

LIVIN' THE BREWS

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QUICK SIPS FOR DECEMBER:



Club Brew Day @ William Lawrence

December 3rd @ 9a-3p

Club Meeting @ Bitter Sisters

December 13th @ 6:30p

Winter Party @ Fred & Sue David's

January 21st @ 6p

THESE AND OTHER EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR [FACEBOOK](#) PAGE.

PREZ SEZ BY JAMES SMITH

Hopefully, everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving and some of your favorite homebrews were shared with friends and family. We now enter the final month of my tenure as your president, and with that, I want to take a moment to all that made 2016 a great year. To those who stepped up for brew days & club parties, and COC judging, much appreciated! Thanks also to those who participated in any of the club competitions or Bluebonnet 2016 with your entries. Thanks to the incoming 2017 Officers(more below) for volunteering your time and efforts to continue managing the club. Finally, and most emphatically, much appreciation to the 2016 Officers for making this year a great one.

2017 Officer Election Results!

After all of the ballots were counted and hanging chads evaluated, we finally have your official 2017 club officers. They are:

- Matt Saladin
- Nicole Saladin
- Fred David
- Matt Parulis
- Walter Hodges

One of our appointed positions, Minister of Education(MoE), has been filled by Joseph Flay. We will still have one additional appointed position opening for IT Director. Responsibilities for this position are below:

As needed:

- Maintain the Club web site by posting notices and documents
- Maintain other Club information services (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

Annually:

- Ensure the Club domain (www.nthba.org) is maintained by contacting Damon

If you want to help out, please contact me or better yet, ATTEND AN OFFICER MEETING!

Bluebonnet Update from Jimmy Orkin and James Smith

BB2017 Judging Location and Volunteer Opportunities

The week of Thanksgiving, we received notification from one of our potential judging sites that they wished to proceed with hosting us for the competition.

Jimmy and I are pleased to report that **DALLAS MAKERSPACE** will be hosting the 2017 Bluebonnet Brew-Off Competition judging. For those of you not aware of Dallas Makerspace, they are in Carrollton at 35E and Valwood Pkwy (www.dallasmakerspace.org). This will provide a convenient and accessible location for many who volunteer their time to help judge.

Logistics are being finalized, particularly with cooler space, but we are full-steam ahead on what was one of the final major logistical hurdles in pulling BB2017 together. Special thanks to Jimmy Orkin for leading the charge and getting us in front of the folks at Dallas Makerspace to propose this partnership.



Lastly, Bluebonnet 2017 would not exist without the help of volunteers. With that, there are several slots and volunteer opportunities needing to be filled. They are:

- Judging check-in
- Judging location set-up
- Entry wrangler – driving and coordination
- Judging breakfast and lunches
- Case box wrangler

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jimmy Orkin or myself, or if you prefer, BB2017 Director James Lallande at director@bluebonnetbrewoff.org.

Monthly Club Meeting/Officer Meeting

The **December Club Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at [Bitter Sisters Brewing](#) in Addison. They are located at 15103 Surveyor Blvd, Addison, TX 75001. We will arrive starting at 6PM and get the meeting going around 7PM. No food is offered at the brewery, so please plan accordingly. Please be sure to bring along some extra cash though for the raffle.



Go to here: [NTHBA Facebook Events Page](#) or here: [NTHBA.ORG Events Page](#) for more details on our monthly club meetings.

The **December Officer Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at [BJ's](#) in Dallas/Addison. The address is 4901 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, TX 75254. As always, club members are welcome to join. We will arrive around 6:30 and get going around 7:00.

Upcoming club meetings are as follows:

- January 10th: Flying Saucer Addison

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I hope everyone has a great December, and we'll see you at our upcoming events! Bill has information below on the December Brew Day. I hope to see everyone there!

Cheers!

“Smitty”



November Club Meeting @ Lakewood Brewing

THE FIRST SIP BY BILL JAMES

Thanksgiving is finished and we are looking forward to Christmas and New Years. The teach your friend to brew day was a big success with 9 people brewing. Thanks to Dallas Homebrew for providing the space and supplies. There were a number of different rigs there, there were a couple of fancy three tier systems down to pots and water coolers. Everyone had a great time and we had quite a few people stop by to learn and I believe we got some new members too.

The December brewday will be hosted by the famous William Lawrence. It will be this Saturday, December 3 at 9 am. His house is located at 2008 Glen Meadow Ct. Richardson TX 75081. There will be donuts and coffee for breakfast and some sort of lunch will be served. So come join us and brew or just hang out. Bill will be brewing his famous English Best Bitter, so come and see how the master makes it.

The winter party will once again be at Fred and Sue David's house on January 21 at 6pm. Their house is located at 6803 Overbrook Dr. Allen TX 75002. The club will be supplying the meat and everyone is requested to bring a side and of course homebrew. Bring a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Last year everyone had a great time, Fred and Sue have a beautiful house and we thank them for opening it up for the club.



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COMPETITION CORNER BY MATT PARULIS

With 2016 winding down, the competition schedule is wrapped up for the year. I've enjoyed serving as competition coordinator for the club in 2016 and look forward to continuing as an officer in 2017. I hope everyone has a very happy holiday!

This month we have results for the November club only competition along with the final Brewer Royale standings for the year. Ribbons for the November COC will be given out at the December club meeting on 12/13 at Bitter Sisters in Addison. Prizes for the Brewer Royale and Brewer of the Year will be given out at the Winter Party in January 2017.

November COC Results

Judging for the final club competition for 2016 is complete. We had a great turn out for the cider and mead categories including 7 ciders and 5 meads. The judging was split into 2 flights to keep our judges on their feet and then the top 5 entries were put into a best of show tasting. Overall, we had a very tasty group of entries! A big thanks to our judges James Smith, Jimmy Orkin, John Butler, and Zac Cathcart! With that, the results for the November COC are...

- 1st Place – Matt Parulis – New England Cider (C2A)
- 2nd Place – John Driscoll – Apricot Mead (M2D)
- 3rd Place – Doug Nett – Bochet Mead (M4B)

And with that the final Brewer Royale standings for 2016 are...

2016 Brewer Royale Standings

- Joseph Flay – 6 pts
- Steven Barsalou – 5 pts
- John Driscoll – 5 pts
- Matt Parulis – 4 pts
- Dave Kutschman – 3 pts
- Kevin Smith – 3 pts
- Chris Jazak – 2 pts
- Dean Weaver – 1 pt
- Doug Nett – 1 pt

Cheers!
Matt

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT BY WALTER HODGES

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year! Hard to believe a year has gone by. The club will head into 2017 in great financial position. Thanks to all of our members for your continued support.

Financial Summary			
Equity ended 10/31	\$6830.20	2016/2017 Membership	107
Equity as of 11/15	\$6574.57		

Note: Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Current financials are available at: <http://www.nthba.org -> groups -> financials-corner -> financial-statement-archive>

Additional financial information may be requested by club members by emailing the treasurer at: treasurer@nthba.org.

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.

Prosit!
Walter



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EDUCATION - CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GOODLINESS BY DEAN WEAVER

A few batches back, as a result of brewing one of my big beers, I had a long brew day. On that long day, I decided to take a short cut on my clean up, because it was late. That my friends was, and most likely always will be, a mistake.

My cleaning regiment involves brushing out the brew pot with soap and water. Once the kettle is cleaned and rinsed, I fill it with roughly 5 gallons of water, bring the water to 160°F, add .5 cups of PBW and continue to raise the water temperature to 180°F. After 180°F is reached, I hook up all my hoses, counter-flow chiller and pump, then run the entirety of the brew pot through everything. Then the brew pot is rinsed, refilled to 5 gallons and heated to 180°F. When the clean/rinse water reaches 180°F, the water is run through the entire system. All system elements are drained & air dried; although, the counter-flow chiller is drained and capped. On the beginning of a brew day, all these elements get a StarSan solution run through them, and I'm ready to go.

This may be a bit of a rigorous process, but I skipped the PBW step on the long brew day and turned a normal brew day into a long brew day. I had to clean what should have been cleaned the brew day before. On my normal brew day, my counter-flow chiller was kicking out something black . . . mold, I presume. Therefore, the step I skipped, had to be done at the beginning of the day when I should have been well into the mash. This reminded me of something I've heard numerous times at club events, "You can't sanitize what you can't clean." Need I say more . . . ?

I think I do . . . this will be my last article as MoE & Secretary of NTHBA for 2016, and it has been an honor and a pleasure to share my experiences and mishaps. I hope you have enjoyed the topics throughout the year. If you have ideas about discussions, articles or classes that you would like to see in the future, please, speak up. This is a community organization, and it doesn't work unless you are involved.

If you have any questions, concerns or additions, please email [me](#).



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**NORTH TEXAS HOME
BREWERS ASSOCIATION**

The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published once a month. 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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