

LIVIN' THE BREWS

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Quick Sips for April

Officers Meeting	@BJs Brewhouse Plano	April 2 nd	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Club Meeting	@ Happy Hippie Brewing Co	April 9 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Brewday	@Jason Garland	April 20 th	9:00am – 3:00pm

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

Prez Sez by Marcio Fazzani

Happy April NTHBA family!

First quarter is over, and I can say it was intense due to the Bluebonnet competition including login, judging, award ceremony and volunteering. I would like to express my appreciation for all of you that participated and volunteered helping the event to a success.

Even though we did not keep the cup this year, hard work and dedication come with a reward, with that said:

Congratulations to Mark Rendon, Steve Littel, Bill Lawrence, Fred David, James Norman, Doug Hicks, and Jimmy Orkin for your awards.

Mark Rendon	2nd BestOfShow	Best Bitter	Best Bitter
	First	Best Bitter	Best Bitter
	First	London Brown Ale	London Brown Ale
	Second	Dark Mild	Dark Mild
	Third	Oatmeal Stout	Oatmeal Stout
	Third	Historical Beer	Historical Beer
Steve Littel	Thrid	American Lager	Doemling American Lager
Bill Lawrence	First	English IPA	Willy's Limey Juice
Fred David James Dorman	First	English Barleywine	The Parson's Best
Doug Hicks	Second	Belgian Pale Ale	Keep It Classy
	Third	Bière de Garde	Keep On Keepin' On
	Third	Belgian Blond Ale	Blond Without The E
Jimmy Orkin	Second	Belgian Single	Eric Morgan Made Me Brew It

First Quarter also allowed us to have one brew day and participated on two COC competitions.

Congratulation to Mark Rendon, James Smith, Jimmy Orkin, Steve Littel, Evan Brady, Bruce Robinson.

January COC	First	Mark Rendon	British Brown Ale
	Second	James Smith	American Wheat
	Third	Jimmy Orkin	Belgian Single
March COC	First	Steve Littel	Dunkel Weissbier
	Second	Evan Brady Bruce Robinson	Saison
	Third	James Smith	Rauchbier

Since we are starting the second quarter, we will resume social events, continue with our club competition, and start talking about a Limbo which is a competition sponsored by us. That means we have great things in front of us

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

***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!***

Standard American Beer International Lager Czech Lager Pale Malt European Lager Pale Bitter European Lager Pale Malt European Lager Amber Bitter European Lager Dark European Lager Strong European Beer German Wheat Beer British Bitter Beer Commonwealt Beer Brown British Beer Scottish Ale Irish Beer Dark British Beer Strong British Ale Strong American Ale

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

The First Sip by James Smith

Greetings, homebrewers! Welcome to April. Bluebonnet is now behind us, and everyone that attended should be fully recovered. We now have some new things to look forward to. I for one have not been nearly as active on the brewing front as I would like to be, so I need to knock out a couple of my warmer weather staples and potential Limbo entries to have around when it will be far too hot to do anything. Secondly, I plan to finalize a club meetup/event for June...that is unless someone decides they want to host a Spring Party. If you are interested in hosting a club party in May or June, let me know and let's talk about it. E-mail me ASAP at socials@nthba.org. Otherwise, we will likely put together another bus rental and pub crawl route.

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

- **April Brewday** – On April 20, Jason Garland, Rob Edger, and John Krupka will be brewing a Pale Ale at Jason's home in...you guessed it...Garland. His address is 3122 Meadowood Dr, Garland, TX 75040. They will get started around 9 AM and will go until early afternoon...you know, the typical homebrewer's brewday. Lunch will be provided.
- **April Officer Meeting** – April 2 at BJ's Brewhouse in Plano. Address **HERE**.
- **April Club Meeting** – April 9 at Happy Hippie Brewing Co in Richardson. 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! Have a great month.

Cheers!

James, aka "Smitty"

Competition Corner by John Sutton

Club Only Competition (COC)

The March COC had a record number of entries, with a total of 14 entries showcasing 12 different styles, which always makes for an enjoyable round of judging.

After much discussion among the judges; Jimmy Orkin, Marcus Burlison, Des Mora, and Charlie Henderson, the judges selected a Rauchbier brewed by James “Smitty” Smith for the bronze, a Saison brewed by Evan Brady & Bruce Robinson for silver and a Dunkel Weissbier brewed by Steve Littel for the gold.

The [registration window](#) for the next COC will open May 1st and close at 5pm on the day of the club May meeting (always 2nd Tuesday of the month) 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 May COC we always have opportunities for judging and as 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.

Lone Star Circuit competitions for ’24

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

Operation Fermentation, Cane Island Alers

Our own Doug Hicks brought home a lot of hardware, including a 1st and two 3rds, congratulations Doug and the 1st adds one point to his Brewer Royale total.

Bluebonnet Brew-Off

Mark Rendon pulled in 2nd Place in the Best of Show with his Best Bitter, or another way to understand the magnitude of the accomplishment, that is 2nd of 1,406 entries! Way to go Mark!

We had a number of club members who also medal at Bluebonnet (in no order)

- Steve Littel, 3rd
- Mark Rendon, 2nd Best of Show, two 1st, 2nd, two 3rd

- Bill Lawrence, 1st
- Fred David & James Dorman, 1st
- Dough Hicks, 2nd, two 3rd
- Jimmy Orkin, 2nd

Each 1st finisher is awarded one point to their Brewer Royale totals.

Congratulations to all!

[Lunar Rendez Brew XXX](#)

Registration is closed, winners will be announced June 22nd

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

[Limbo Challenge \(NTHBA hosted/run\)](#)

See above link for more details, but as with all popular competitions, registration will fill up fast.

- Registration opens July 7th and closes July 26th
- Login will be July 27th
- Judging 1st weekend will be August 2nd and 3rd
- Awards Ceremony/Party, August 17th

[Alamo City Cerveza Fest](#)

Registration opens July 6th and closes July 27th

500 entry limit (including mead and cider)

Registration link is currently not working.

Other competitions

[Bubble & Squeak and Peticolas Brewing](#)

Deadline is April 1st

Competition Hints

This month *BYO* magazine has an [excellent article by Gordon Strong](#) about using your judging skills to help you brew better beer, its an excellent read.

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	10827.46
JANUARY	10314.71
FEBRUARY	10392.77

Current Membership: 84

New/Renewing Members:

Rodrigo Blanquet
Rob Drechsler
Randy Rancier
Joshua Walton

Welcome to our new and renewing members and thanks for your support.

Bluebonnet Brew-off is behind us and we start thinking of spring brewing and summer beers. You can now sign up or renew your membership that will be good through May 31st, 2025. Memberships purchased before March 1st are good through May 31st, 2024. 2024/2025 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 \(nthba.org\)](https://www.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://www.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*



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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!

"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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