

# LIVIN' THE BREWS

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## Quick Sips for February:

Officer's Meeting @The Shacks Colony February 5th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Club Meeting @Rugby House Plano February 12th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Bluebonnet check in @Peace Lutheran Church Hurst February 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am

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

## Prez Sez by Matt Parulis

We had a great time at the annual winter party at Fred & Sue David's house! The food and brews were awesome as always! Especially the smoked pork tenderloin that Fred made! Great stuff! Thank you to Fred & Sue for hosting the party again this year!

Bluebonnet! Bluebonnet! Bluebonnet! February is here which means it's time for the 2019 Bluebonnet Brew Off to begin! Check in will be held on Saturday 2/2 and judging will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays during the day starting on Fri 2/8. We are anticipating somewhere in the range of 1,200 – 1,400 entries so if you have some time on a Friday evening or Saturday in February or early March, please come out to help with judging. No experience is needed! If you have not done a lot of judging, you will be paired up with an experienced judge who can teach you the ropes!

The club is still looking for a Minister of Education (MoE) for 2019. This position includes researching (or just sharing your knowledge) and writing articles or doing presentations on any number of brewing topics! If you are interested in serving as MoE, please see me at a club meeting or send an email.

One of my objectives for 2019 is to put together some more social events for the club! I am looking at a few options including Frisco Rough Riders games, a steak class, and some weekend brewery visits that we would typically not get a chance to visit for our regular club meetings. If you have any suggestions for events that you would like to see on the calendar, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [president@nthba.org](mailto:president@nthba.org) or our socials coordinator (aka Party Boy) John Wherry at [socials@nthba.org](mailto:socials@nthba.org)



The carnage after a successful brew day

Cheers!

Matt

## The First Sip by John Wherry

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We kicked off the 2019 brewing calendar with our **January Brewday** hosted by Mike Grover. It was a beautiful day at Mike's with around 15 members attending sharing various beers and munching on a few midday pizzas.

Our big **Winter Party** was held on the evening of Saturday, 1/12 and was hosted by Fred and Sue David. We had a crowd of around 40 munching on smoked pork tenderloin as well as many appetizers, sides and desserts. A variety of home brew was brought by members and tapped on the club kegerator. Thanks to Fred and Sue along with others helping with the party planning and execution.

The **February Officer Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 2/5 at The Shacks at Austin Ranch. It's located at [5800 Windhaven Parkway, The Colony, TX 75056 \(map\)](#). As always, club members are welcome to join. We'll arrive at 6:30pm and get going around 7pm.

The **Monthly Club Meeting for February** will be held on Tuesday, 2/12 starting at 6:30pm and is being held at the Rugby House Pub. It's located at [8604 Preston Rd #100, Plano, TX 75024 \(map\)](#).

Due to Bluebonnet activities there will be no Brewday in February. Our **Monthly Brewday for March** will be held at Fred and Sue David's home. It will be on Saturday, 3/16 starting at 9:00 AM and going until about 3:00 PM. Bring out your rig or some brew to share. The club will provide lunch. Fred and Sue live at [6803 Overbrook Dr. Parker \(map\)](#). When you arrive, please don't park on the grass. Fred has sprinklers that are right along the edge of the road that can be broken if you drive over one.

Come out and network with other homebrewers!

Thanks to members contacting me and volunteering for Brewdays and we have general plans set through June. We're seeking volunteers to host brewdays in July, September, October, November and December. Hosts are also needed for our Spring (April/May), Summer (June/July) and Fall (September/October) parties.

If you are interested, or have thoughts for monthly club meeting locations or other social events, please talk to me at a club meeting or email me at [socials@nthba.com](mailto:socials@nthba.com).

*Cheers,*

*John*



The NTHBA Brain Trust, rather sobering, is it not?



No, this is not some sort of twisted marital aid, it is actually our boy Grover fermenting Alt Bier

## Competition Corner by Fred David

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Next up in our competition world is the Bluebonnet Brew-off. This is our year to run the Bluebonnet and we need all the help we can get, from login through to the completion of the competition. First up is login and we need all the help we can get. Following login comes judging for the next four to 5 weeks. Please consider coming out to judge. Without judges this competition does not exist. Even if you feel like your not qualified, you know more than you might think. We will pair you with an experienced judge to help teach you properly.

Next up on the Lone Star circuit are the Cactus Challenge and the Lunar Rendezbrew. Entries for those two competitions will be picked up at the Bluebonnet. No six-pack carriers please. Everything needs to be packed as though it were being shipped. If anyone needs boxes you can stop buy my place for them.

We have winners for last month's Club only competition. We had a total of seven entries. The winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup> place for British Strong Ale -	Andrew Kotas
2 <sup>nd</sup> place for Old Ale -	Fred David
3 <sup>rd</sup> place for Wee Heavy -	Doug Nett
HM for British Strong Ale -	Jason Scott

Finally, The next Club only competition is in March for IPA. The categories are listed in the table below.

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

*Prost!*

*Fred!*

## The Secretary's Missive by Bill Lawrence

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Well, after the holiday season, this month's epistle will take on a more secular tone as that spiritual stuff can get a bit overdone in this author's opinion. By now, the club holiday party is just a memory (well maybe not for some members). As I pen this, I suspect that most well-intentioned New Year's resolutions have already gone the way of the dodo bird as most of the members I know pretty much live by a hedonistic credo anyhow.

As those of you who paid attention at the club meeting in January know, the Bluebonnet is the constant theme until late March (after that, many are in detox mode). One year, after the event I went almost an entire week without drinking a beer odd as that may seem. Post-event we then spend the rest of the year bitching about how we got robbed of numerous trophies and/or honors (sort of like the NFL playoffs). Along those lines, you folks really need to brew something so that we might partake after the medal ceremony as frankly the ceremony itself can get rather tedious and sustenance will be wanted. Filling up the giant, over-engineered keggorator is rather a point of pride for our club; it loudly proclaims in unambiguous language "we are virile and manly/womanly". Remember, we can count on the likes of Mr. Weaver to supply the "jet fuel", it's perfectly acceptable to provide a more sessional quaffer so as to avoid getting too badly over-served. Myself, I went old-school and brewed up an American Brown Ale and that effort seems to have gone pretty well at first blush.

Now that the brewing is done for this Bluebonnet the only thing left to do is the paperwork, pay the fees (so you get scoresheets back) and actually enter the damn beers. Make sure to box your entries (as in no six-pack holders, that's how stuff gets broken) and make it easy on the check-in folks by having your paperwork easy to access with the entries themselves. I generally put the paperwork in with my entries incased in a waterproof baggie just in case something untoward occurs. Well, that's it for this month. Good luck to all entrants and as always, may God bless America.

*Frost,  
Willy*

## Beer Porn



This little strumpet is provided for your ogling pleasure by our own Dean Weaver (que the theme song Mike). This is a rather large Saison made on the “Big Rig” which is somehow appropriate. Much more like Ginger than Mary Ann, it’s big but it is my understanding that Dean rather fancies it that way. Just like that “fast girl” in high school, this little number will get you horizontal in a great big hurry. I’m thinking that if this were served to the farm workers back in the day not a hell of a lot would actually get done on the farm but you’ll have to get Dean to opine on that.

## The Treasurers Report by Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity November end \$10,435.57.

Equity December end \$9,787.05.

New members in December: 4.

Members at December end: 85.

Current members at the time of this article: 91.

I want to reminder you that the financials trail the newsletter because I write this article before the end of the month.

The final monthly reports are available on the club website at the following link:

<http://nthba.org/content/club-documents>

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the clubs financial information. Also, please let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

Our membership year runs June until May. If your membership is not current, please renew at Homebrew Headquarters or any club event. I'll be at most events and you can pay with a credit card. The membership fee is \$15 and will expire at the end of May 2019.

I or the officers always have membership forms and cards at all the club events. I'll send some email reminders. We will also keep you on the email list for a few of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

*Brew Strong,  
Jimmy*

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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!

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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.

