



LIVIN' THE BREWS



November Meeting

Tuesday, November 8

7:00 PM

Humperdinks

2208 W. Northwest Hwy

Dallas, TX 75220

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Prez Sez

By Jacque Keller

This is a perfect time for brewing! The hot weather is finally over and the holidays are not quite upon us. So now that it's cool outside and we're not as busy as we soon will be, think about getting in some brewing and **think about the Bluebonnet**. If we're going to win in 2006, we're going to need a lot of entries. Now is the time to **brew those lagers and big beers**. Also, take a look at what beers you have on hand. Pull four bottles of each and hide them away till competition time – three to enter and one to sample. Hide them away well!

Are you bringing a friend who is new to brewing to the Teach A Friend To Homebrew brew day? He or she will have a good chance to win a nice brewing prize. To help some-

one new to the hobby, we'll draw the name of a **new brewer to win a pre-owned kettle and wort chiller**, donated to the club by McKee Smith. This is a good opportunity for us to promote the hobby and promote the club. Please **bring a friend** to see what brewing is about and what



NTHBA is about. Or come to meet the new brewers invited by other club members!

We've included a **Members Survey** in this edition of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes to give us your opinions and insights. The info you provide will help next year's

officers to determine the club's priorities. We'll go over every response carefully and compile a list of everyone's ideas. There are also a couple of questions about this year's best moment and funniest moment. If we come up with enough good responses, we can have a "Best of 2005" countdown at year end. You know – just like the History Channel – well, maybe not exactly like the History Channel.

You can respond via email or turn in your survey responses at our **brew day this Saturday on the 5th** or at the **meeting on the 8th**.

Thank you to all who entered the Dixie Cup. And special congratulations to our winners - **Steve Arnold, Richard Harris, Jim Layton, Bill Dubas, Paul Doxey, Don Trotter, and Steve Haney**. A good showing

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for NTHBA!

Just a little info on next year's Gulf Coast Challenge that we need to talk about. There will only be two competitions next year since our friends over in Florida will be hosting Nationals this upcoming year in June. They didn't see how they could put on two large competitions in back to back months and decided to focus their energy on Nationals. Let's wish them the best on a good event since they have quite a bit of work ahead of them.

I hope to see many of you (and your new-to-brewing friends) at the November 5 brew day. And don't miss our November 8 club meeting at Humperdinks. It's \$2 pint night, so come thirsty and stay late!

Cheers!

What's Brew'n

By Fred David

Walter & Pam Hodges outdid themselves again! The Oktoberfest party at their house on October 8th was great! The weather was perfect as was the food and drink. There was a lot of great homebrew to be had by all. Jim Layton brought a keg of "good drinking but not award winning" Oktoberfest that disappeared all too quickly thanks to Bill Lawrence. Jim, if I could make any of my beer that good I would not care if I won any awards with it or not.

Great stuff!! We also had several of the Iron Mash party goers stop by later bringing with them some of the beers they brewed back in July. Bill Dubas' team supplied a very good Belgian ale and Tom Garner brought his award winning "you mean I could have had base malt" brew. As always, the friendly conversation lasted until late in the evening and we were finally chased away at around midnight. I hope everyone who was there will give thanks to Walter & Pam for hosting the party! It's hard to believe that the year has come and gone so quickly. As I sit here and write this article I realize that there are only sixty two days left until 2006. One of those days is Saturday, December 10th which is the date for this year's NTHBA Christmas party. This year we will be gathering at Bo Turton's house. Like Walter Hodges, Bo has a great party house. It is very roomy inside with a



great backyard. For those of you that are new to NTHBA, our Christmas party is the time that we draw for the "Big Mochunk". The winner can choose either \$300 toward a freezer or \$300 in credit at Homebrew Headquarters. Also at the Christmas party is the "White Elephant" gift exchange. More recently it has

become a "great beer" swap but I hope that this year we will have some classic White Elephants floating around. As with all of our parties we ask that everyone bring a keg of beer, a side dish or both. Now is the time to brew a batch of your favorite beer to share as we approach the holidays. I hope to see everyone there.

Until then,

Prosit!!

Brew Day Update

By Fred David

It was a perfect day for brewing and the Brew Day at Brian Beyer's House on October 15th was nothing short of superb. This day we had three brewers; Brian Beyer, Mike Gillum and Tom Garner. To add to the



day's events were our Minister of Education Steve Jones and our teacher of the day Don Trotter. Steve gave a very interesting demonstration on wort cooling using various methods. To do this he invested in a hand held data logger along with its own PC based software and a

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BREWER ROYALE 2006

Style of the Month

Jan '06	Big Beautiful Belgians	Cat. 18
Mar/Apr	American Ale	Cat. 10
May '06	Extract Beer	Cat. 1-23
August '06	Mead	Cat 24-26
Sept/Oct	Stout	Cat. 13
Nov/Dec	Light Hybrid Beers	Cat. 6

2005 Brewer Royale Results

Standings	Points
Steve Haney	12
Jim Layton	11
James Dorman	5
Bruce Fabijonas	5
Noel Johnston	2
Steve Quarrella	1



Layton coming in second with 11 points and Bruce and James Dorman tying for third with 5 points. Congrats to all the contestants. In January we start anew with Big Beautiful Belgians, category 18.

The scores are in for the Dixie Cup contest in Houston. The Foam Rangers did quite well getting 86 points to get first place. We came in second with 25 points, followed by the Cap and Hare and Kuykendahl Gran Brewers. Congratulation to Kelly Harris, Jim Layton, Paul Doxie, Bill Dubas, Don Trotter, Steve Arnold, and Steve Haney for placing at the Dixie Cup. See the complete results at: <http://www.crunchyfrog.net/dixiecup/results2005.phtml>

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that are always drinking your homebrew so that they can learn how to get into the hobby. That way you can drink theirs! Steve likes to start things around 9 AM. There is always coffee to start the day but if that doesn't suit you then, as Steve says, it's always 5 PM somewhere. Have a homebrew! Seriously though, Steve has a great backyard for brewing with plenty of room for all. Hopefully Steve will see you there.

Until Then,

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2005 Brewer Royale

By Bill James

Greeting fellow brewers, the year is slowly ending and with it the contests. The Brewer Royale contest finished with the Baltic Porter contest last month at The Gingerman. The winner of the contest was Bruce Fabijonas with Steve Haney coming in second and Jim Layton coming in third. The scores have been tallied and Steve Haney is the Brewer Royale with 12 points, Jim

With the capture of the Dixie Cup Trophy, the Foam Rangers win the Gulf Coast Homebrew Club of the year award. The Gulf Coast Homebrewer of the year is Mark Williams of the Central Florida Homebrewers.

I will be stepping down as an officer, I learned a lot and want to let another person have a chance at taking over running the contests. That person will have his job cut out for him, with the Brewer Royale contest

November

- 5 Club Brew Day/Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day
Location: Steve Jones' House
- 8 November Club Meeting and Election of club officers
7:00 PM - Location: Humperdinks on NW Highway & I35

December

- 10 Annual Christmas Party/ December Meeting
Location: Bo Turton's

NTHBA SURVEY

Let us know what you think! Fill in any or all of the blanks below.

- Please turn in your responses at the November 5 brew day or November 8 meeting

If you prefer to respond by email, copy the survey from our webpage

<http://groups.msn.com/NorthTexasHomeBrewAssociationHomePage/nthbamemberssurvey2005.msnw>

and email your comments to NTHBAPrez@aol.com by November 10th

1.) My main reason for belonging to the club is _____

2.) Also, I am a club member because _____

3.) My favorite thing this year was _____

4.) I also liked _____

5.) If we could work on one thing, I would like that to be _____

6.) I'd like to see more _____

7.) I'd like to see less _____

8.) I suggest a brewing education presentation about _____

9.) Another idea for a brewing education presentation is _____

10.) My favorite meeting place is _____

11.) I suggest holding a club meeting at _____

12.) I think the club focus should be: competitions education brewing conviviality

other _____

13.) The best moment this year was _____

14.) The funniest moment this year was _____

15.) Please include any additional comments _____

North Texas Homebrewers Association Ballot

Below you will find eight candidates that have volunteered to serve on the club's board of directors for 2006. Jascue Keller returns as "Past President", but there are six other open positions that need to be filled. Please select **SIX** names from the list below. The six candidates with the most votes will serve on the board next year.

O Bill Lawrence: Bill, our current treasurer, is campaigning under the slogan "Pay yer d*mn dues!"

O Mike Grover: I joined the club about 4 years ago and have been brewing a little longer than that. Up until this summer I was only brewing extract batches. I am a geologist with an environmental consulting firm. I enjoy all types of beer and so far I haven't brewed the same thing twice.

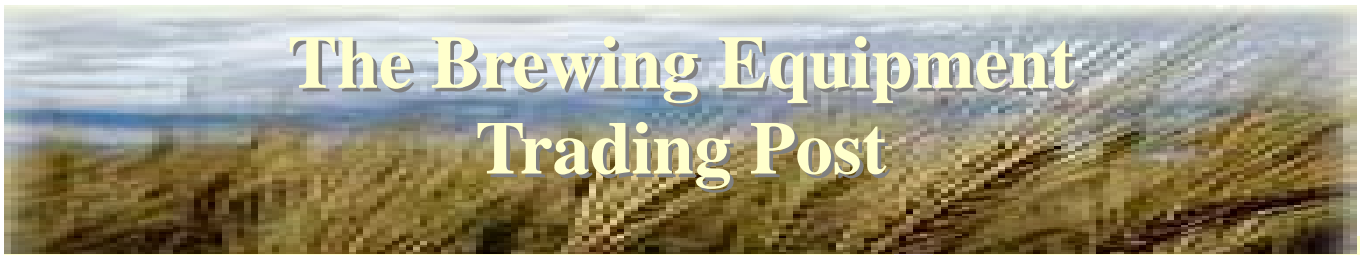
O Fred David: Fred has been brewing for about two and a half years but has been a member of NTHBA for about four. His interest in good beer was first aroused while living in Germany for 5 years. His interest in better "good beer", aka homebrewing, started when he drank some of his good friend Bill Lawrence's homebrew. He brews both lagers, and ales using methods from extract brewing to all grain. Other interests outside work include music and golf.

O James Dorman: James is the current secretary/ newsletter editor for the NTHBA. He has been brewing for almost 5 years now. He started brewing a few years after college when he figured he might as well use his Biochemistry degree for something. He enjoys trying new beers and introducing other people to a broad variety of beers both homebrewed and commercial

O Steve Jones. Steve currently serves as Minister of Education. He enjoys brewing and helping others learn about the hobby of homebrewing.

O Sean Fitzpatrick:

O If you wish to write in a candidate, do so here: _____



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.

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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.

Visit the NTHBA Website at

<http://groups.msn.com/NorthTexasHomeBrewAssociationHomePage>

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