



# LIVIN' THE BREWS



The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.

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## July Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 7:30 PM

Location: Brew By You

14837 Inwood Road

Addison, TX

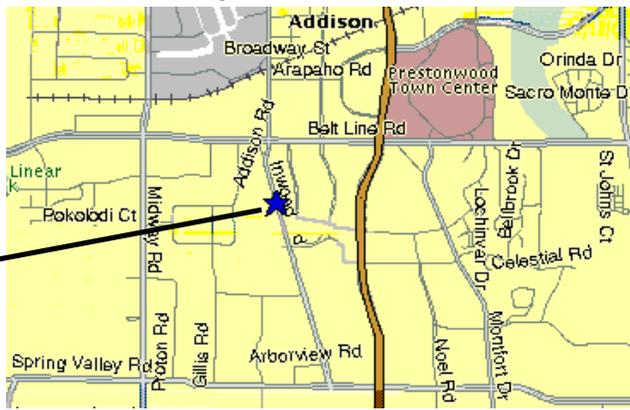
(972) 720-9090

Please bring a folding chair  
and your homebrew

Bring your **Mead** -  
Category 25, 26 or 27  
for the Brewer Royale  
Competition

**BOD Meeting**  
@ 6:30PM

Located  
behind  
Buckhorn  
Liquor



## Greetings from your Prez

by Rett Blankenship, President

I trust everybody had a happy and safe holiday weekend and will show up at our next meeting with all of their digits intact. We have had a change in location for our July meeting which I hope you will all enjoy. The details of the new location are covered in other sections of this monthly newsletter but suffice to say it will be a new and interesting experience for most of us. The meeting will be held at the first brew on premises place seen around these here parts, so check it out and lets kick the tires on this baby. By the way the club will be supplying some groceries to munch on so all you need is to bring some good homebrew to wash them down with. Perhaps some of those AHA winning brews may find their way over. Hint hint Charlie. Hint hint Russ. Well, those new NTHBA shirts should be ready by the July meeting for your summer wardrobe enhancement. We will have the details on how you can get your hands on one of these hot little fashion statements at the meeting. As you probably know Steve Wall came up with our new design and you the members chose it

## Doing It... Swiss Style! TEXAS HOMEBREWERS WIN AT AHA NATIONALS

by Russ Bee

By Steven Hacker

By the time this newsletter reaches you I'll be on vacation in Veyras, Switzerland visiting my friend and Swiss N.T.H.B.A. member, Pascal Gapany. Richard I-Forgot-The-Punchline Wincorn and family will also be there picking up his daughter, Stacy, who has been a foreign exchange student for the past year living with the Gapanys. Pascal has been homebrewing for close to a year now so we thought it would be fun for the 3 of us to brew a batch while we're there

The AHA National Homebrew Competition proved to be another contest in which Texas homebrewers showed their stuff. The DFW area brewers took 6 of the 7 awards received by Texas entries.

Jeff Reilly, a member of the Foam Rangers Homebrew Club in Houston, received a Bronze Medal for his English-Style Best (Special) Bitter.

Dave Dixon, President of the NET Hoppers, won the Gold with his California Common

**BREWER ROYALE '99  
COMPETITION**

**BEER OF THE MONTH**

July	Traditional Mead and Braggot, Fruit and Vegetable Mead, and Herb and Spice Mead (Cat. 25, 26 & 27)
September	Porter (Cat. 9)
November	English & Scottish Style Strong Ale (Cat. 10)

**STANDINGS**

Jim Layton	9
Darel Simon	6
Charlie Feder	3
Steve Wall	3
Paul Doxey	2
Paul Kensler	1

## Competition Corner

by Russ Bee, Competition Coordinator

### The Cactus Challenge Commeth

Just a reminder that the 2nd annual Cactus Challenge in Lubbock, hosted by the Ale-ian Society, is coming up in Sept. Also a reminder, they vowed to "beat our butts in an article written in the Southwest Brewing News. So the gauntlet has been laid down. The event is scheduled for Sept. 25, entries are due Sept.13. I'll have entry forms and info at the August meeting, or you can e-mail Ale-ian Mike Sawyer at [msawyer@door.net](mailto:msawyer@door.net) Until then,.... Keep brewing !

### Farewell to Waylon

by Russ Bee

Most members of the N.T.H.B.A. have at one time or another been to Tom Henderson's house in Richardson. Hell, he taught most of us to brew there, not to mention club parties, packing parties, party parties, beer tastings and group brew days in the brew trailer. So most of us know his dog, Waylon, Tom's constant companion and brewing assistant .Waylon is a big, friendly, lovable dog who could never get enough pats on the head (or snacks !). Recently Waylon passed on to that big brew trailer in the sky, mostly from old age and declining health. So let's have a toast to Waylon at our next club meeting, we'll all miss him.

### Feder Whuups the Competition... AGAIN !

by Russ Bee

It's been a big month for Charlie Feder. For the second time this year Charlie has Whuoped the competition and taken a best of show at the Scottish Ale Festival. Charlie has also joined the rest of us Whuoped tying the nuptial knot a few weeks ago. His new brides name is Julie and you'll probably get a chance to meet her at the club meeting. Just look for the couple with the glow and a contented smile on their faces. Introduce yourself to Julie and congratulate Charlie....on both accomplishments !

### Announcing the 2nd Annual E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition

The competition will be AHA sanctioned and will take place July 21, 1999. It's a short notice but here is your chance to compete in Alaska.

- Five classes (Light Lager, Dark Lager, Light Ale, Dark Ale, and Specialty/Mixed Style) are to be judged.
- Entries will be accepted 7/06/99 thru 7/15/99.
- The prize for the Best of Show will be \$500!!!!

Nice prizes will also be

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## Dallas Areas First Brew-on-Premises opens in Addison

From Mike Fletcher

"U brew it, U bottle it, U take it home. U can make great beer even if U don't know hops from flip tops." That's Brew by You in Addison in a nutshell. Brew by You is the first brew-your-own-beer shop, or brew-on-premises, in the Dallas area.

Brew by You is a 3,000 sq. ft. retail operation with six brew kettles, ale and lager rooms for aging and all the hardware and ingredients a customer needs to brew up a batch. A helpful staff guides customers through the brewing, fermentation, filtering and bottling.

The investment of about three hours of cracking grain, kettle stirring and bottling yields 13.5 gallons (equals six cases of 24 12oz bottles) of freshly made beer a couple of weeks later. Customers can choose from

95 recipes available at Brew by You or can bring in a recipe of their own. Brew by You also offers an ever-growing catalog of unique bottle labels and can even custom-design for holidays, parties, or whatever the occasion.

Brew by You facilities are also available for corporate functions, bachelor parties or teaming exercises.

Brew by You is located at 14837 Inwood in Addison and is open 12-10pm Tuesday - Thursday, 11-10pm Friday, 11-9pm Saturday and 12-5pm on Sunday. Call 972/720-9090 to reserve a kettle. Bring in a copy of this article and get 10% off on your first brew.



## Greetings

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as your favorite. Steve has worked his rear (what little there is of it) off getting these T-shirts made for us. So give him a big "thanks" when you see him.

I would also like to sing praises to Steve Hacker and Eric Schoville for all their efforts in getting our web site back up and running. They would appreciate any input and support club members might be able to offer. A big thanks to these fellows also.

Bluebonnet Brew-Off 2000 planning is its beginning phases and I am looking for a few hardworking men and women to serve on our committee. The NTHBA is the lead club this year and we are trying to bring in the new century with a bang and regaining our trophy while we are at it. If you would be interested in helping out with this event let me know. Our first meeting will be on July 18th at 1:00 PM at the GingerMan.

On a final note I would like to recognize Charlie Gottenkieny and Russ Bee on their big wins at the AHA competition. Great job. Thanks for your efforts and hopefully the club can ride your coat tails a bit.

Rett

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ROCKWALL TX 75087

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## Swiss Style

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and check out Pascal's system. Maybe the Swiss have a trick or two I could bring back ? A few months ago Richard and I brewed an I.P.A. using a recipe that Pascal e-mailed to me so I shipped a 6 pack over and we plan to do a little taste test along with sampling Pascal's assortment of excellent homebrews. Brewing in the Alps ! Should be a lot of fun. Viva la Suisse !!!

**CHEERS!**

*"Looks like we're going to be together for a while!"*

~~Bluebonnet~~  
~~Crescent City~~  
~~Sunshine Challenge~~  
Dixie Cup



## Barnette Competition

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awarded to the first, second and third placing beers.

The entry fee is \$5.00. Please make checks payable (in U.S. funds) to Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

For more information and/or a entry packet contact Ken Beyer at the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce phone: (907) 452-1105 fax: (907) 456-6968 email: [specialevent@mosquitonet.com](mailto:specialevent@mosquitonet.com) email (home): [kebeyer@alaskanet.com](mailto:kebeyer@alaskanet.com)

or contact the competition organizer, Scott Stihler by phone at (907) 474-2138 (home) or (907) 474-5450 (work) or email at [scott@giseis.alaska.edu](mailto:scott@giseis.alaska.edu)

Ship entries to:

E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition  
c/o Ravens Ridge Brewing Company  
5690 Supply Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

They are also in need of qualified beer judges so if you do not have beers to enter but would like to judge please let the organizer know.

Is your membership  
due for renewal?  
Form is on page 7.

## Texas Homebrewers

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Beer entry.

Dean Fikar of the Cowtown Cappers in Fort Worth had 2 winners. A Gold in the Smoked Beer Category (Classic-Style Smoked Beer - Oak; Strong Scotch Ale) and a Bronze Medal with his Munich-Style Helles.

Our very own Charlie Gottenkieny received the Gold for his Belgian-Style Lambic and a Bronze for his Belgian-Style Fruit Lambic, "Raspberries, vanilla".

Russ Bee brought home the Gold for his entry in the American-Style Lager category.

The North Texas Homebrewers brought home more medals (3) than any other club in Texas. I must add that Central Florida had 3 winners as well. But the big honor, 1999 Homebrewer of the Year came home with Charlie Gottenkieny.

Congratulations to everyone!

## And Now for a little bit of History. . .

The 1820s were vintage years in American history, and wine wasn't the only thing they were drinking in the young Republic. Alcohol consumption--whiskey more than anything else--was triple what it is today. Adult males averaged almost half a pint a day. Three or four drinks with lunch were not considered unusual.

Women were less likely to toss one back, but they often got their ration of alcohol through patent medicines for "female complaints." "Lydia Pinkham's Elixir," for example, was eighteen percent alcohol. Even children drank, introduced to a little nip by their parents to get them used to the taste, and with the hope that they would learn to be satisfied with small quantities and not grow up to be a drunk.

(Source: THE ALCOHOLIC REPUBLIC by Rosenbaugh & Rorabaugh)



## Brew Day at Lucky's Bar & Grill

(A.K.A. Bo & Gail Turton's backyard)  
By Steve Hacker

The Brew Day at Bo's on Saturday June 12th was a great time for all that attended. There were 4 kettles fired up with a total yield of 30 gallons of wort. Club members that were brewing were Tom Garner, Steve Wall, Bo Turton, Robert White & Steve Hacker. Tom Garner brewed a batch of "Susie's Peachbier" - a recipe he got from Russ Bee. Steve Wall had a recipe for a

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## The Brewing Equipment Trading Post



Nothing to offer this month.....

### To list your equipment, include the following information -

- 1 - Description of item(s)
- 2 - Whether it is "For Sale", "Will Trade For \_?\_" or "Free, Come & Get It"
- 3 - Your name
- 4 - How and when to contact you about your item(s).

You can give the information to Steve Hacker at a club meeting or send it as described at the bottom of the Brewers Calendar (in this newsletter).

Your item(s) will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter. There is **no charge** for this service if you are a club member.

## North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc. Board of Directors

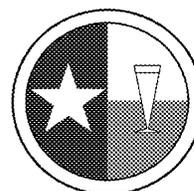
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## Club Brewmeisters

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!

Russ Bee -----	(972) 771-9489
Charlie Feder -----	(972) 223-8771
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Darrell Simon -----	(972) 475-7571
McKee Smith -----	(972) 393-3569

## North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.



The North Texas Home Brewers Association 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! Deadlines for ads and articles are the last Monday of each month for publication the following month.

Visit the NTHBA WEB Site at  
<http://hbd.org/users/nthba>



The latest photo from the Central Florida Homebrewers



Steve Wall and Steve Hacker found Bo's



Look close and you can see Lucky in the window keeping an eye on us.

## Brew Day

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Coffee Stout. He said he was inspired by the Coffee Stout he tried at The Bitter End in Austin awhile back. Robert & Steve were brewing 10 gallons of Golden Ale They said they wanted to just make some good summer drinkin' beer. Bo brewed a 10 gallon batch of Scottish Ale that he mashed in his new stainless steel mash tun. Wow!

Gail and Bo provided plenty of eats for the hunger brewers. Brats and hamburgers with lots of side dishes. Bo had a 5 gallon keg of Porter that he brewed at the club birthday party on May 1st. We about wiped it out..... Some other members (and non-members) came by during the day. The swimming pool proved refreshing during the afternoon heat. Rain clouds were close by but didn't drop any on us though some areas had some pretty bad flash flooding. As the pictures show, we all had a good time and look forward to enjoying the finished beer. If you were not there, try to make the next one. And even if you don't brew, you will enjoy visiting with your fellow brewers and you might see what special homebrew gadgets some of us have. All of us want to thank Bo and Gail for hosting the day. It was fun!



Happy 4th of July!

<h2 style="margin: 0;">North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Membership Form</h3>			
Name <i>(Please print)</i>		Membership Length	
Address		1 Year - \$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	June 1 - May 31, _____
City	State	2 Years - \$38 <input type="checkbox"/>	June 1 - May 31, _____
Zip Code	3 Years - \$54 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Email Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to be listed in the club directory!	
Received by		Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I would like to receive Livin' The Brews via Email as well as regular mail (at the above Email address)			
Signature: _____			Date: _____

By signing this form I fully understand the following –

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, judgement and reactions. I accept responsibility for my conduct, behavior and actions as well as those of my guests. I absolve and indemnify the North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc., and it's officers of any responsibility for my conduct, behavior and/or actions as well as that of my guests.

**Mail to: Jim Layton 567 Celtic Rd. Howe, TX 75459**

## North Texas Home Brewers Association, Inc.

### Suggestion Sheet

The Board of Directors is always looking for suggestions on ways to improve your club!  
 Fill out this form and give it to a board member or mail it to  
 Steven Hacker, NTHBA, Inc. , PO Box 168274, Irving, TX 75016

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