

LIVIN' THE BREWS

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Quick Sips for November:

Officer's Meeting @BJ's Restaurant Addison November 6th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Club Meeting @Lakewood Brewing Co November 13th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

Prez Sez by James Smith

Call for 2019 Officer Candidates!

Coming up this month, we have elections for your 2019 officer. Without your NTHBA Board and other volunteers, the club would cease to exist. Your board consists of 5 elected members: President, 1st VP(competitions), 2nd VP(Social), Treasurer, and Secretary. Along with that, the prior year's President resides on the board to vote and assist as needed. We also have two additional appointments. They are IT Director and Minister of Education(MoE). Roles and responsibilities for each of these can be found at <http://nthba.org/?q=groups/club-information/officer-tasks>.

The amount of volunteer time required in these positions is enough to keep you involved with the club, but negligible enough to not overwhelm you. NTHBA needs member participation to keep going. If you have any interest in serving as an officer, please let one of the current officers know ASAP! Better yet, start attending the officer meetings to see how things work. We would love to have you!

Bluebonnet Hop Showcase...HOPS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!!

As mentioned in previous articles, the Hop Showcase is set. The traditional category of any style and single hop remains. However, we have added an additional category for a single style (American Pale Ale) with a stipulation that 60% of the hop additions be that of the showcase hop. See below for rules:

http://bbbrewoff.com/bluebonnetbrewoff/?page_id=132

For 2019, we have been provided cryo-hops of three distinct varieties from YCH. They are:

	Alpha %	Beta %
Citra	24.8	6.6
Simcoe	23.8	7.9
Palisade	14.8	12.6

I published more information on these hops in my article a couple of months ago. Although these cryo hops are about double the AA, we have only a very limited supply of them...7.5 ounces of each hop. Technically, these are about 2x the AA of your typical pellet hops. Thus, we do have a limited supply for the club.

I will have the hops available at the upcoming club meetings, or please reach out to me, president@nthba.org for an allotment. Let us know what you plan to brew and how much you need. Due to limited supply, preference will first be given to those doing 5-gallon batches or less.

Monthly Officer and Club Meetings

The November Officer Meeting will be on the 6th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at BJ's in Addison. They are located at 4901 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, TX 75254. Members are always welcome, especially if you are considering volunteering.

The November Club Meeting will be on the 13th at the Lakewood Brewing. Their address is 2302 Executive Dr, Garland, TX 75041. Elections will be held at this meeting and pizza will be provided. Please plan to attend! 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 December Officer Meeting will be on the 4th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at our usual December spot Café Amore in Richardson, where we will welcome the 2019 officers. The address is 600 N Coit Rd #2050, Richardson, TX 75080.

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.

With that, hope everyone has a great November, and we'll see you at our upcoming events!

Cheers!

"Smitty"

The First Sip by Walter Hodges

The October brewday was one of the rainiest that I can remember. Despite the rain, we had a great turnout with lots of homebrew shared along with a few samples of cider and mead.

I do not have a November brewday on the schedule at this time due to my own negligence. I will be working on getting a location set, so keep an eye out for an email and updates on Facebook and the club web page.

Lastly, I would like to encourage members to step up and run for an officer position. I am planning on taking next year off after having served the last five years. I have enjoyed serving and will eventually serve again, however, it's time for some other folks to step up. Without individuals stepping up to run the club, we wouldn't have a homebrew club. None of the positions are difficult and most don't require more than a few hours work each month. Remember, it's not what your homebrew club can do for you, but what you can do for your homebrew club!

Cheers,

Walter

A brewday from the past. Anybody know when and where this is?



Competition Corner by Zac Cathcart

Very little to report this month. This month's CoC is Seasonal Beers (category 30). Please drop off entries at HBHQ or Dallas HB by Saturday, November 17th.

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

Cheers!

Zac

The Treasurer's Report by Kevin Smith

Not much activity in the bank for October. A few new signups and renewals

Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience, including a brew day, officers' meeting, or club meeting. The upcoming August 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 10/31/2018: \$10,278.79

September summary:

Income: \$0

Expenses: \$47.54

Net Income (loss): (\$47.54)

Current members through 5/31/2019: 86 (up from 83 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 \$625 under expectations (pay your damn dues!)
- Raffle ticket sales are not up-to-date for October, but believed to be on budget

Spending-related:

- Parties are \$400 under budget so far this year (so party on!)
- Limbo expenses were \$300 under budget (because of amortized awards already created)
- Raffle item expenses are down because of some generous donations

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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