

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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Quick Sips for September:

Officer's Meeting	@ Dog Haus Biergarten	September 5 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Club Meeting	@ Flying Saucer Garland	September 12 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Brew Day	@ Andrew Kotas'	September 16 th	9:00am—3:00pm
Campout	@ Cedar Creek Brewery	September 30 th	Afternoon/Overnight

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

Prez Sez by Fred David

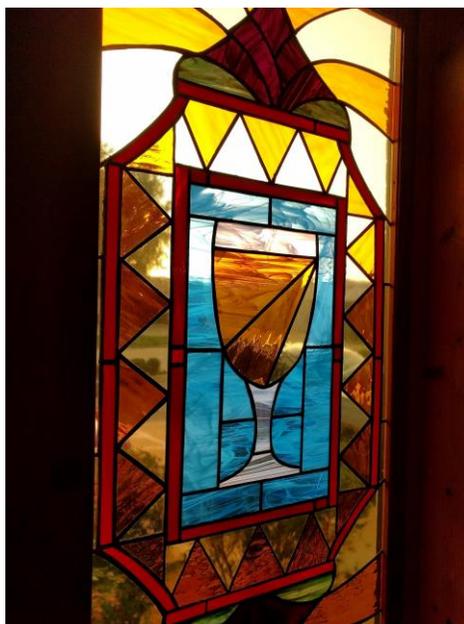
It's now the end of August and our annual Limbo Competition has come and gone. Please extend many thanks to Brian and Melinda Beyer for hosting everything from login through the awards ceremony. If you weren't there you missed a great social time along with the fact that we squeaked out a club victory barely with us edging the Cane Island Alers by one point. We most likely would have done better but for some reason this year we were missing entries from several of our top-notch brewers. Hopefully they will be back in the mix next year. I know I have been preaching mead for the past few months and I will put that to rest after this article. It is close to too late to have a decent entry for next year's Bluebonnet Brew-off but it would be the perfect time to make one and let it age for until 2019. If you are going to brew any big beers such as Belgians, Strong Scotch Ales, and Barley wines, your window of opportunity for entering next spring's competitions is quickly coming to a close. Also, it's time to consider brewing your lagers. Schwarzbier, Munich Helles, Vienna Lager and both German and Bohemian Pilsners are difficult to make but are so satisfying when you make a great one. We have several people in our club that are quite adept at brewing lagers and are willing to give pointers to those who may want to venture into the world of lagers. If brewing lager is not your thing, think English. English IPA, English Barleywine, Old Ale, Porter, Brown Ale and Stout. Please, let's bring the Bluebonnet Trophy back home where it belongs.

We have been truly blessed, for the most part, with the weather we have had this summer but I am really waiting for fall. Fall is, in my opinion, the best time of year. A temperature with highs

in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s is perfect for all kinds of activities. We finally get a chance to sit outside with friends and not roast to death, but fall also reminds me of harvest, which brings me to apples, pears and cider. Now is a great time to consider making Cider and Perry for next year's Bluebonnet. In addition, Cider and Perry make for very popular drinks around the house. I know we don't have a great choice in the kind of apples that make good blends for fermenting but there is a great orchard within 5 hours drive to the west. The name of the orchard is Apple Country Orchards and they are located in Idalou, Texas, about 30 miles east of Lubbock. They grow about 28 varieties of apples and press and freeze juice. I have brought back juice from there in the past and will do so again this year.

Finally, it is getting to be that time of year where we need to start thinking about who is going to run the club next year. I will be serving as past president and will help our club in any way necessary but we really do need some new blood in leadership roles. I started brewing about 17 years ago and had a tremendous amount of help getting started and achieving the level of brewer I am now from a bunch of really great people who served as officers during this time. I got involved as an officer in 2005 because I wanted to give back some of what I received in help and encouragement. Serving as an officer of the NTHBA does not require a tremendous amount of time but the roles that are filled are absolutely critical to keeping our organization moving forward. I really hope that there are some of you that would like to help make the difference between a brew club and a great brew club by getting involved. Next month we will be asking for short "brewing" biographies to be submitted to the officers so that we can have them in the news letter for the membership to read prior to voting at the November meeting. If being an officer is not your bag, there are going to be a lot of opportunities to get involved with the NTHBA next year! In 2019, it is NTHBA's turn to host the Bluebonnet Brew-off and James Smith will be director. We will need all the help we can get to make sure we have a great experience for everyone.

*Until then,
Prosit!!!*



The First Sip by Nicole Saladin

Guten Tag fellow brewers,

September is here and believe it or not it's cooled off a bit! We did not have a brew day in August due to Limbo activities so if you thought you'd missed out, don't panic, we are having a brew day in September!

This month the club brew day will be held on Saturday, September 16th at the home of Andrew Kotas in Plano. Andrew lives at 8133 Rosemont Dr Plano, TX 75025. The brewing will get started around 9am and wrap up around 3pm with the club providing lunch. For those of you brewing, Andrew has a gate on the right side of the house to get your brew equipment to the back patio. Hope to see you there!

The campout at Cedar Creek Brewery is this month! Cedar Creek is expecting us on Saturday, September 30th anytime in the afternoon! Join us for good beer, friends and one last chance to break out the camping gear for the year. This event is always a fun time and thanks to Cedar Creek for hosting us four years running now! Don't miss it!

Looking ahead to October. The October brew day will be on Saturday, October 21st at James Smith's house in Plano. The Fall party will be held by Bill James again this year on Saturday, October 28th and will be a Halloween themed event so put on your best costume and join us!

November is Teach a friend to brew month and the club brew day will be held by Dallas Homebrew at their store in Carrollton. Grab a friend, get to Dallas Homebrew and teach them how to brew their very own beer! Teach a Friend to Brew will be held on Saturday, November 4th. You can't beat new friends and brewing!

That's all for now!

Cheers,

Nicole



August Club Meeting @ Lakewood Brewing Company

Competition Corner by Matt Parulis

September is here and the weather is starting to get cooler...in theory anyway! The competition schedule is winding down for the year but there are still opportunities to pick up some points in the Brewer Royale and Brewer of the Year standings. This month we have results from 3 Lone Star Circuit competitions, entries being accepted for the last Lone Star Circuit competition of the year, and a club competition. If you have any questions or comments on competitions, please email me at firstVP@nthba.org.

September Competitions at a Glance

9/2	Dixie Cup Entries Open
9/9 - 9/10	O'zapft Judging - TX Brewing Inc. - 9am
9/12	Club Meeting - Lake Flying Saucer - bring Sept COC entries
9/15	Sept COC Entry Drop off Deadline
9/18	Dixie Cup Packing Party - Dallas Homebrew - 5p
9/23	Dixie Cup Entries Close & Drop off Deadline
9/23	TX Mead Cup Awards

September Club Competition

The COC schedule for 2017 is in the home stretch with just 2 competitions left! September focuses on Fruit, Wild, and Sour beers from categories 23, 28, & 29. Entries will be collected at the September meeting on Tuesday 9/12 and the drop off deadline will be Friday 9/15 at Dallas Homebrew and Homebrew Headquarters. Judging will take place the following week. If you are interested in helping with judging, please email me at firstVP@nthba.org.

Limbo Challenge

The Limbo Challenge wrapped up in August and the NTHBA had a pretty good showing taking home 12 medals and 2 honorable mentions. The results are listed below. I wanted to take a minute and thank everyone on the committee who helped make the 2017 Limbo Challenge happen. Dean Weaver for stepping up as director, Mike Grover as head judge, Steven Franks as Head Steward and to Brian & Melinda Beyer for hosting check-in, judging, and the awards ceremony at their home. A special thank you to Steven Franks who not only served as head steward but also took on the duty of shipping out medals within a week of the awards! Thank you to all involved! The competition would not happen without these volunteers!

Ozapft Is Judging

Some of the folks from the Cap & Hare were nice enough to come out and judge for Limbo this year. Ozapft judging is coming up on 9/9 and 9/10 at TX Brewing Inc in Haltom City so it's time for the NTHBA to return the favor. If you are available to help with judging on either of these days, please take some time to go out and judge a flight or 2. Judging will start at 9am on 9/9. Check the competition site or Facebook page for the latest info.

Dixie Cup Packing Party

The club will host one more packing party in 2017 for the Dixie Cup. The party will take place on Mon 9/18 starting at 5p at Dallas Homebrew in Carrollton. DHB will close at 6p that day so please arrive as close to 5p as possible to give yourself plenty of time to pack entries. As always, the club will provide packing supplies and pay shipping charges to send the entries to the Dixie Cup.

Cheers!

Matt



August Club Meeting @ Lakewood Brewing Company

Competition Spotlight

Lone Star Circuit Results

Results this month include Operation Fermentation, the Homebrew Inquisition and Limbo Challenge. Congratulations to all placed and thank you to those who entered!

Operation Fermentation

- John Driscoll – 3rd Place – Amber Malty European – Fat Finger Oktoberfest – Marzen (6A)

Homebrew Inquisition

- Anthony Gachima – 3rd Place – Sour Beers - Sacred Ibis Artisan Ales

Limbo Challenge

- John Driscoll –
 - Fat Finger-Read Between the Lines – American Pale Ale (18B) – 1st Place – American Ale & 3rd Best of Show.
 - Fat Finger Saison – Saison (25B) – 1st Place Belgian Ale
- Steven Franks – Tan Line Lager – Intl Amber Lager (2B) – 3rd Place European Lager
- Mike Grover – A Dort By Any Other Name – German Exportbier (5C) – 1st Place Pale Bitter European
- Jimmy Orkin –
 - The New Weize Ass Hefeweizen – Weissbier (10A) - 2nd Place German & Belgian Wheat –
 - North Carrollton IPA – Specialty IPA (21B) – 2nd Place Session IPA
 - Honorable Mention - No Lager Pilsner (German Pils 5D) & Belma Pale Ale (American Pale Ale 18B)
- Andrew Barker – Victor St Patio Ale – English Golden Ale (12A) – 3rd Place British Bitter & Pale
- Matt Parulis – Boston Brown – English Brown Ale (13B) – 1st Place British Brown
- Doug Nett – Jeremy’s English Porter – English Porter (13C) – 3rd Place British Brown
- Steven Barsalou – Warcola Citrafruity Funk – Specialty IPA (21B) – 3rd Place Session IPA
- Dean Weaver – Deanitude Belma Lynn – Saison (25B) – 3rd Place Belgian Ale
- Erich Gens – Robusto Smoked Porter – Classic Smoked Beer (32A) – 1st Place Wild, Sour, Smoked, & Woody

Brewer Royale Standings 2017

Dean Weaver – 5 pts
 Fred David – 3 pts
 Dave Kutschman – 3 pts
 John Driscoll – 3 pts
 Jimmy Orkin – 2 pts
 Kevin Smith – 2 pts
 Matt Parulis – 2 pts
 Don Trotter – 1 pt

Brewer of the Year Standings

Dean Weaver – 11.5 pts
 Matt Parulis – 8 pts
 John Driscoll – 8 pts
 Dave Kutschman – 6 pts
 Jimmy Orkin – 4 pts
 Fred David – 3 pts
 Steven Franks – 3 pts
 Mike Grover – 3 pts
 Erich Gens – 3 pts
 Layne McBeath – 2 pts
 Jesse Thoresen – 1 pt
 Walter Hodges – 1 pt
 Anthony Gachima – 1 pt
 Andrew Barker – 1 pt
 Steven Barsalou – 1 pt
 Doug Nett – 1 pt

Remaining 2017 Club Only Competitions

<i>Category</i>	<i>Sub</i>	<i>Month</i>
Fruit, Wild, & Sour Beers	23, 28, 29	September
Euro Beers	3-9	November

The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

Expenses from the Limbo Challenge are still being collected, so I won't have a final accounting of this year's event until September.

As I mentioned at the club meeting, we are looking for a few good men and women to step up and run for an officer position. Being an officer is not a huge investment of time, but does require your dedication. Each position is responsible for some aspect of the club and each job is important to the success of the club. Several of the current officers have pulled several tours of duty and would like a break. This [link](#) will take you to the officer duties page so you can see what is expected from each position. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please speak to any of the current officers and try to make it out to an officer's meeting to get an idea of how the club is run.



Financial Summary			
Equity ended 7/31	\$8709.68	2017/2018 Memberships	82
Equity as of 8/14	\$8305.56		
Note: Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Current financials are available at: groups -> financials-corner -> financial-statement-archive">http://www.nthba.org -> groups -> financials-corner -> financial-statement-archive			

Additional financial information may be requested by club members by emailing the treasurer at: treasurer@nthba.org.

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>

Prosit!

Walter

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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!

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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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