

LIVIN' THE BREWS

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Quick Sips for December:

Officer's Meeting	@Cafe Amore Richardson	December 4 th	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Brewday	@Wayne Yandell's Shop	December 8 th	9:00am – 3:00pm
Club Meeting	@Bitter Sisters Brewery	December 11 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

Prez Sez by James Smith

Greetings, homebrewers. This month marks my last article as President. Although I will be Past-President next year, it will feel good to be just a member again and working to finalize the 2019 Bluebonnet.

2019 Officers

Last month's election results were close, but Fred David prevailed to beat me out of the 5th officer position. With that, below are your 2019 Officer-elects:

- Jimmy Orkin
- Matt Parulis
- John Wherry
- Bill Lawrence
- Fred David

A HUGE thank you to these great folks who have stepped up to continue leading the club.

Bluebonnet 2019 Update

Get ready for 2019 Bluebonnet! Hopefully, you are brewing up some delicious beers to enter in the competition. Then, mark your calendars for the Bluebonnet weekend in late March. Here are some key dates:

- Online Entry: January 6 to January 31
- Login: February 2
- Judging: February 8 – March 17
- Event: March 22 – 23

Monthly Officer and Club Meetings

The December Club Meeting will be on the 11th at Bitter Sisters Brewery. Their address is 15103 Surveyor Blvd, Addison, TX 75001. 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.

The January Officer and Club Meetings will be at Flying Saucer in Addison. Date for the Officer meeting is TBD since the first Tuesday falls on January 1. It will be either Wednesday or Thursday of that week. The club meeting will be on January 8th. Please arrive between 6-6:30 and bring cash money for the raffle. We'll have some great items in the raffle over the next few months. In case you have been living under a rock, Flying Saucer's address is 14999 Montfort Dr, Addison, TX 75254.

With that, hope everyone has a great December and holidays. We'll see you at our upcoming events!

Cheers!

"Smitty"

The First Sip by Walter Hodges

Our December brewday will be a big rig brew hosted on Saturday, December 8th, from 9:00 to 3:00 by Wayne Yandell. Wayne, Dean and Smitty will be brewing an Imperial Red Ale. Bring your brew rig and brew or just come hang out and share homebrew. The club will provide lunch. Wayne's address is: 6708 FM982, Princeton, TX 75407.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 5th as Mike Grover will be hosting our January brewday. The weather will be really nice, or we'll get a quarter inch of ice.

This will be my last newsletter article for a while, which is probably good because Fred says my articles are boring. I have had the pleasure of serving the last five years and meeting lots of club members, but now I need a year to recharge. Thanks to the new officers who stepped up for 2019!

Cheers,

Walter

This is what we do!



Competition Corner by Zac Cathcart

We had a whopping TWO entries this month for the CoC. The winners are as follows:

Place	Brewer
1 st	Fred David
2 nd	Fred David

Congratulations to our winner!

That concludes the CoC for 2018. Accordingly, here are our Brewer Royale™ standings for the year:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Brewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 st	Fred David	13
2 nd	Steven Barsalau	4
3 rd	Steven Franks	3
3 rd	Andrew Barker	3
5 th	Matt Parulis	2
6 th	Kevin Smith	1
6 th	Dean Weaver	1
6 th	John Driscoll	1
6 th	Doug Nett	1

This is the schedule for Club only Competitions:

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

In addition, we have our brewer of the year standings determined from qualifying competitions out of the [Lone Star Circuit](#):

<u>Place</u>	<u>Brewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 st	John Driscoll	21
2 nd	Steven Barsallou	13
3 rd	Walter Hodges	8
3 rd	David Kutschman	8
3 rd	Doug Nett	8

Great job this year, everyone! Thank you for your participation (and your wins) in all competitions, big or small. We are better brewers because of it.

Cheers!

Zac

The Treasurer's Report by Kevin Smith

Happy Holidays, y'all!

Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience, including a brew day, officers' meeting, or club meeting. The upcoming December 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 11/30/2018: \$10,340.57

November summary:

Income: \$60

Expenses: \$298.22

Net Income (loss): (\$298.22)

Current members through 5/31/2019: 87 (up from 86 last month)

Budget notes:

A few months ago, we created a budget based on prior years' performance. I will share occasional snapshots of our performance against that budget, just to keep everyone apprised on how we're doing against expectations. As of October 30th, here are some highlights:

Income-related:

- Membership dues are \$675 under expectations (pay your damn dues!)
- Raffle ticket sales are about \$200 below expectations
- Limbo sales were almost \$500 over budget
- YTD income is about 94% of the projected total

Spending-related:

- Expenses across the board are low, so our overall net income is about \$1955 ABOVE expectations. The club appears to be ending the year with a very healthy cash balance. Let's put our heads together and figure out how to use our assets in 2019 to make the club grow and better serve our members.

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

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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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