



# LIVIN' THE BREWS



## May Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 PM

BJ's Restaurant

1101 N Central Expy

Plano, TX 75075

(972) 424-4290



## Prez Sez

By Jacque Keller

May is a month of holidays – Mother's Day, International Workers Day, and one very important day – a holiday just for us, National Homebrew Day. So Happy National Homebrew Day to us all! (And a very special May greeting to all mothers who work and brew!) I hope many of us will be at the brew day Fred has arranged at Big Buck. I hope ALL of us, whether we're there or not, will remember to **raise a glass at noon** along with all the other homebrewers across the country. You're not too busy at work to hoist one, are you?

May is also the month we traditionally celebrate the club's birthday. So let's follow the toast at noon with our own Happy Birthday toast to NTHBA. This is a time we re-

call our club history. Here's what we know - courtesy of Jim Layton. "Our club was founded in 1983 –1984. OK, no one is sure exactly when. Meetings were held in a homebrew supply shop owned by Glen Mueller and Frank Brown



(so that's where the Bluebonnet's Mueller-Brown Quality Award comes from!), located in the Olla Podrida shopping center (its gone now). Some other names from early days: Jess Haupt, Carl Schneider, Dave Gilbo, and Herschel Gibbs." If you know any more of our club history, either about the begin-

ning or about significant events later on, please pass it along to me at: [NTHBAPrez@aol.com](mailto:NTHBAPrez@aol.com).

If you're entering a porter in the KGB Big Batch Brew Bash, you may want to **share shipping costs** with other members. (Remember that there's no entry fee.) Email me if you're interested and we can have a private packing party. For info on the competition, see <http://www.thekgb.org/Portals/57ad7180-c5e7-49f5-b282-c6475cdb7ee7/BBBB2005.pdf>

Usually winners of homebrew competitions get medals and ribbons and steins. Sometimes someone might win a chance to brew, as someone will in the KGB competition and as Walter Hodges did in our Big Dog Brew contest. **How would you like to try to win some cash??**

I think it's worthy of note that

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the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition in Fox, Alaska, awards **\$500** to the Best of Show Grand Prize Winner. All you talented and confident brewers out there who know you can send in a great beer, think about entering. The categories are limited, so be sure to check out all the info <http://www.mosquitonet.com/~stihlerunits/ScottsDen/Beer/Events/Events.html>. All who enter – we would definitely want to share shipping costs on this one, so let me know.

**Re-up this month** and pay your dues. Please!

We'll have a private room at our meeting on May 10 at BJ's in Plano. Normally the private room never gets happy hour prices. But BJ's is giving us the special prices on appetizers and beer before 7:00 and after 9:00. So **come early and stay late!** Remember that you get a free raffle ticket for each beer you entered in the Bluebonnet. Just show us your first round score sheet.

I mentioned a number of May holidays, here's another. May 12 is National Limerick Day. So - - - "There once was a Texas Homebrewer . . . " Come to the meeting to hear the rest!

Prost!  
Jacque

## What's Brew'n

By Fred David

This coming Saturday, May 7th is the AHA National Brew Day. I have met with management at Big Buck Brewery in Grapevine and they have reserved the entire patio for us. The beer styles for this year's AHA National Brew Day are a Rye IPA and a Porter. You can find recipes for these beers from the AHA website at the following link; <http://www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/recipes.html> or you can brew any other style. I would really like to have a good turnout for this. I have also contacted the other area clubs to invite them so that we might get yet another chance to get to know them and to learn. I know that the Red River Brewers intend to be there but I haven't heard from any other club yet. Big Buck will be fir-



ing up their grills and will be barbecuing hotdogs, hamburgers and sausage. This should be a great time. The brew day will be open for the public to watch so I encourage you to bring you friends. For those of you that have not been to Big Buck Brewery, It is located at the south end of the Bass Pro Shop just south of Grapevine

mills Mall. A map and physical location of Big Buck is on the next page.

For those of you who are strong of heart and love the heat, the Cap and Hare are yet again hosting the Iron Mash. As is a tradition, the heat of the summer is involved and with the event being held on July 23rd this year, they probably won't be denied again this year. It will be held at Rahr and Sons



Brewery again this year. If you have never been to an Iron Mash you should consider coming this year to compete and take a tour of the brewery if you haven't done so already. Fritz Rahr and his family were wonderful hosts last year and I hope the event will be as fun this year. More details will be available soon at <http://www.capandhare.net>.

That's all until next month.

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## Brew Day Update

By Fred David

Sorry that I missed my own Brew Day in April but I had some personal business come up that took me out of town. I would like to thank Steve Jones

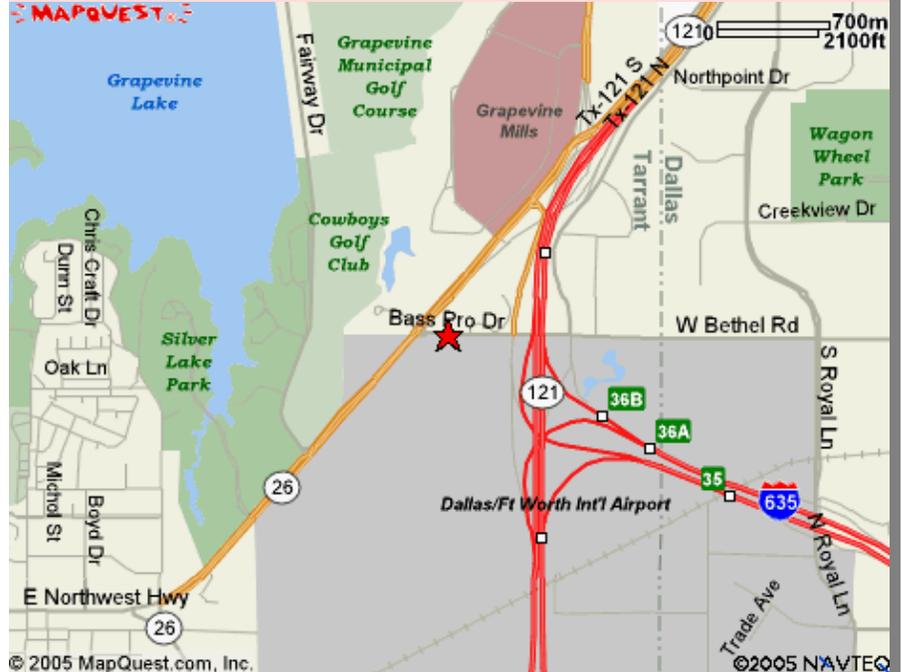
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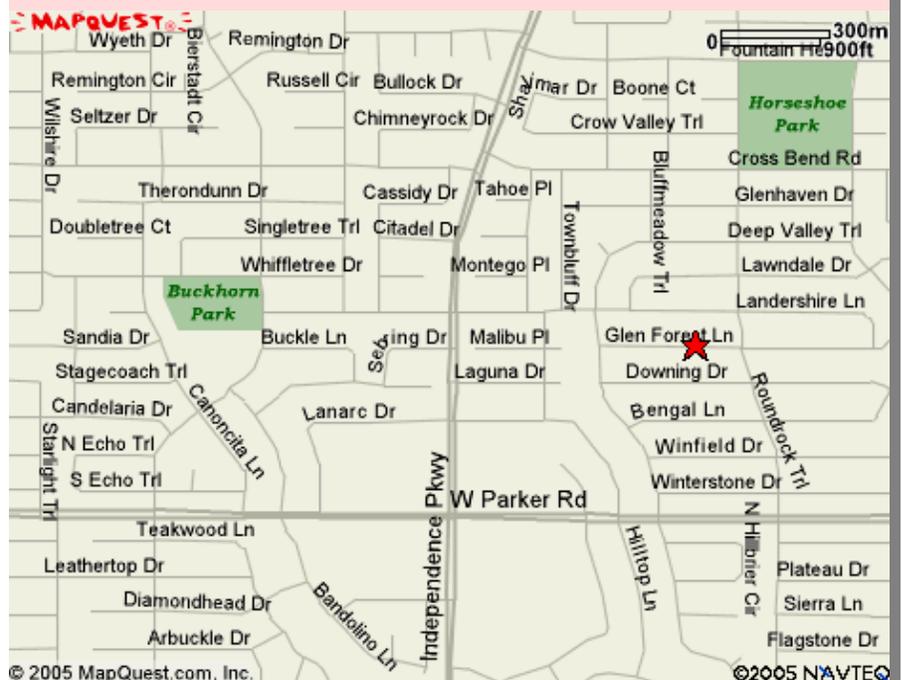
for allowing us to use his house instead of mine on such short notice. I understand everything went well. The next Brew Day will be at Bill James' house on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Everything will start at around 9 AM and Bill plans to do an all grain Amber Ale. Brewing will take place out by Bill's pool. I would very much appreciate it if somebody would volunteer to do the same recipe but from extract. If anyone is of the mind to do so, please contact Bill James so that you can coordinate the recipes. This will be the first in our series of monthly Brew Days. The reason we have decided to start having monthly Brew Days is twofold. First, we will do our best to have a judging class at each one of these. We hope to always have as a minimum the all grain and extract brews from the previous Brew Day as examples in the judging class. Secondly, I hope to convince all of you out there that are not into all grain brewing that extract brews can and do win at competitions like the Bluebonnet. These Brew Days will be a great opportunity to learn a lot about both brewing and judging. If anyone out there has other ideas that might make our brewing experiences better please up and talk to me at one of our meetings or send me an e-mail. I hope to see a lot of you at Bill's.

-Fred

**May Brew Day (May 7th)**  
**Big Buck Steakhouse and Brewery**  
 2501 Bass Pro Drive  
 Grapevine, TX 76051  
 (214) 513-2337



**June Brewday (June 11th)**  
**Bill James**  
 2801 Glen Forest Lane  
 Plano, TX 75023



**BREWER ROYALE 2005**  
Style of the Month

<b>Aug '05</b>	<b>Belgian/French Ale</b>	
	<b>Cat. 16</b>	
<b>Sept/Oct'05</b>	<b>European Amber Lager</b>	
	<b>Cat. 3</b>	
<b>Nov/Dec '05</b>	<b>Baltic Porter</b>	
	<b>Cat12C</b>	

<u>Standings</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>Steve Haney</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>James Dorman</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jim Layton</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bruce Fabijonas</b>	<b>2</b>

Saison, Biere de Garde, and Belgian Specialty Ale. You have time to brew some of these styles if you want to enter the competition so pull out the equipment and get the brewpot boiling.

I am looking forward to brewing at Big Buck Brewery on May 7. I will have a 10' x 10' canopy up to shade us from the summer sun. It also will have the club banner announcing to the world who we are. I will



hopefully be brewing a 10 gallon batch of Stout, splitting it after sparging and making both a chocolate stout and a coffee stout. That is one method of getting more variation from one batch. I have done it before and was quite happy with the results. If you remember from the last meeting we handed out methods of winning brew contests. One of them was doing exactly that, making more than one type of beer from one batch.

Please review the handout and if you have questions, just ask another club member, I am sure with all the great knowledge in the club, they will be able to help, or at least start a lively conversation.

### 2005 Brewer Royale

By Bill James

Greeting fellow Brewers, I hope everyone has something good fermenting or aging in preparation for the next contest. By the time you read this the entry date for the Sunshine challenge will have passed. We had a packing party for it at the Homebrew Headquarters on Wednesday April 20. I hope everyone was able to get his or her beers entered.

At the last meeting, we had the Club Only Competition with Extract beers as the entry. We didn't have as many entries as I was expecting, I was told that some members were confused as to when the judging was going to be. I assure you, announced at the last meeting and put in the newsletter that we

were going to be judging the extract brews at the April meeting, so the winning beer could be sent in for the May contest. The big winner of the competition was James Dorman, winning both first and third, with Steve Haney taking second.

So here is the standing, with the big showing in April, James has just passed Jim taking second place. Go James go. I bet Jim has some beer ready for the next competition. The next competition is in August and the beer is Belgian and French Ales. But because the beers need to be at the contest in August we will be judging the beers in July, either at the meeting or a brewday. We will keep you posted!

Just so you know the styles we will be judging at that time they are Witbier, Belgian Pale Ale,

### Etc., Etc., Etc.

“I view tea drinking as a destroyer of health, an enfeeblor of the frame, an engenderer of effeminacy and laziness, a debaucher of youth and maker of misery for old age. . . . Thus he makes that miserable progress towards that death which he finds ten or fifteen years sooner than he would have found it if he had made his wife brew beer instead of making tea.”  
*William Cobbett, Cottage Economy, 1821*

The 2003 Gulf Coast Circuit is off and running. Here is the list of NTHBA members that entered winning brews at the Bluebonnet. Congratulations everyone !!!

Brewer ☺ 1st Place * 2nd Place ☼ 3rd Place	Bluebonnet Brew-Off	Sunshine Challenge	Dixie Cup
Kelly Harris	☺ ☺ ☼		
Mike Grover	☺ ☼		
Paul Doxey	☺		
Steve Haney	☺		
Don Trotter	☺ ☼ ☼		
Bill Dubas	*		
Jim Layton	☼		
Dimitri Lykomi-tros	☼		
<b>Best of Show 1st</b>	Kelly Harris— Mead/Cider		
<b>Best of Show 2nd</b>			
<b>Best of Show 3rd</b>			

### Celtic Brew-off

By Just Dave

Hey Dallasites and Collin Countyers!

Don't forgot your brethren in Arlington who are hosting the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Celtic Brew Off. As many of you are aware, we accept entries for styles brewed in the old European Isles along with Mead, Cider and our own Celtic Specialty category. 11 Categories in total I believe. We use the current BJCP/AHA guides. For complete info on the accepted styles and entry regimen, please go to the link at <http://hbd.org/kobb/celtic/celtic9.htm>

Entries being accepted about now at the local Homebrew shops (Thanks Kelly, George & Joan!). Last Entries accepted May 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the judging has been changed to May 21<sup>st</sup> at J. Gilligan's in central Arlington, Tx (May 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day weekend...). Many of you have helped us in the past and we seek you again this year! With good participation, we often only have a single flight to judge so show up at 10:00 sharp! We usually have great door prizes for the judges that help us out as well.

We thank you in advance for the entries. Ideally y'all can scrape together a couple dozen for us.

Wassail!

## Dues Renewal

By Bill Lawrence

Well, it's that time of year again, our annual membership renewal. In years past, it was possible to renew for multiple years however a couple of years ago, the board discontinued this practice. We currently have fewer than a dozen members who are paid up until 2006 so what this means to you is that most likely to keep current, **you need to renew your membership this May.**

The club is again very busy this year and we on the board are committed to try and give you the member the best possible value for the price of membership. Below is the current years' budget. I present this so that you can get an idea what the club is doing with your



money as well as to point out how important the dues are to the continued operation of the club at the current level.

Dues Income	\$2,650
Raffle Income	\$1,600
Other Misc. Income	\$ 75
	<u>\$4,325</u>

Monthly Newsletter	300
Brewdays	250
Bluebonnet Expenses	500

Packing Parties	500
Club Parties	800
Raffle Prize Expense	1,100
Club Competitions	225
Big Mohunker Prize	250
Presidents Brewday	50
Misc. Supplies	200
Misc. Expenses	<u>150</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,325

Net Income	<u>\$ 0</u>
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So far this year, we are more or less on budget. Again, a quick review of the numbers should tell you that a **successful dues renewal program is crucial** to having another successful year of programs for the club.

Although I could pontificate ad nauseam about the benefits of club membership (both tangible and spiritual), I will spare you that this year. Just consider the discount that you receive at Homebrew Headquarters. Quick arithmetic should tell you that the purchase of a mere \$200 worth of brewing equipment or supplies will effectively finance your membership for the entire year. Of course, Kelly is subsidizing the club activities by offering this generous discount and I would hope that each member will remember to thank him by patronizing his fine establishment.

I am told that this newsletter will have a membership form attached. Additionally, efforts are underway to have a membership form attached to the website. Finally, I will have blank forms with me at the next club meeting. When completing the form this year it is very important to **write legibly**. We use these forms to update the club data base which allows us to send you club information as well as send you the club newsletter.

I would be pleased to collect your membership and payment in either cash (U.S. currency only) or check at the next club meeting. You may also leave your membership and payment at Homebrew Headquarters



(while purchasing large quantities of equipment or supplies). I will then send you your new membership card through the mail. Should you have additional comments or questions, please just let me know.

Thanks  
Bill



# Attention All Brewers! It's Membership Renewal Time

Please complete the membership renewal form below. There are two ways to complete the form:

1. Click on the first field of the form (Name) and use the Tab key to move from field to field. You can then print out the completed form.
2. Print out the blank form and complete by hand. Please print legibly if you choose this option

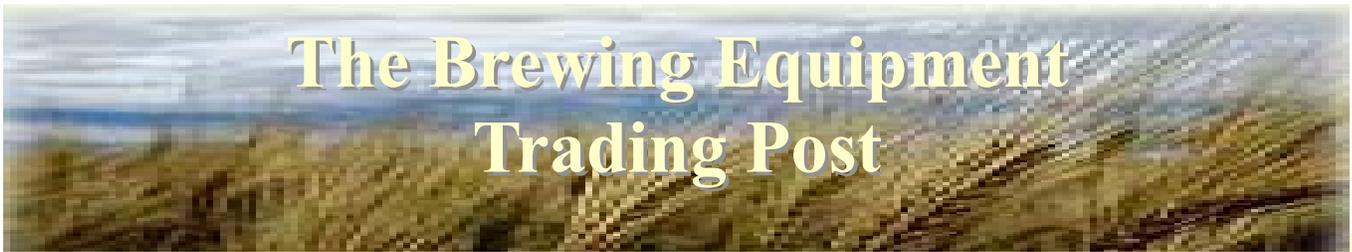
You can bring the completed form and your dues to the club meeting, or...

Drop them off at Homebrew Headquarters, or...

Mail them to NTHBA, c/o Homebrew Headquarters, 300 N. Coit Rd., Ste. 134, Richardson, TX 75080

If your dues are already paid in full, please fill out this form if you need to update your contact information and/or newsletter delivery preference in the club membership database.

<b>North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc. Membership Form</b>		<b>Membership #</b>
<p>Name (Please Print) _____</p> <p>Street Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____</p> <p>E-mail Address (Required for e-mail delivery of club newsletter) _____</p>		
<p>Membership options and dues</p> <p>Please sign me up for a 1 year membership with the North Texas Homebrewers Association. This membership will be valid for a period of one year (June 1 – May 31)</p> <p>I would like to receive my issue of the club newsletter, "Livin' the Brews," on a monthly basis in the following form:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adobe PDF format file delivered via e-mail. Dues = \$20/year (Please provide e-mail address in space above)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hard-copy delivered via US Mail. Dues = \$30/year</p>		
<p>By signing this form, I fully understand the following:</p> <p>My participation in this association is entirely voluntary. I know that participation in this association may involve the consumption of alcoholic beverages and that this may affect my perception, judgment, and reactions. I accept responsibility for my conduct, behavior, and action as well as those of my guests. I absolve and indemnify the North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc. and its officers of any responsibility for my conduct, behavior, and/or actions as well as those of my guests.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>		<p>Received by:</p> <p>Cash: _____</p> <p>Check: _____</p>



# The Brewing Equipment Trading Post

## HELP WANTED

Homebrew Headquarters is looking for a knowledgeable person in beer and wine making. Help is needed for weekends. OK money, excellent employee discounts. Contact Kelly Harris @ 972-234-4411 or brewmaster@homebrewhq.com



## 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.

You can give the information to James Dorman at our club meeting or email it to [jlmdorman@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmdorman@hotmail.com).

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## Club Brewmeisters

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

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## North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.



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 next club meeting.

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