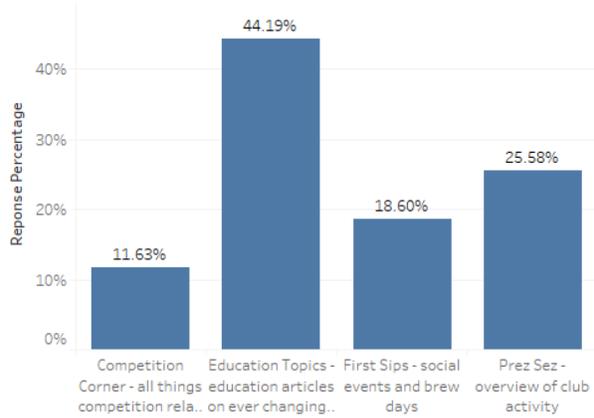
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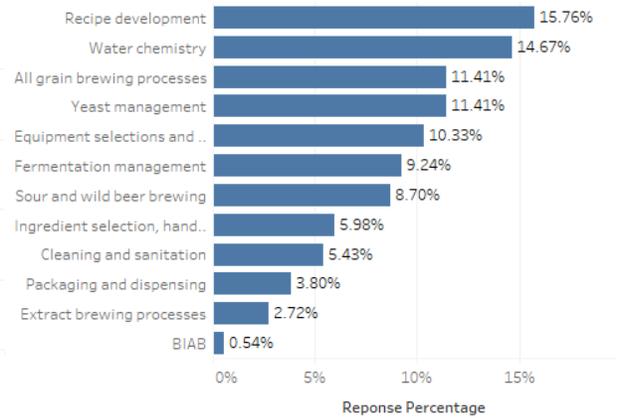
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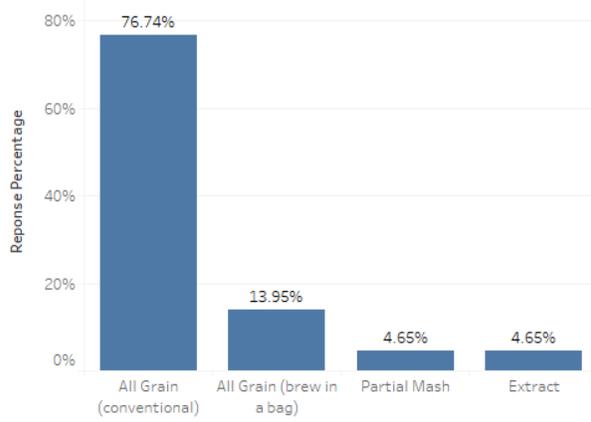
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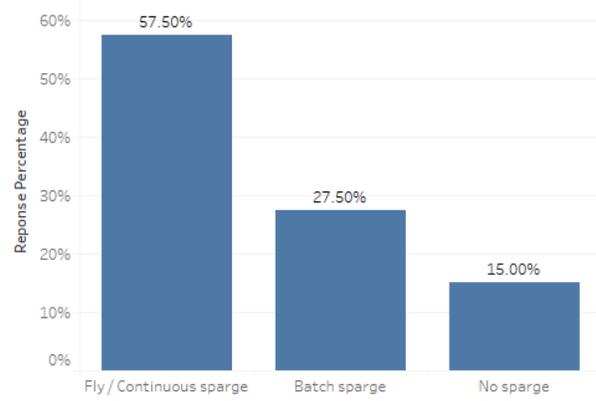
Newsletter Or Brewday Topics



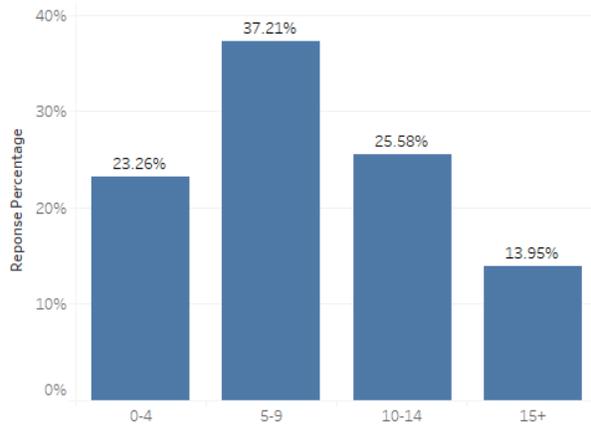
Brew Method



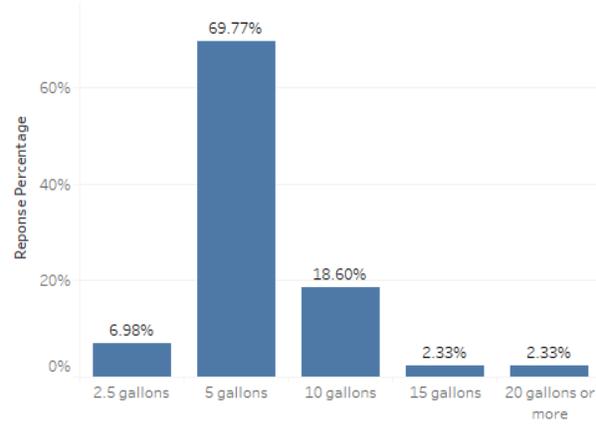
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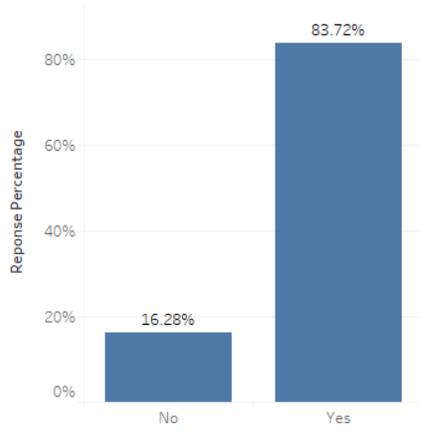
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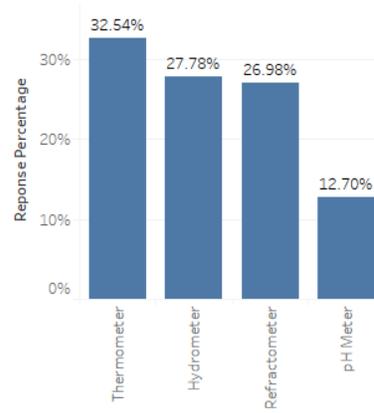
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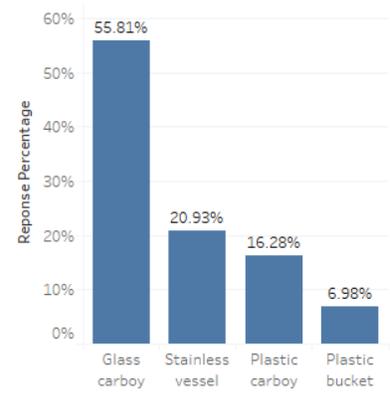
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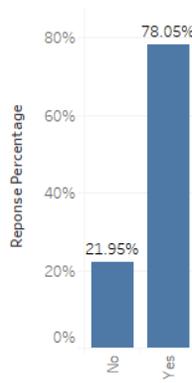
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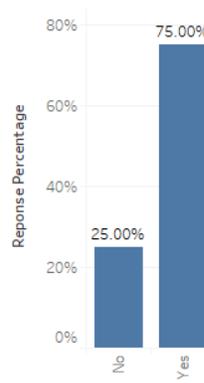
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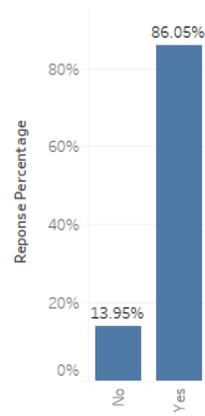
Liquid Yeast - Build Starter



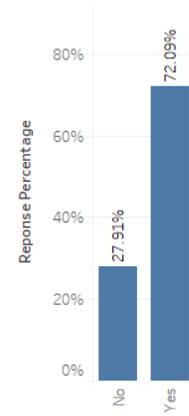
Dry Yeast - Rehydrate



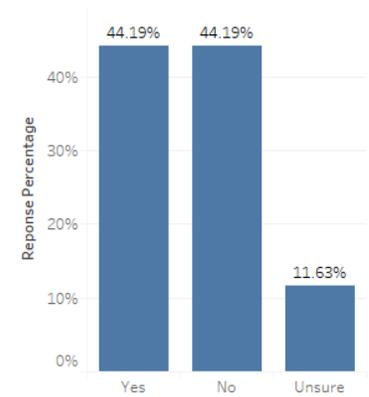
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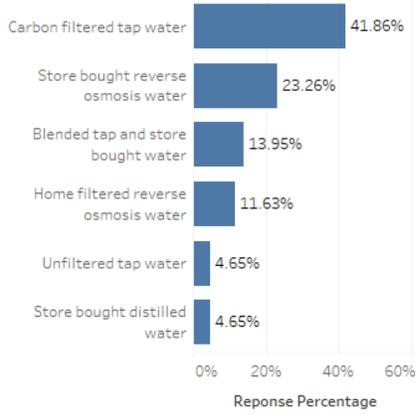
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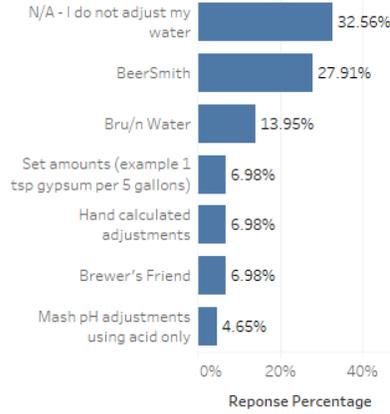
Benefit From Secondary Fermentation



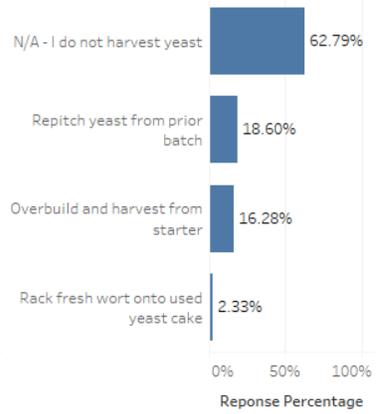
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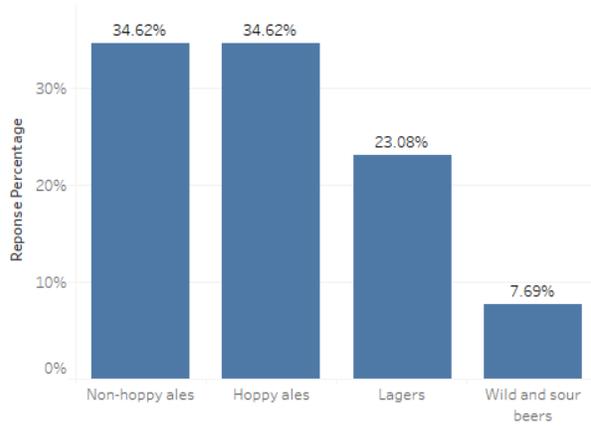
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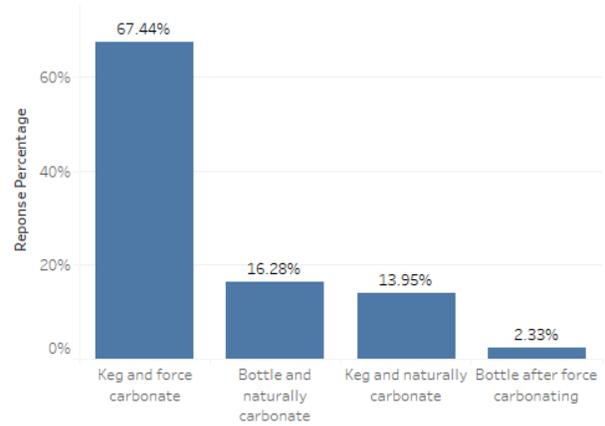
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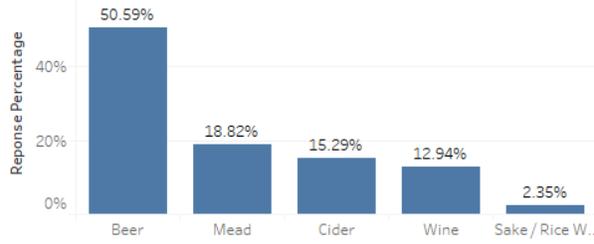
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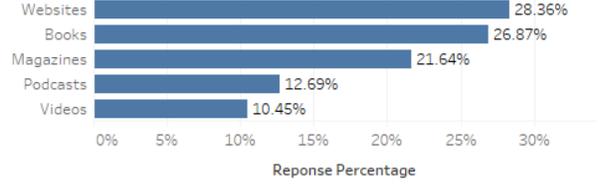
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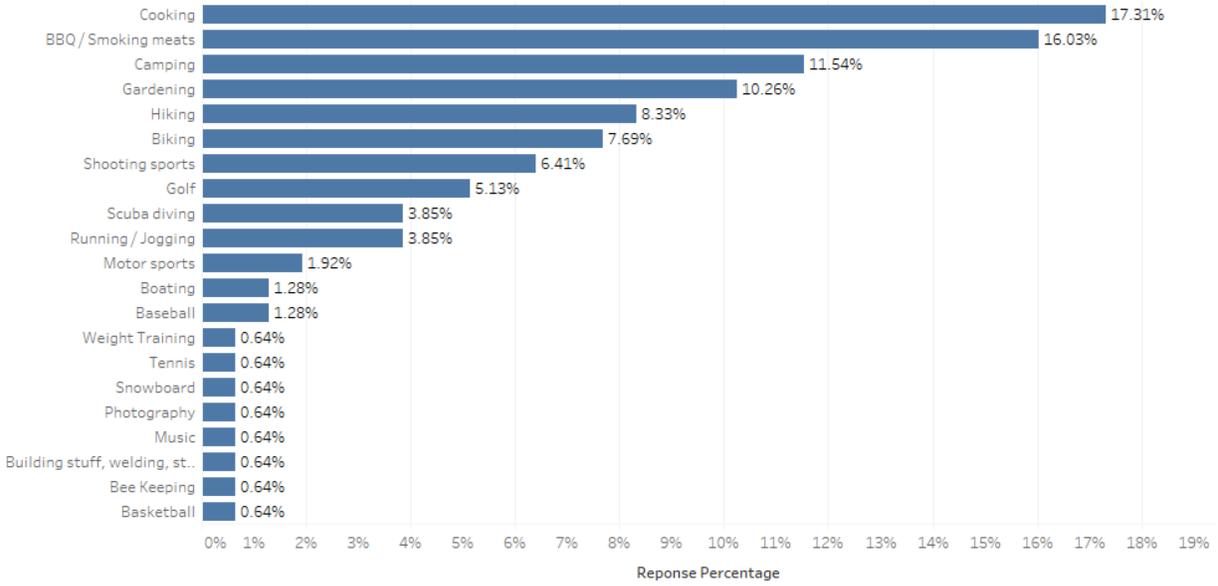
Beverages Made



Consumed Information Formats



Hobbies



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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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