

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association

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Quick Sips for December

Officers Meeting	@Little Greek Fresh Grill	December 5 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Brewday	@Bill Lawrence's	December 9 th	9am – 3pm
Club Meeting	@Lakewood Brewing Co.	December 12 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

Prez Sez by Terry Olinger

Hi fellow homebrewers! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will find some time to brew over the upcoming Christmas and New Year's weekends.

This is my final month as president, with new officers taking over come January, or at least new roles for the officers as the slate of names will be very familiar. Below is a list of the five elected officers plus two appointed positions. We will have a Minister of Education, an appointed position, which went unfilled last year.

Outgoing 2023 Officers

- Terry Olinger – President
- John Sutton – First VP/Competitions
- Marcio Fazzani – 2nd VP/Socials
- Walter Hodges – Treasurer
- Jimmy Orkin - Secretary
- *Open* – Minister of Education
- James Smith – Past President

2024 Officers

- James Smith
- John Sutton
- Marcio Fazzani
- Walter Hodges
- Jimmy Orkin
- David Biershenk – Minister of Education
- Terry Olinger – Past President

I want to thank all the officers who served this past year and are serving the club in 2024. We had several changes and new activities in 2023 compared to past years. We held a Dallas area club get together and raffle in June with 3 other Dallas based clubs, We had a get together at Addison Octoberfest, and held a pub crawl in October. The club also held on to the Bluebonnet club trophy, but were not so successful in our own Limbo contest.

Here's looking forward to a great 2024!

Prost,
Terry

The First Sip by Marcio Fazzani

The Twelfth Round of Socials by Marcio Fazzani

Hello everyone, to close out the month of November, I would like to say a big Thanks to Eric for hosting both monthly brew day as well as the club meeting at NTHBS. Special thanks for the new club member Francisco Sierra that provided lunch during the monthly brew day.

December Officer's meeting will be at Little Greek fresh grill, club meeting will be at Lakewood Brewing and the brew day will be hosted by Bill Lawrence.

Upcoming events in January/2024:

1. Brew day in Jan 13 will be hosted by Mike Grover
2. Winter Party either in Jan 20 or Jan 27 – We will provide more information on date and location once decision is made.

Here is what we have on tap for December

1. **Dec 5 – Officer's meeting at Little Greek fresh grill**
 - Address: 1920 N Coit Rd Ste. 241, Richardson, TX 75080
 - BYOB, so bring your favorite drink
 - We will be arriving at 6:30p and business starting at 7pm. Club members are welcome!
2. **Dec 9 – Brew Day at Bill Lawrence place**
 - Address: 2008 Glenn Meadow Court, Richardson Tx 75081
 - Club will provide lunch
 - Please bring your homebrew or favorite beer to share
 - Time from 9:00a to 3:00p
3. **Dec 12 – Club Meeting at Lakewood Brewing Company**
 - Address: 2302 Executive Dr, Garland, TX 75041
 - We will be arriving around 6:30pm with business starting at 7:00pm

Brew Day

2023 Schedule below

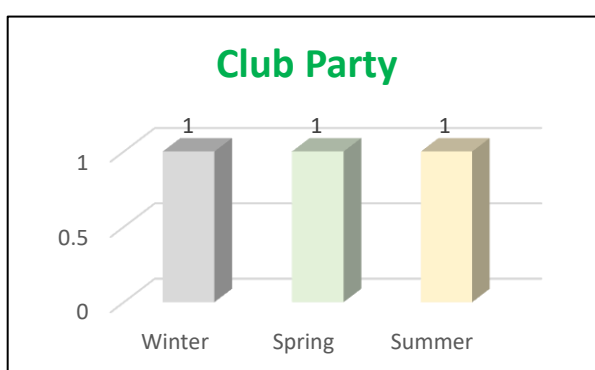
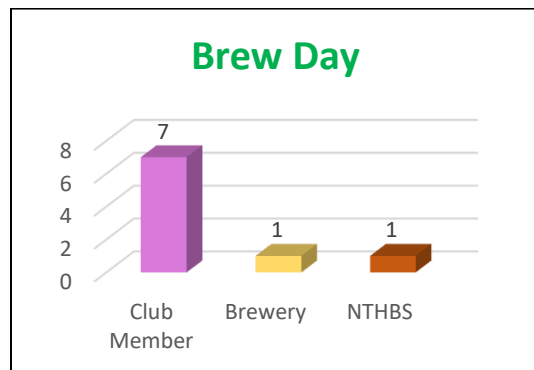
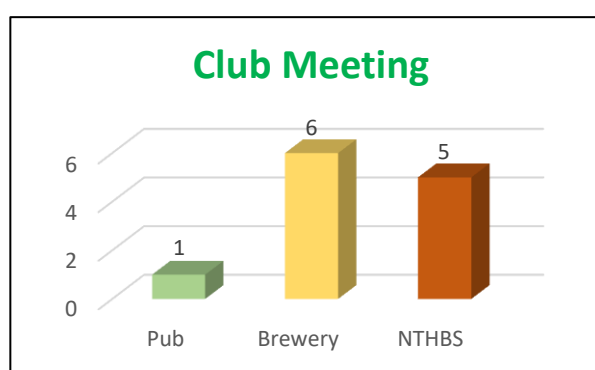
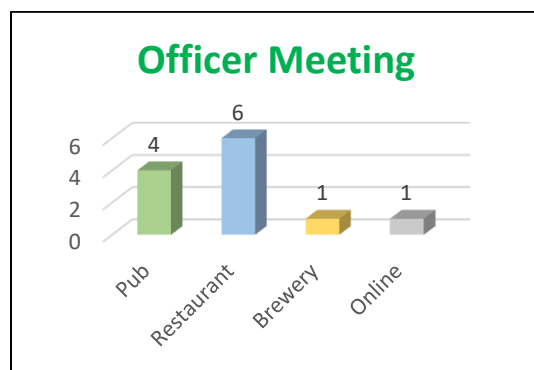
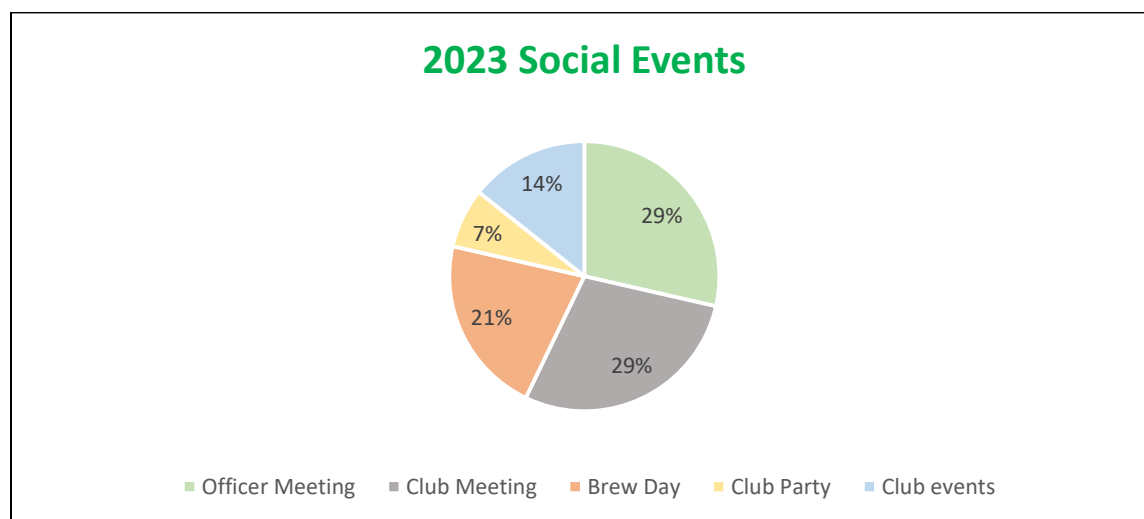
2023 BREW DAY SCHEDULE		
DATE	HOST	ADDRESS
January 14, 9am-4pm	Mike Grover	1939 Castille Dr, Carrollton TX
February	No Brew Day	Due to Bluebonnet Judging
March 11, 9am-4pm	Garry Beckham	2321 Stacia Drive, Plano TX
April 15, 9am-4pm	Matt Parulis	1805 Redbud Cir, Carrollton TX 75006
May 6	3 Nations Brewing	1033 Vandergriff Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006
June 10	Jason Garland	3122 Meadowood Dr, Garland TX 75040

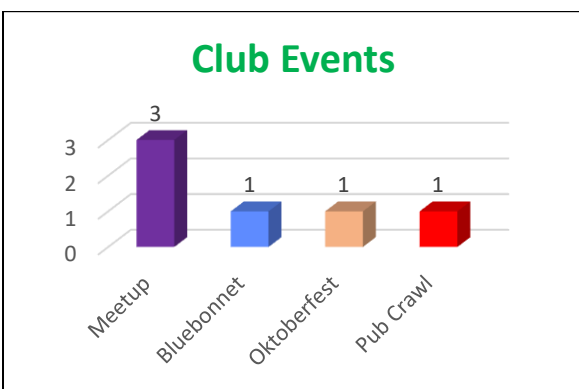
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Amber and Brown American Beer American Porter and Stout IPA Specialty IPA Strong American Ale European Sour Ale Belgian Ale Strong Belgian Ale Monastic Ale Historical Beer American Wild Ale
 Fruit Beer Spiced Beer Alternative Fermentables Beer Smoked Beer Wood Beer Specialty Beer Standard Cider and Perry Specialty Cider and Perry Local Styles Traditional Mead Fruit Mead Spiced Mead Specialty Mead

2023 BREW DAY SCHEDULE		
DATE	HOST	ADDRESS
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 7, 9am-4pm	Walter Hodges	2203 Le Mans Dr, Carrollton TX 75006
November 4	NTHBS	17811 Davenport Rd Suite 11, Dallas, TX 75252
December 9, 9am-3pm	Bill Lawrence	2008 Glenn Meadow Court, Richardson Tx 75081

2023 Social Events Recap





List of the commercial and residential places visited

1. The Londoner Pub
2. GRRROWLER'S Tap Room & Beer Garden
3. Old 75 Beer Garden
4. Rugby House
5. The Brass Tap
6. Bavarian Grill
7. Palio's Pizza
8. Café Amore
9. Little Greek fresh grill
10. Armor Brewing Co
11. Bitter Sisters Brewery
12. Four Bullets Brewery
13. Oak Highlands Brewery
14. 3 Nations Brewing
15. ODD Muse Brewing Company
16. Lakewood Brewing Company
17. North Texas Homebrew Supply
18. Brew days and Parties hosted by club members: Mike Grover, Garry Beckham, Matt Parulis, Jason Garland, James "Smitty" Smith, Walter Hodges, Bill Lawrence, Terry Olinger and Brian and Melinda Beyer

"Muito Obrigado por todos que participaram dos eventos sociais realizados no ano de 2023"

Saude!

Marcio

Competition Corner by John Sutton

COC

The last COC of the year had many excellent beers, the combined average score was the highest it's been all year (you will have to take my word for it as I'm not going to dump the scores in Excel and plot it out, as that would be like my day job)

We had 9 total entries and with all the excellent beers the judges pushed 6 beers to the mini-BOS. After extended back and forth, the bronze medal goes to Marcio Fazzani with his Imperial Stout. The silver medal went to Doug Hicks with a Scottish Heavy that was not heavy ABV and the gold goes to David Bierschenk with a Dark Mild. Congratulations to all medal winners and all who entered.

Thanks to Harry Anderson, Amanda Garland, James "Smitty" Smith and Terry Olinger for judging these excellent beers

Many thanks to [North Texas Homebrew Supply](#) for allowing us to use their store for a 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 first COC of 2024 will open Jan 1st and close at 5pm on the day of the club meeting, which happens to be January 9th 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 January 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, but we have events for '24 scheduled already. I'll post dates as I receive them.

As a reminder the club will pay for shipping to LSC competitions.

[Operation Fermentation](#), Cane Island Alers

Registration opens Nov 11th and closes January 5th

Drop off is from Dec 15th through January 5th

Note: As of Dec 1st was at 612 of limit of 700

Bluebonnet Brew-Off

Registration opens January 2nd and closes January 27th

Drop off is from January 3rd through January 27th

On Site Drop Off & Login February 3rd Peace Lutheran Church

Spirit of '76 (link is not currently working)

Registration opens May 20th and closes June 4th

Drop off is from June 4th through June 8th

KGB Big Batch Brew Bash

Registration opens June 7th and closes June 21st

Drop off is from June 7th and closes June 21st

Competition Hints

If you are brewing a specialty beer that per the BJCP the entry needs to state the base beer and/or specialty ingredient the more specific you are the better and don't leave the judges to guess.

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

Cheers!

John

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
APRIL	8479.36
MAY	9664.98
JUNE	10791.95
JULY	13811.73
AUGUST	12723.78
SEPTEMBER	10555.30
OCTOBER	10920.71



Current Membership: 73

New/Renewing Members:

Charles Henderson
Colleen Galles
Michael Marshall
Francisco Sierra

As the year winds down, the club financials are in great shape. We had several special events thanking members for their support of the club. Our bus was not quite full but those who took part in the pub crawl had a great time. In 2024 we will look for more ways to give back to the club members.

Memberships may be renewed at club meetings and events or by following the directions at:

[Membership Renewal \(nthba.org\)](https://nthba.org/membership-renewal)

Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Financial reports are available on the club web site at:

[Financials – North Texas Homebrewers Association \(nthba.org\)](https://nthba.org/financials)

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

*Prosit,
Walter*

