

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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PINTS OF INTEREST

- NEXT CLUB MEETING AT LAKEWOOD BREWING CO. — NOV. 12
- DECEMBER BREWDAY WILL BE AT BILL LAWRENCE'S IN RICHARDSON — DEC. 14
- THE NEXT CLUB COMPETITION IS HOLIDAY BEERS—NOV. 16

Prez Sez

We are pressing into the close of the year with the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. I have had an eventful year serving along with our fellow officers. These friendships has spurred my creativity and encouraged my brewing. In the coming year I will focus on building the community through collaborative brewing. I find these projects allow diversity of skill.

The latest project was a glowing success. The effort sponsored Jordan Duckworth and outfitted by Wayne Yandell of BargainFittings.com goes to show much can be accomplished when working together. The group of brewers produced 60 gallons of sour beer using boutique yeast from East Coast Labs. The small group sessions may be the future of the club as we look to get more members involved. As the club gets bigger, it seems to be hard to get everyone interest on a wide scale.

Looking into the next year I ask that all find a brewing niche. Consider making the best of your favorite style and stick with it. I've decided to produce a better sour. While also competing more for the coming year. Find your style and make the best!

I would like to solicit your help to identify a location for the 2013 Christmas Party. The Glamour Hall venue we selected in advance has closed due

to bankruptcy. Thus, walking away with our deposit. We have changed the invite and made the tickets FREE.

Register Now so we have an accurate count: <http://nthba.eventbrite.com/>

If you paid for tickets you will be refunded the night of the event. All other shenanigans will remain as planned Saturday December 7th.

This misfortune leaves us with an opportunity to work collectively. Please join the officers as we push for success. We are needing the following resources:

- Indoor Venue with space for 50+
- Tables & Chairs
- Setup Crew
- Cleanup Crew

Contact president@nthba.org to advise, volunteer, or haul.

We will finalize plans for the Christmas party and elect officers for 2014. If you would like to be more involved next year now is your chance.

—*Barrett*

What's Brewin'?

By Kimberley Rhea

Walter and Pam Hodges hosted our Oktoberfest Party. I think it is safe to say we all had a great time. The Brats and Pretzel Bread were delicious and the Brave Combo music festive. The kegerator was full of some wonderful beer too! Thank you to everyone who brought beer, desserts and side dishes. It is always a treat to taste everyone's yummy recipes. Thank you, Pam and Walter, for hosting and having us all in your home.

The October Brew Day was hosted by Chuck Homola. Everything was fabulous! The Italian Beef Sandwiches (with all the fixings) were to die for and the pizza was quite tasty too. Chuck had a huge selection of his own beer for everyone to taste as well, there were so many it was difficult to keep count. Thank you Chuck for another wonderful Brew Day! Thank you, Brian and Dallas Homebrew (Wine Maker's Toy Store) for hosting our November Brew Day. It was "Teach a Friend to Brew Day". The store provided Rahr Two Row Malt and Golden Light Extract in Bulk. It was a great turn out. We had around eight groups brewing.

Unfortunately, as you have heard or read, our party will not be at Glamour Hall due to their bankruptcy. We will not continue selling tickets to this event and will refund you if you have already purchased one. Please watch your email and our website for our new location.

The following information will not change.

Be sure to put the Christmas Party on your calendar, December 7, 2013, at 6:30pm. We will provide the main course (Fried Turkey and Smoked Brisket).

We are asking everyone to please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. We will have the kegerator there if you would like to bring a keg.

This year we will have a contest for the "Best Ugly Sweater". I know we all have at least one of those hanging in our closet, so break it out and see if you

can win the prize.

Last year at the Christmas Party we had a successful can drive. We would like to do it again. Please bring non perishable food items to donate to a food bank.

During the party we will have a white elephant gift exchange. The gift can be anything you like. The cost should be no more than \$10. You are encouraged to be creative and bring something other than beer.

Our final Brew Day of the year will be hosted by William Lawrence. It will be on December 14, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Let me know if you intend to brew. I look forward to seeing you all there.

His address is:
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Richardson, TX 75081

Please contact me at socials@nthba.org if you have any questions.

Kim
"Woo Girl"

Local Brews News

By Graham Keefe

This weekend marks the official start of North Texas Beer Week! There are several beer events throughout the Metroplex worth attending, and a highlight reel of them follows:

Saturday, November 9

Brewvolution on Saturday, (2 to 6:30 p.m.) is the official kickoff party at Fair Park Centennial Building. The focus is on Texas craft beer (40 breweries), although not exclusively (25 others). The organizers' aim is to keep this festival small and on the intimate side, so crowds will be about half that of, say, Untapped. However, there will be ample samples, music (Shotgun Friday, Roomsounds, and The Hanna Barbarians), along with seven food trucks.

Rahr turns 9 on Saturday. Founder Fritz Rahr is pulling out all the old kegs from the back of the fridge and will have a more than 30 Rahr beers on tap, some of which are super limited. Food and music are also on the guest list. And you'll get a commemorative glass!

Deep Ellum Brewing turns 2 on Saturday. They will have a 4 hour long brewery tour with live music from the O's. Sugar Foote and Co. will be opening. DEBC Beer and specialty firkins will be rolling out, along with commemorative DEBC pint glasses.

Monday, November 11

Real Ale brewmaster and "woodmaster" Erik Ogershok will be at the Alamo Drafthouse in Dallas/Richardson for a movie and dinner. The flick is "Bonnie & Clyde" and the four-course meal -- which includes a slider, pork and beans, chicken and poached pear in a brandied Chantilly cream -- comes with four Real Ale beers.

Tuesday, November 12

(512) Brewing will be at FM Smokehouse in Irving on Tuesday with their fifth installment of their yearly anniversary beers -- one for each year, meaning they are now five.

Wednesday, November 13

If you're just not ready to commit to one brewery (you shouldn't), then on Wednesday, November 13, one of the best little craft stores in North Texas, Lonestar Beverages, is hosting a meet-and-greet with some of our finest brewers including: Cedar Creek, Lakewood, DEBC, Rahr, Franconia, Martin House, Revolver and Community. Just clear Wednesday. And Thursday morning for good measure.

Thursday, November 14

On Thursday you better make haste to The Holy Grail Pub in Plano, where Firewheel will tap a Special #1 Balcones barrel-aged beer. This was brewed exclusively for the Holy Grail Pub! Also on Thursday, Peticolas is releasing a keg of 2012 Great Scot!, and per their Facebook page is "only the second keg of 2012 to hit the market."

Friday, November 15

Friday is a mess.

- Flying Saucer Addison is hosting a Four Corners and Martin House special release.
- Flying Saucer The Lake is hosting a Lakewood Brewing Co. party.
- The Asador in the Renaissance has invited Real Ale's Erik Ogershok over for dinner and you can go too. It's five-courses for \$55.
- The Meddlesome Moth will have an Avery Blackout including the flight of Mephistopheles' 2012, Out of Bounds, Uncle Jacob's, Rumpkin and The Czar
- Dallas Beer Kitchen is hosting Community Brewing takeover.
- Firewheel is at East Side Social Club in Denton.
- North Oak Cliff Beer and Wine is hosting a Brooklyn Brewery tasting.
- And Jack Mac's Swill and Grill will have a "night of romance" with Texas bourbon and beer.

Saturday, November 16

Next Saturday, Peticolas is hosting a rare beer and cask tour along with a glass and T-shirt give-away.

Competition Corner

By Einar Jonsson

Club-Only Competitions

The deadline for the final COC of the year is November 16th. The theme of this one is holiday beers. This will cover BJCP categories 20 - Fruit Beer, 21A - Spice/Herb/Vegetable, 21B - Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer, and 22A - Classic Rauchbier, 22B - Other Smoked Beer, 22C - Wood-Aged Beer.

2014

The first COC of 2014 will be Scottish and Irish Ale, and will cover all subcategories of BJCP Category 9. Exact entry deadline is TBD, but look for it to be around February 1st.

Lone Star Circuit News

Dixie Cup

The Dixie Cup is the final competition of the circuit, and it wrapped up a couple of weeks ago. Jimmy Orkin was our club's only winner, with a second place for his German Hefeweizen.

We finished the year with a solid 4th place finish in the LSC club standings.

Austin Zealots	280
Bay Area Mashtronauts	226
Foam Rangers	211
NTHBA	108

The full final individual, team and club results can be found at <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/currentStandings.html> .

We had a solid year, and it was especially impressive, considering the clubs that finished ahead of us, all entered 3-5 times as many beers as we did, over the course of the year. This was a good year, and we need to keep the momentum going into the Bluebonnet next March. I hope everyone has begun brewing for it. This is a good time to brew lagers and stronger ales.

Throughout the 28 year history of the Bluebonnet, this club has owned this competition, and we have won the Bluebonnet Club Trophy for the last few years. We really want to defend our title. The Houston and Austin clubs always give us stiff competition, but we can expect Cap & Hare, from Fort Worth, to seriously compete for the title also. If we want to defend our title, we can't be complacent; we need to get brewing our best beers, so let's get to it and defend our title next March!

—Einar

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Elections for 2013 club officers will be held at the November club meeting at Lakewood Brewing Co. in Garland. Please take a look at the bios in this newsletter so you will be able to make an informed decision come voting day. Currently, there are a few open positions if you want to be more involved now is your time.

If anyone else would like to run for an officer position and just hasn't got around to letting us know, there is still time. Just send a short bio to secretary@nthba.org or to any of the other club officers before the meeting or at the meeting. We will do our best to get you on the ballot. Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be an experienced homebrewer or have even been a member before (although current membership is required). The club is what we make it. If you think you have something to contribute, consider becoming an officer. It's a lot of fun and a great experience.

Look over the following candidates bios before the next meeting.

Biography for Brian Beyer

Greetings every one, I thought I would take a few minutes and introduce my self. My name is Brian Beyer, and I am the “Beer Guy” at Dallas Home Brew aka The Wine Makers Toy Store. I received a beginner’s home brew kit for Christmas in 1991, and brewed my first batch of beer in January of 1992. I stepped up to all grain in 1996, I still do the occasional extract batch when time is short and the supply is running low.

My favorite styles to keep on draft are Hefeweizen, Bitters, IPA’s, Saison with the occasional coffee porter thrown in. My latest interests have been with the sour beers of Belgian and Germany. I have belonged to two home brew clubs in my 21 years of brewing. The first was the Boneyard Union of Zymurgical Zealots in Champaign Illinois, and I am currently a member of the North Texas Homebrewers Association, here in the Dallas Texas. I have also served as officers in both clubs in the past.

Biography for Mike Grover

I have been a member of NTHBA since 2002, and a homebrewer since 2001. I have held a number of positions in the club, including Competition Coordinator (2006), Treasurer (2007), and President (2008). I also served as Competition Director for the first Limbo Challenge in 2006 and for the Bluebonnet Brewoff in 2011. After taking a break I am ready to jump back in and support the club in an officer role. I have been hosting the January club brewday since 2008. I also own a small bit of the Cedar Creek Brewery.

I enjoy brewing all styles of beer but have a particular interest in “classic” session beer styles including English bitters and – my favorite – altbier. I enjoy beer-related travel and bringing back interesting brews that we do not get here in North Texas. Recent travels have included the National Homebrew Conferences in San Diego and Philadelphia, and the Great American Beer Festival in Denver. I am a BJCP Certified Beer Judge, and am interested in getting a BJCP exam study class going.

Biography for Walter Hodges

I have been brewing and a member of the NTHBA since 1993. I have served as President and 1st Vice President. During the last year I have served as the Minister of Technology. I would be honored to serve the club as an elected officer in 2014. A regular newsletter and financial reports are a priority for me. I also understand that we need to work to keep the club fresh and am open to new ideas.

Biography for James Smith

I am a lifetime resident of North Texas, growing up and presently residing in Plano with my 17 year old son. For over 13 years, I have been employed by McAfee in various roles within the technical support organization. Presently, I am a Business Intelligence Analyst with duties requiring data analysis and visualization.

I have always had an avid interest in creating things, whether it was building things to cooking. Additionally, the art and craft of food, beer, and wine have always intrigued me. I would consider myself to be an avid "foodie". In late 2012, I began investigating homebrewing and then obtained a kit to get me started. From the outset, it has been very satisfying learning about the craft and creating all of my brews. I still have much to learn, and membership in NTHBA definitely keeps me engaged.

Specific to the experience I could bring to the NTHBA Board, I have just completed serving 6 years on the board of my community homeowner's association. This, coupled with my work experience, could make me an ideal candidate to serve on the board and help further the club's endeavors.

Biography for Jimmy Orkin

I have been home brewing for about 13 years. I have been active in the NTHBA for about 5 years. I have an interest in improving my brewing processes. I have built some electronics and structures to help me improve my beer. Automation of the mash process and fermentation temperature control are my biggest focus. My favorite beers are German Hefeweizen and American hoppy beers.

I was president of the NTHBA for the 2009 year. I assisted in the development of the current club bylaws. I am the Assistant Director for the 2014 Bluebonnet Brewoff and will be the director for the 2015 Bluebonnet Brewoff. I have always tried to improve the value of the NTHBA to its members.

I would like to be the treasurer for 2014. I would like to create more transparency in the money management in the club. I will supply a treasurer's report for the monthly newsletter that clearly shows where the income and expenses to the club.

I would appreciate your vote for NTHBA Officer for 2014.

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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

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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