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Quick Sips for September

Officer's Meeting @Bavarian Grill September 5th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Club Meeting @NTHBS September 12th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Brewday @Smitty's September 23rd 9am – 3pm

These and other events can be found on our Club Calendar.

Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

Welcome to September. Here's hoping this month brings some cooler brewing weather after the record temps we had last month.

Limbo 2023 is in the books, and congrats to those club members who medaled. Unfortunately, NTHBA was not able to follow up last year's success where we had several first place medals, Best of Show, and swept the lawnmower category. This year, a large presence from the Houston clubs, especially Bay Area Mashtronauts, locked us out of any first place showings. Personally, I was not able to brew much leading up to the competition this year, but hope to plan better for 2024.

At our September club meeting we will have guest speaker Blake Gordon, owner of Breaking Brew Meadery, located in Farmers Branch TX. Breaking Brew was the exclusive mead supplier for the 2023 Scarborough Renaissance Festival in Waxahachie. This will be a fun change for most of us who are primarily beer brewers. Come with your mead related questions.

Looking ahead, it is not too early to start thinking about brewing beers for Bluebonnet 2024. If you are planning to enter beers in Bluebonnet, start thinking about your lager entries now. Getting those going soon will allow lots of time for lagering and clearing.

Also, as we get closer to the end of the year it is time to think of officer elections. We do have turnover every year, and it is good to get new people to take a leadership role in the club. If you are thinking about becoming an officer and want to know more, come join us at our next officer meeting. Officer meetings are open to anyone, just let one of the officers know at https://nthba.org/contact/, so we can plan for seating.

Prost,

Terry

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The First Sip by Marcio Fazzani

The Ninth Round of Socials by Marcio Fazzani

As a quick recap of August, we'd like to extend a hearty round of applause to everyone who contributed to the success of the Limbo Challenge. From the Director and the Data Guy to the dedicated volunteers during the login process, the judges, NTHBS for their support with the login location, and the Beyer's family for graciously hosting our Summer Party and the Limbo Award Ceremony

We all hope this Texas heat that is not a joke can give us a break in September so we can enjoy our socials events planned for this month. Our calendar kicks off with the Officers meeting, which is open to all members interested in participating. Following that, our club meeting provides an opportunity for you to share your homebrews and engage with fellow enthusiasts. As the month draws to a close, we conclude with our Brew Day hosted at Smitty's place.

A quick reminder that our club meetup this month will be at 2023 Addison Oktoberfest event, Eventbrite tickets are on sale for \$15 each. We obtained 3 tables, that makes 24 seats total. At this point we have one member on the waitlist that still needs to buy his ticket. That leaves 1 final ticket available. If you want that final ticket, go put your name on the waitlist at the link below.

Eventbrite Link

Any questions please contact me directly at socials@nthba.org.

Here is what we have on tap for September

- 1. Sep 5 Officer's meeting at Bavarian Grill
 - Address: 3425 Premier Dr, Plano, TX 75023
 - We will be arriving around 6:30pm with business starting at 7:00pm
- 2. **Sep 12** Club meeting at NTHBS
 - Address: 17811 Davenport Rd., Suite #11 Dallas, TX 75252
 - As usual socializing for the first 30 minutes starting at 6:30 and official business starting around 7:00pm
 - Bring your favorite homebrew to share
- 3. Sep 15 2023 Addison Oktoberfest
 - Address: Addison Circle Park 4970 Addison Circle, Addison, TX 75001
 - Time: 6pm to 11:59pm
- 4. Sep 23 Brew Day at Smitty's place
 - Address: 4100 Camino Dr, Plano TX 75074
 - Time: 9a-4pm
 - Lunch will be provided by the club
 - Please bring your homebrew or favorite beer to share

Brew Day

2023 Schedule below

2023 BREW DAY SCHEDULE			
DATE	HOST	ADDRESS	
January 14, 9am-4pm	Mike Grover	1939 Castille Dr, Carrollton TX	
February	No Brew Day	Due to Bluebonnet Judging	
March 11, 9am-4pm	Garry Beckham	2321 Stacia Drive, Plano TX	
April 15, 9am-4pm	Matt Parulis	1805 Redbud Cir, Carrolton TX 75006	
May 6	3 Nations Brewing	1033 Vandergriff Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006	

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DATE	HOST	ADDRESS
June 10	Jason Garland	3122 Meadowood Dr, Garland TX 75040
July	No Brew Day	Club Meetup at Brass Tap Allen instead
August	No Brew Day	Due to Limbo Judging
Sept 23, 9am-4pm	James Smith	4100 Camino Dr, Plano TX, 75074
October	Walter Hodges	
November	First Sat: Reserved AHA	AHA – TBD
December	Bill Lawrence	2008 Glenn Meadow Court, Richardson TX 75081

Facts About Beer and Homebrewing

Beer Jokes!

- What's the difference between deer nuts and beer nuts? Beer nuts are always over a dollar, deer nuts are always under a buck.
- 4 beer company CEOs walk into a bar
 - The CEO of Budweiser orders a Bud Light.
 - The CEO of Miller orders a Miller Light.
 - The CEO of Coors orders a Coors Light.
 - The CEO of Guinness orders a Coke.
 - The first three ask the CEO of Guinness why he didn't order a Guinness, to which he replied: I figured if you 3 weren't ordering beer it would be rude for me to.
- My pizza is burnt, my beer is frozen, and my girlfriend is pregnant...I can't pull anything out in time!

Saude! Marcio

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Competition Corner by John Sutton

COC

The September '23 <u>COC registration window</u> will open September 1st and will close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting, which happens to be September 12th at <u>North Texas Homebrew Supply.</u>

Bring your 2 bottles to the meeting (if you can't make the meeting, please make arrangements ahead of time), if you don't have entries for the September COC we always have opportunities for judging as well.

As a reminder the COC is open to all BJCP '21 styles. Brew what you like to drink, and we'll judge it for you.

Lone Star Circuit competitions for '23 is over the year, results below.

Operation Fermentation, Cane Island Alers

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Lunar Rendezbrew 29, Bay Area Mashtronauts

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Congratulations to Doug Hicks who collected the gold medal for his Biere de Garde (Belgian Ale (24C)), Doug gets a point added to his Brewer Royale standings

Spirt of '76 Homebrew Competition , The Horsemen of the Hopocalypse

Completed, <u>award ceremony</u> here

Congratulations to Mark Rendon who took home 1^{st} and 2^{nd} place medals and Mark adds a point to his Brewer Royale standing with the 1^{st} place finish.

Big Batch Brew Bash, Kuykendahl Gran Brewers

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Homebrew Inquisition, Austin Zealots

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Completed, Winning Entries posted here

<u>Limbo Challenge (NTHBA hosted/run)</u>

Completed, Winning Entries posted here

Alamo City Cerveza Fest, Bexar Brewers

Registration is closed, awards will be September 16th

Belgian Bew Brawl hosted by the South Area Zymurgists (SAAZ) has been cancelled for '23

Dixie Cup, hosted by the Foam Rangers has been cancelled for '23

Competition Hints

While Lonestar and Limbo maybe over for this year, we still have this month's COC and the November COC that you can use to get feedback on your '24 Bluebonnet entries.

Any questions you can reach me at firstvp@nthba.org

Cheers! Tohn

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The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

Treasurer's Report:

MONTH ENDED	EQUITY
2023 BEGINNING	8685.58
JANUARY	8334.74
FEBRUARY	8251.45
MARCH	8316.89
APRL	8479.36
MAY	9664.98
JUNE	10791.95
JULY	13811.73

Current Membership: 56

New/Renewing Members: Timothy McGrath Mukesh Khanal Heath Garner



I for one am ready for summer to be over! Thanks to a successful Limbo Challenge and special raffle, the club finances are in great shape. We will be holding special member only events as thanks for your support. Make sure you are renewed to take advantage of these events.

I still have club t-shirts and one work shirt. Club shirts are still available to any current club member. Each member receives one free t-shirt. Additional shirts are available for \$13 each. Work shirts are \$35. I will have shirts available at most club events.

Memberships may be renewed at club meetings and events or by following the directions at: Membership Renewal (nthba.org)

Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Financial reports are available on the club web site at: <u>Financials</u> – North Texas Homebrewers Association (nthba.org)

If you have any questions about the financials, contact me and I will be happy to share club financial detail.

Prosit, Walter

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North Texas Homebrew Supply



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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