

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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Quick Sips for October

Officer's Meeting	@Café Amore, Richardson	October 3 rd	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Brewday	@Hodges	October 7 th	9am – 3pm
Club Meeting	@Odd Muse Brewing	October 10 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm

These and other events can be found on our [Club Calendar](#).

Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

Hi All. Fall is officially here but summer does not seem to want to let go. Still hitting temperatures in the upper 90s as September came to a close. I'm starting to sound redundant hoping for cooler weather.

Last month we had a great turnout for the Addison Octoberfest, with 3 tables reserved and 24 members and guests attending. We also had a great club meeting with Blake Gordon from Breaking Brew Meadery giving lots of great information and advice on the art of mead making.

In October we normally have our fall party/Octoberfest, but this year we will be having a pub crawl taking us to several breweries/brewpubs in the downtown Dallas area. See more details later in the newsletter for signup info. Thanks to Walter for coordinating this event.

It is time to start thinking about 2024 Club Officers. The Officer's job is easy and does not take much time. Being an Officer gives you insight into how the club works and is your opportunity to make changes. We always want the perspective new folks bring. Talk to a current officer to understand more what the officers do.

There are several events ongoing or coming up at North Texas Homebrew Supply that should be of interest to club members. If you have been interested in getting your BJCP certification, the BJCP class has started. 2 sessions have been held but it is not too late to join and catch up. Also, the club will be holding the November brew day at NTHBS on the first Saturday in November which is AHA Learn To Brew Day. If you are interested in brewing at the shop that day, let any of the officers know.

We hope to see you at the club meeting, and keep brewing!

*Prost,
Terry*

2023 BREW DAY SCHEDULE		
DATE	HOST	ADDRESS
October 7, 9am-4pm	Walter Hodges	2203 Le Mans Dr, Carrollton TX 75006
November 4	NTHBS	Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day 17811 Davenport Rd Suite 11, Dallas, TX 75252
December	Bill Lawrence	2008 Glenn Meadow Court, Richardson Tx 75081

Facts About Beer and Homebrewing

Today I will describe some facts about Munich Oktoberfest!

- **It's called October but starts on September!!** Its misleading! I get it, but the event started in 1810 and at that time it took place during one week of October, but along the years it was extended, and the starting date was changed to September because the weather is warmer and more pleasing
- **Munich beer only!** Oktoberfest is, above all, a celebration of Bavarian traditions, so the only beer you'll find during the festival is brewed within the city limits of Munich. Only beers that fit these criteria are considered Oktoberfest Beers.
- **It is a 204-year-old** tradition that wasn't originally a beer festival
- **Albert Einstein**, once worked as an electrician and helped to set up one of the beer tents in 1896.
- **People drank 7.5 million liters** in 2011. A Record

Saude!

Marcio

Competition Corner by John Sutton

COC

For the penultimate COC of '23 the September competition was close with 10 entries in 10 different styles. After much discussion the judges, Amanda Garland, James "Smitty" Smith, David Jones and the esteemed Bill Lawrence, selected Heath Garner and his Marzen for the Bronze, Steve Littel picked up the Silver for his Wesissbier, and Marcio Fazzani took home the Gold with his Catharina Sour.

Many thanks to [North Texas Homebrew Supply](#) for allowing us to use their store for few hours and Terry Olinger for staying late. Let's be sure to support the businesses that support the club.

The [registration window](#) for the last COC of the year will open Nov 1st and close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting, which happens to be November 14th at [North Texas Homebrew Supply](#).

Bring your 2 entries to the meeting (if you can't make the meeting, please make arrangements ahead of time), if you don't have entries for the November 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

Winning Entries posted [here](#)

[Lunar Rendezbrew 29](#) , Bay Area Mashtronauts

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.

[Spirit of '76 Homebrew Competition](#) , The Horsemen of the Hopocalypse

[Award ceremony](#) here

