

# LIVIN' THE BREWS



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## Prez Sez

By Leroy Gharis



### Club Meeting – July 13<sup>th</sup> Fox and Hound

Wow! What a great turnout at Humperdinks on Northwest Highway. We had several first time attendees. It was great to see such a big turnout of about 45 members. Thanks to Coty Bell and his team for a great time. Coty even threw in a couple of growlers for our raffle. Look for us to possibly go back there before the end of the year.

Now let's see what we do this month at [Fox and Hound](#) in Richardson. They are located on Campbell Road near Central Expressway. The management is excited to have us there. It's in the shopping center area on the northwest corner. We will have the room on the north side of the restaurant. They even called me back after I had given them my phone number a few weeks earlier. All draughts are \$2 on Tuesday. Their beer and food selection is good enough that I know you will find something you will like. They may even provide a few appetizers for us, but don't hold me to that. If there is an interest the club may spring for a pool table or two and/or some darts. Be sure not to miss this one! I am expecting a big turnout.

### BJ's –Stone Dinner / The Lake Saucer BeerFest

On Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a few members were at the Stone Brewing Dinner at BJ's Restaurant in Addison. This was a six course meal featuring a sample of a different Stone beer with each course.

The emcee was Michael Ferguson who is in charge of brewing for BJ's in this region of the country. This was the second beer dinner I have been to at BJ's. They do a good job of matching beer styles with the food. If you like beer dinners, I promise you will not leave hungry or thinking you did not get enough beer at one of BJ's dinners.

On Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> I was faced with a dilemma of what event to attend. There was a beer fest at The Flying Saucer and the Celtic awards the Texas Scottish Festival. In the end the lure of getting to taste 10 different beers from across the country won out. It also helped that I knew there was an indoors area to go cool off. It was a little warm but there was a nice breeze coming off of Lake Ray Hubbard that helped keep us "cool". The Lake Saucer is located just off of I-30 on Lake Ray Hubbard right next to the Bass Pro Club.

After the tastings outside we went inside to grab a bite to eat. The food menu at "The Lake" is different from the other Saucer's. They have a selection of burgers as well as catfish and shrimp plates. There is a very sizable outdoor covered patio overlooking the lake to the south. With our south breezes in the Texas summers it can be very pleasant since it is also covered and shaded. Stay tuned for a possible club meeting there. I know it's a long haul for many of us, but I think it is worth it.

### New Club Shirts





The new club shirts have arrived. They really turned out good. You'll want to get one of these special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts. The men's and ladie's tees are \$15 each. The men's tees are olive green and we have a few ladie's tees in pistachio and royal blue. The tees and the pre-ordered Dickies' shirt will be available at the club events in July, the brewday on July 10<sup>th</sup>, club meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the summer party on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

## NHC 2010 – Minnesota

NTHBA Gang at Club Night



Eleven club members made the trip to Minneapolis for the National Homebrewing Convention. This year's event was attended by about 1300 of our best friends. Several other Texas clubs were represented also including the Austin Zealots who drove up and had a booth for club night. FOAM and the High Plains Draughters from Oklahoma were also there.

Austin Zealots-guys we're trying to beat



It was great meeting up with friends we made last year in Oakland and making new friends. In addition to the seminars, pro brewer's night and club night this is a great opportunity to socialize with brewers from across the country. Every one there is happy to take a few minutes to talk to another brewer about most anything but especially about beer, mead or cider making. The seminar presenters are happy to take any questions and discuss their topic more after the session. I always come away with a few tidbits of information that I think will make be a better brewer.

At the awards ceremony Texas was represented well. Our Scott Townson took first for his Peach Hefeweizen. Also Damon Lewis and Orlando Guerra took second with their Vienna lager. Karl King of Cap and Hare won a first place award and Jeff Oberlin of BAM received a second place award. That was a really popular table as all four(Orlando was absent) of those guys were sitting at the same table. You can see Scott's silly grin on the [AHA Conference website](#). Other Texas winners were John Jurgensen of BAM, Kerry Martin and Mark Schoppe of the Zealots and Stacy Myers of the Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Congratulations to all of the winners. It is a great achievement with over 6000 entries this year.

## Freshops Harvest Festival

I got to talk to Freshops owner Dave Willis for a

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few minutes. He invited us to come to their hop harvest festival on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately that conflicts with our awards date for the Limbo. However, he did tell me next year they may do the festival at the Rogue farm in Corvallis, Oregon. That's has real possibilities of trying to do a club road trip in 2011. There are many beer places to visit in the Portland area.

### NHC 2011 – San Diego

You should make plans now to attend the NHC in 2011. The event will be held in San Diego on June 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>. Also, the weekend after the conference they are having the San Diego International Beer Festival. Sounds like a long beer trip for those that can spare the time. There are a lot of good breweries in the San Diego area and of course the weather is always great, at least that is what I hear.

### AHA Old West Region

I am working on trying to bring the AHA national competition Old West regional judging to the DFW area in 2011. It will take cooperation of all of the local clubs. The Denver clubs were able to get all the of judging done in three sessions, not days, sessions. They held one session Friday night, one Saturday morning, and one session Saturday afternoon. There seems to be some interest on the part of Cap and Hare. Fritz Rahr has already agreed to have the Rahr Brewery be a dropoff/shipping point for the maximum of 750 entries. There is also some interest in alternating the judging between DFW and Houston. We will talk more details about this at upcoming meetings.

### Bluebonnet 2011

Our club is the host club for the Bluebonnet in 2011. Look for Mike Grover to begin calling planning meetings soon. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved. There is something for everyone to do. I encourage you to come to the first meeting and check it out. Don't be afraid of the time involved, we can all help each other. It's also a great time to get to know the members of the other area clubs. Here's your chance to get involved and help the home brewer scene.

### Limbo 2010

The Limbo competition is right around the corner. Look for the schedule in this newsletter. We will need all judges to assist. If you judge only one flight that will be big help. I hope you have brewed all your beers for the Limbo since the Texas heat is hitting us early and hard this year. I have one more brew to do and then I am taking a break until September when it starts to cool off a little bit.

### Club officers 2011

It's time to start thinking about who is going to run for officer for 2011. Being an officer is a great way to get to know people. I will say it does take some time but it also has it's benefits. If you think you might be interested or have a recommendation talk to me or one of the current officers. Anyone is welcome to come to an officer meeting. The officer meetings are always on the first Tuesday of the month. The location of the meeting is on the club calendar. See you soon. Prost!



Damon, Scott, Jeff, Karl

## Limbo Challenge

By Jimmy Orkin

We held the June planning meeting at The Fox and Hound in Richardson. We will have the Award Ceremony at BJ's Addison.

The July planning meeting will be on Thursday July 1 at Palio's Pizza Cafe in Carrollton, 1016 E Hebron #130 Carrollton, TX 75010. We will start at 7:00 PM.

We are almost ready to start receiving entries. The entry dates are July 19 through August 5th. There is still time to brew a Hefe or a Bitter.

There is a thread in the club forum where I am posting all the information. Read this thread for the latest news.

Please come out and help us with the Limbo Planning. I am hoping that this will be the biggest Limbo so far.

Brew Strong!  
Jimmy

## Enrichment of the Mind

By Clay Mahone

Is water important to brewing? Considering the fact that beer is around 90% water, we cannot ignore the impact that water has on our brews. The rule of thumb is if you can drink the water, you can brew with it. History has shown this by the styles of beers that have been brewed in various regions.

Did they do this because that was what they liked, or that was what worked with the water they had available? Science helps us explain why some areas made better examples of a given style than others by examining their water. If you really want to dig in deep and fine tune your brews, join us at the July brew day where we will discuss the impact of your water composition on your brews. Enrich your mind and enrich your brews!

## What's Brewin'

By Kimberley Rhea

Thank you Melinda and Brian for hosting the June Brew Day.

We had a great turnout. The Cougars had a Bottling 101 Demo and Orlando Guerra showed everyone how Force Carbonate using a Beer Gun. Jim Lavin videotaped the demonstration for later use by the club.

Our next Brew Day is scheduled for July 10 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the home of Bill James.

Clay will be leading a "Water Discussion" which will include a basic Demo on water additives easily available locally and a basic pH sampling of water. Class will begin at 10:00 am.

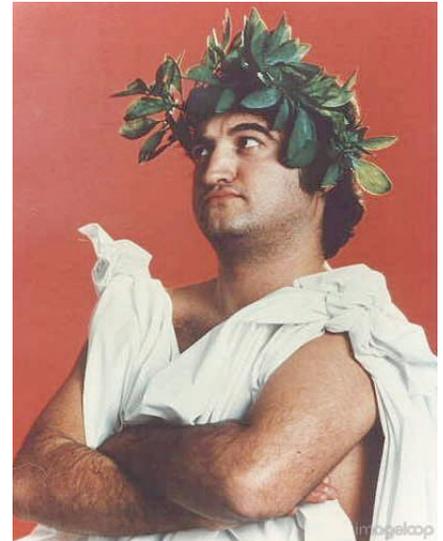
Bill has a swimming pool so you are welcome to bring your bathing suit and cool off.

Lunch will be provided, but if you would like to bring dessert or a side to share feel free.

Bill's address:  
2801 Glen Forest Lane  
Plano, TX 75023

214-755-4273

TOGA\*TOGA\*TOGA



At last it is time for the Summer Party. Bill James has been kind enough to host this wonderful event again this year. The party starts at 6:00. We will be having Mexican Food.

Be sure to wear your **TOGA** (and a Swimsuit if you like) and bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We are going to have a great time.

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Please contact me at [socials@nthba.org](mailto:socials@nthba.org) if you have any questions.

I now have all of our Parties and Brew Days scheduled on the club calendar. Be sure to keep an eye on the NTHBA calendar located on our website, [nthba.org](http://nthba.org), and our Monthly Newsletter for upcoming parties, brew days, classes/demos offered, maps to locations and general information.

Kim  
"Woo Girl"

# The Competitive Edge (Where the action is!)

By **Scott Townson**

## Rewards!

Just in case you didn't already hear about this. We had two club members win National Awards at the American Homebrewer's Association National Homebrew Competition (NHC) in Minneapolis, MN this year.

Damon and Orlando shined once again taking a silver medal for their Vienna Lager. I managed to take a Gold with my Fruit Beer.

Credit also needs to go out to Anthony Perea and Wayne Yandell for their outstanding entries competing in the final round. It's a shame judges did not fully recognize the quality in their brews!

Exciting stuff I must say. I'm really proud that our club made such a good turnout for this event. San Diego next year anyone?

## Compete!

The Lunar Rendezbrew <http://mashtronauts.pbworks.com/Lunar-Rendezbrew-17> is ongoing and judging is under way. Those few who entered, let's hope the judges are good to us.

Both the Limbo <http://www.limbocomp.org/> and the Cactus Challenge <http://www.ale-iansociety.org/cactus/> competitions are on deck with entries due July 19th-Aug 6th. I hope your busy preparing for these events! There's still time to brew an ale that'll be nice and fresh. Let's put our best beers forward for these two events.

We will hold a packing party for the Cactus Challenge on Monday the 2nd of August in the year of our Lord 2010. The address for the packing party is 416 Keren Pl. Hurst, Texas 76053. Location is subject to change should someone offer up a more suitable location? Please watch the Competitions Forum closely if you plan to enter this competition.

We will supply packing materials and pay for shipping to this competition. To take advantage of this club benefit, you must attend the packing party yourselves and do your own packing or else drop off your packed ready to ship entries at either Homebrew Headquarters or the Wine Maker's Toy Store prior to the packing party date.

The next COC is scheduled for July. Please have your Mead entries at Homebrew Headquarters or the Wine Makers Toy Store NLT then end of business on Tuesday the 20th of July. I will need judges to evaluate these entries on Friday the 23rd of July. Please let me know if you can support this event with your judging skills.

Only one (1) 10-14 oz. green or brown bottles are required for each entry. If you are the winner (2-3) additional bottles will be required for the AHA Club-Only Competition. No swing tops allowed. Printed crown caps must be blacked-out with a permanent marker and all labels removed to assure anonymity of all entries. Each entry should use an AHA/BJCP Bottle ID form:

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/attachments/0000/0325/bottleid.pdf>

<b>- 2010 Competition Schedule -</b>		
<b>Competition/Style</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Competition Awards</b>
<b>Jan/Feb '10 COC</b> English Brown Ale (BJCP style 11)	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Club) Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Blue Bonnet Brew-Off</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>Feb. 25th</b>	March 19 & 20  40 club points
<b>Alamo City Cerveza Festival</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>March 6-21</b>	April 10 22 club points
<b>March/April COC</b> American Ales (BJCP Style 10)	<b>March 24th (Club)</b> <b>April 3rd (AHA)</b>	April 10 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>AHA NHC</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	<b>April 1st</b>	<b>National Homebrews Conference</b> <b>June 19th</b>
<b>May COC</b> Extract Beers	April 19th (Club) May 1st (AHA)	May (Club) May 22nd (AHA)
<b>Big Batch Brew Bash</b> English Barleywines	May 8	May 16, 2010
<b>Celtic Brew-Off</b>	May 14	June 5, 2010  22 club points
<b>Lunar Rendez-Brew</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	June 25 Packing party 6/21	July 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Limbo Challenge</b> Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below.	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 28
<b>Cactus Challenge</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 10-11
<b>August COC</b> Mead	July 20 <sup>th</sup> (Club) July 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	July (Club) August 8th (AHA)
<b>September/October COC</b> Sour Ale	Sep 1 <sup>st</sup> (Club) Sep 9 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Sep (Club) Sep 19 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)
<b>Dixie Cup</b> All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 17	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November/December COC</b> Strong Ale	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Club) Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)	Dec (Club) Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> (AHA)

## North Texas Homebrewers Association - Brewer Royal -

Brewer / Team	January / February	March / April	April / May	July / Au- gust	Sept / Oct	Nov / Dec	Yearly Total
Jesse Thoresen		1	3				4
Randy Friese	3						3
Scott Townson		3					3
Doug Nett			2				2
Orlando Guerra	2						2
Wayne Yandell		2					2
Dave Werner	1						1
Leroy Gharis			1				1



*Get a grip, gird you loins, stiffen those upper lips, and dig for victory!*

**Scott Townson**

1<sup>st</sup> VP / Competition Coordinator

### A word from the Sec By Melinda Beyer

You may ask yourself what does she do officially? You have all seen me at the meetings, selling tickets. You never see an article from me. I rarely have anything to say at the meeting. Ok, not officially. You all know I talk constantly. I take notes at the officers meeting and publish the minutes. It is also my job to compile the news letter. That means that I have to send out reminders to the other officers to get me their articles. I am assigned to nag any officer that does not deliver what they say they are going to deliver when they say they are going to deliver it. So like all nags, I sometimes feel unappreciated. I sometimes wonder if anyone actually reads the newsletter. So, as a test to see if you are paying attention, we are going to try something. The first person to tell Leroy, the Prez, the name of the NHC 2010 Homebrewer of the Year at the July club meeting will receive free a new club t-shirt. So get out there and make me feel appreciated. Nag, nag, nag.

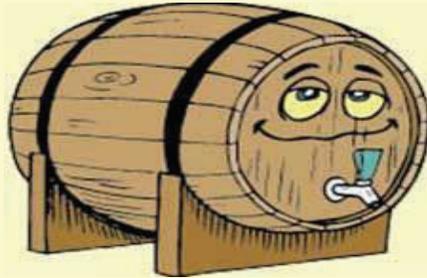
Did we mention that the summer party has a toga theme?

TOGA, TOGA, TOGA, TOGA, TOGA!!!!

If that is not enough encouragement, there will be a prize for the best toga at the summer party.



# The Brewing Equipment Trading Post



## **FOR SALE**

To list your equipment, include the following information -

- 1 - Description of items
- 2 - Whether it is "For Sale", "Will Trade For \_?\_" or "Free, Come & Get It"
- 3 - Your name
- 4 - How and when to contact you.

Email Damon at [news@nthba.org](mailto:news@nthba.org)

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## **Club Brewmeisters**

Club Brewmeisters are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, new and old, with brewing problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late, too early, or during Cowboy games!

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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 about 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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