

LIVIN' THE BREWS

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Quick Sips for July:

Officer's Meeting	@Four Bullets Brewery	July 10 th	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Club Meeting	@Four Bullets Brewery	July 10 th	6:30am – 8:30pm
Brewday	@Saladin's House	July 14 th	9:00am – 3:00pm
Summer Party	@James Smith's House	July 21 th	6:30pm – 11:00pm

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

Prez Sez by James Smith

Happy Summer! Hope everyone is staying cool out there, especially while brewing in your garages. It's been quite a busy few months at work and at home finishing up some remodel work. Have not had any time to get out in the garage myself and brew anything, much less to even do some work on a new kegerator build. In due time...hopefully this year, but with Limbo and Bluebonnet fast approaching, I'll have to make the time to squeeze it in somewhere. I have fortunately been part of several brew days on the Big Rig, which has kept my supply relatively normal.

Monthly Officer and Club Meetings

The July Officer Meeting will be July 10th at 5:30 PM. This is prior to the club meeting at Four Bullets. They are located at 640 N Interurban St, Richardson, TX 75081.

The July Club Meeting will be on the 10th at Four Bullets in Richardson. Their address is 640 N Interurban St, Richardson, TX 75081. Food will not be available though, so please plan accordingly! 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.

August will find us at Northside Drafthouse in Richardson for the Officer Meeting. The Club Meeting will be either at the Londoner, or if we can work out the details, Unlawful Assembly Brewing in Plano. Stay tuned!

With that, hope everyone has a great rest of the summer, and we'll see you at our upcoming events, including the Summer Party at my house on the 21st.

Cheers!

"Smitty"

The First Sip by Walter Hodges

Our June brewday was hosted by Brian and Melinda Beyer. Melinda brewed up 10 gallons of Kolsch and was joined by Walter and Adam who each brought out their brew rigs and brewed a saison and mild ale. We had a decent number of club members turn out to share homebrew and enjoy a hot dog or two. Thanks to Brian and Melinda for hosting.

The July brewday will be hosted by Nicole and Matt Saladin on Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 to 3:00. Bring your brew rig out and brew up a beer with the Saladins. If you don't want to brew, bring some homebrew and come hang out. The club will provide lunch. The Saladin's address is: 1903 Vista Oak Dr., Carrollton.

Summer has hit full furnace mode, so come hang out by the pool on July 21st as James Smith hosts our summer party. Bring homebrew and a side dish to share. The pool will be open for all to cool off and relax. James' address is: 4100 Comino Dr., Plano.

Cheers,

Walter



Competition Corner by Zac Cathcart

Not too many announcements this month, just some competition news and rapidly approaching deadlines.

Homebrew Inquisition

Entry Period: June 30 – July 13

Awards: August 11

<http://inquisition.brewcomp.com/>

Limbo Challenge

Entry Period: July 9 – August 2

Awards: August 25

<http://www.limbocomp.org/>

Comments: Please enter this competition.

O'Zapft Is!

Entry Period: August 13 – 31

Awards: October

<http://ozapfthomebrew.com/>

CoC's

June's CoC results are here:

	<u>Brewer</u>	<u>Beer</u>	<u>Style</u>
1 st :	Steven Franks	Blance de Franche	Witbier (24A)
2 nd :	Matt Parulis	Weizeneimer	Weissbier (10A)
3 rd :	Dean Weaver	Deanitude Elder Wit	Witbier (24A)

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

Alamo City Cerveza Fest

<u>Brewer</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Beer</u>	<u>Category</u>
Matt Parulis	3 rd	Weizenheimer	Beer Markus hates (wheat)
Dean Weaver	2 nd	Deanitude the Red	All of the Hops (IPA)
Walter Hodges	1 st	Hutton Branch Irish Red	Still the EU (Irish Beer)
John Driscoll	2 nd	Fat Finger – Imperial Stout	Dark American Ale

Cheers!

Zac

The Treasurer's Report by Kevin Smith

Thanks very much to all new and renewing members who have gotten current with this year's membership. Soon a "last call" will go out to remind everyone to renew or stop receiving the newsletter. Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience, including a brew day, officers' meeting, or club meeting. The upcoming July 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 6/30/2018: \$8,048.12

June summary:

Income: \$870.00

Expenses: \$12.00

Net Income (loss): \$858.00

Current members through 5/31/2019: 56 (Up from 30 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 – Your Friends Are Liars

You spend so much time and energy brewing that new recipe of yours. Now it's bottled and carbonated. You throw a few in the fridge on Friday night and taste them a few hours later. You're pretty happy with the results because...well... you brewed it, but you also sense a minor flaw or room for improvement. Maybe you know how to improve it or maybe you can't quite put your finger on it yet. Saturday night you invite friends and family over to sample the goods, because the only thing better than you thinking your beer is excellent is friends and family raving about your beer. You're excited, so you give your tasters the run down on the new brew and all the love you put into it. By now, you've likely done this a few times and gotten a variety of responses from "this is a great beer" from a person that only drinks two ounces to the overly enthusiastic "this is excellent, when am I going to be able to buy this down at the pub?" from somebody who slams the rest of the beer like an Irish Car Bomb on St Patrick's Day. Interestingly, not a single friend or family member picked up on the off flavor or flaw you're sensing. Suddenly it dawns on you; your friends and family are liars.



What's a brewer got to do around here to get some honest feedback? Competitions! Yes my friends, competitions are a great place to turn for unbiased feedback from fellow beer enthusiast and homebrewers just like you. Even if you're not a competitive person or you don't think your beer is likely to win any awards, competitions are a great way to get honest feedback.

Standard operating procedures for judging are setup in such a way to keep the judges blinding to all aspects of the beer except the style and category it is entered. This allows judges to focus on the aroma, appearance, mouthfeel, and flavor of the beer then compare their observations to the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) guidelines (https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf). As a part of judging, at least two judges should fill out the BJCP standard scoresheet (https://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BeerScoreSheet.pdf). The judges will then turn these scoresheets into the competition records keeper who will then match the beer entries numbers back to the entrant's name, so they know who to send the awards and scoresheets to afterward. The scoresheets will make their way back to you in the form of email, snail mail, or download via the competition entry site.

If you're ready to get some honest feedback, you're in luck. You can start by entering one of the NTHBA Club Only Competitions which occur every one to two months. Check website for updates to the list below (<http://nthba.org/?q=groups/club-only-competitions>). These competitions are free to enter and only available to members of the club.

Month	Styles Accepted
September 2018	Altbier & Kolsch Categories 5B & 7B
November 2018	Seasonal Beers Category 30
January 2019	British Strong Ale Category 17

Once you're ready to take it to the next level, I'd recommend entering one of the ten competitions from around Texas that comprise the Lone Star Circuit. NHTBA host the Limbo Competition which has an entry deadline of August 2nd 2018. Start brewing and get your entries ready.

Follow these steps to be a good competition entrant and make sure your beers get a fair shot in front of the judges:

1. Find a competition you're interested in on the Lone Star Circuit website
<http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/qualcomps.html>
2. Check the entry period and drop off deadline dates for the competition
3. Follow the link to the competitions webpage and navigate to the registration section
4. Be sure to READ AND FOLLOW ALL RULES for each competition.
 - a. Competitions may vary, but each competition usually require **three 12oz brown or green bottles of beer with silver or gold caps**. If you have written on the caps, be sure to obscure any writing with a marker. While not explicitly stated as part of any competition rules, please be sure that your bottles are clean on the outside and free of any labels, glue, or sticky beer.
5. Register as a competition entrant
6. Register each beer entry
7. Pay the \$7-10 fee for each entry
8. Print the entrant information form, which will likely have a list of all entries and show you paid
9. Print the bottle identification forms
10. Once all beer is packaged as specified by the competition
 - a. cutout each bottle identification form
 - b. enclose form in snack sized zipper bag to prevent condensation or beer from broken bottles from making identification forms illegible
 - c. rubber band enclosed forms to bottle, one per bottle
 - d. wrap each bottle in one layer of bubble wrap
 - e. securely pack beer with at least one inch of padding between the edge of the beers
 - f. drop off or ship entries, paying special attention to which locations accept shipments



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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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