LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association Volume XXXIX Issue III – March 2024



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Quick Sips for March

Officers Meeting	@Lockwood Distilling	March 5th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	
Club Meeting	@NTHBS	March 12 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	
Bluebonnet Awards	@Holiday Inn Alliance	March 23 rd	Noon – 10:00pm	
These and other events can be found on our <u>Club Calendar</u> .				

Prez Sez by Marcio Fazzani

Happy March NTHBA family!

Bluebonnet

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The month of February was very active and busy with the entry's login and judging sessions for the last 3 weekends. I would like to express my appreciation for all of you that have volunteered and helped – THANK YOU

For all of you that will be attending the Award ceremony weekend, there will be volunteering opportunities like pub crawl coordination, registration desk, serving beer and other functions. Once we learn more, we will keep you informed.

For those of you that would like to bring your good beer for the People's choice event, please fill out the google form (link below) to reserve your spot.

2024 Goals

2024 Goals	Objectives	
Knowledge Share Expansion	Gain expertise in various beer styles and brewing processes Refine brewing techniques Interact in collaborative hands-on activities	
Elevate judging skills	Enhance scoresheet proficiency Familiarize yourself with the best practices in judging Develop and strengthen sensory evaluation skills	
Drive Engangement	Evaluate and upgrade the current structure of club events Encourage members to contribute ideas and suggestions Promote innovation within the club	
Data Protection	Protect personal data	

At North Texas Homebrewers Association, we're all about bringing beer lovers together for a good time! Our mission? To build a lively and welcoming community where everyone can learn, improve their skills, and get creative with beer. Cheers to the spirit of camaraderie, growth, and trying something new!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the next club meeting, if you have any questions, please direct them to me at president@nthba.org.

Saude! Marcio

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 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

The First Sip by James Smith

Greetings, homebrewers! Welcome to March and what looks to be an early start to Spring here in our fare burg. I know many of you have had your heads down and noses buried in many sample cups of homebrew helping to judge Bluebonnet entries. For that, your assistance is ever so appreciated. Most, if not all of the judging should be in the books and we are now looking ahead to the awards ceremony in hopes of securing many medals and yet another club of the year award.

With that, a reminder on the Bluebonnet event weekend coming up March 22-23. There will be much going on at the event both days, from pub crawls to stein hoisting competition to beer and food pairing, and much more, culminating in the awards ceremony and homebrew showcase Saturday evening. More information HERE. Tickets can be purchased HERE.

Speaking of the homebrew showcase(where we as members bring our homebrew to share following the awards), YOU are invited to serve your beer at this portion of the event on the club kegerator. We have started a signup if you want to participate. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN UP, YOU ARE NOT GUARANTEED A TAP. Please go HERE to reserve your tap on the club kegerator.

Notable Club Social Events Coming Up (Please mark your calendars!!):

- March Brewday There is no brewday planned currently. We will get the brewdays started back up next month!
- March Officer Meeting March 5 at Lockwood Distilling in Richardson. Address HERE. •
- March Club Meeting March 12 at North Texas Homebrew Supply in Dallas. Address • HERE.

You can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar HERE.

As always, if ever you have a question or comments, or if you would like to provide suggestions or feedback about a specific event, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at socials@nthba.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Cheers! James, aka "Smitty"

Competition Corner by John Sutton

Club Only Competition (COC)

March means time for the COC, the <u>registration window</u> for the March COC will open March 1st and close at 5pm on the day of the club March meeting, which convene March 12th at <u>North Texas Homebrew Supply</u>.

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 March COC we always have opportunities for judging and as a bonus you get 1 point in the Brewer Royale standings for judging.

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.

Limbo Competition

Dates have been set for Limbo Challenge 2024. The Limbo competition is hosted and run by NTHBA, focusing on session beers, generally with starting gravity of 1.050 or less. Entries should be refreshing summer beers you would enjoy drinking on a hot day. Due to the focus on session beers, entry styles are limited to those which are traditionally lower starting gravity. You won't find imperial stouts or Belgian Quads so if you want to enter, remember the Limbo Challenge -"How Low Can You Go?"

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Registration opens: Sunday 7/7 Registration Closes: Friday 7/26 Login: Saturday 7/27 Judging: Friday 8/2 and Saturday 8/3 Awards Party: Saturday 8/17

This year Terry Olinger has volunteered as Competition Director. More information will be provided as planning continues. You can view the competition website limbocomp.org for the accepted styles.

Lone Star Circuit competitions for '24

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

Operation Fermentation, Cane Island Alers

Winners will be posted on March 2nd.

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Bluebonnet Brew-Off

Winners will be announced, and awards handed out March 23rd

Thanks again to all who volunteered with checking and judging.

Lunar Rendez Brew XXX

Registration/Drop off is March 11th and closes April 14th

For convenience the Bluebonnet Awards will be a drop off point for entries.

Spirt 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/Drop off is June 1st and closes June 14th

Other competitions

Bubble & Squeak and Peticolas Brewing

Deadline is March 23rd

Competition Hints

With Limbo just around the corner on the brewing calendar, the COC is a great opportunity to get feedback on your beer before submitting the entry to Limbo.

Any questions you can reach me at <u>firstvp@nthba.org</u>

Cheers! Tohn

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The Treasurer's Report by Walter Hodges

Treasurer's Report:

MONTH ENDED	EQUITY
2023 BEGINNING	10827.46
JANUARY	10314.71

Current Membership: 81

New/Renewing Members:

Andrew Jeffery **Daniel Treat**



Welcome to our newest members and thanks for your

support. March brings us Bluebonnet beers and hopefully lots of awards, but it is also the start of our 2024/2025 membership drive. Starting on March 1st, you can sign up or renew your membership that will be good through May 31st, 2025. Current memberships are good through May 31st, 2024. Memberships will continue to be \$30 for the full year.

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: Financials – 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.

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Hello,

I am happy to announce a brewing experiment later this spring!

Thank you to Eric Morgan for suggesting a split batch yeast experiment, where several brewers brew an identical pale ale recipe and split their batch into 2 fermenters, each with different yeast.

Our plan is to complete the experiment in May and taste all the pale ales at the club meeting May 14th. I will send a blog post with the recipe when it is finalized. We'd like to get several volunteers and coordinate the yeast choices to get a wide variety. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions reach out to Eric or me.

education@nthba.org

Cheers, David

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Our Supporting Home Brew Stores



North Texas Homebrew Supply



<u>Kettle To Keg</u>

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!

"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.





