
LIVIN' THE BREWS



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Prez Sez

By Wayne Yandell

Another month is behind us and hopefully the freezing weather, ice and snow days will be a distant memory as our Texas weather turns from winter directly into the summer brewing season! But before summer happens it is time for the Bluebonnet Brewoff. If you have ever attended, this is the year you should commit to going. Its always a great time with lots of interesting people with a passion for making and drinking great beer. To make this event happen I urge you personally to come out and help in getting all the entries processed at judging. We need stewards, helpers and some willing souls to sit down and drink beer and do some serious writing! If you are unsure about committing your opinions, just show up at judging and get paired with an experienced judge and judge a flight. You will come to appreciate the efforts of everyone who make these competitions happen.

Check the forums to get for carpool information. If you don't want to judge but are willing to attend and drive others, that would be a great way to contribute! We have more club events and regional competitions for you to participate in. I know the cold weather is still hanging around, but brewing weather is in full swing, so if you would like to compete you have many events in the Lonestar Circuit for your beer, cider or meads. Go to there website and look at the qualifying competitions. <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/>

In addition to the competitions, our club has a full schedule of club parties, brew days and club meetings so join in and come say hello. I hope to see you at the next club meeting on March 8th at The Allen Wickers in Plano. If you are new to the club or never attended a meeting I hope to see you there!

Cheers

A note from your Secretary
By Larry Papkin

Since we're a little light on articles this month, I thought I'd throw in a couple odds and ends. First, don't forget about the Bluebonnet competition over the next few weekends. The second round of judging will be this coming weekend, March 12th and 13th (if necessary) and we can use all the help we can get. If you don't want to judge there are al-

ways other things to help out with. The more the merrier. And certainly don't forget the big event itself on the 25th and 26th. It will be my first time at the Bluebonnet and I'm really looking forward to it!

Following hot on the heels of the Bluebonnet is the NHC regional judging that we're hosting for the first time. While there won't be as many entries as the Bluebonnet, we will also need mucho help with login and judging, so keep that in mind too. I believe it is coming up in April. More to follow.

As a reminder, there is no brew day in March due to the Bluebonnet judging and event. However, look forward to some good educational presentations at upcoming brew days, which start back up in April. In fact, the April brew day is scheduled for April 30 at Anthony's house and the May brew day is at Kelly's house on the 7th. That makes it back-to-back brew days! Has that ever been done before? I know Chuck is planning some interesting educational presentations for us. One will be a presentation on how to make a yeast starter and I'm sure there will be a lot of interest in that. It should be a good one. Hope to see you at one of the brew days soon. Bring your home brew to share and compare.

Well, that's about all the odds and ends I can think of for now. Hope to see you soon at a beer near you....or me. Later dude.

Larry Papkin

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Club Brewmeisters are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, new and old, with brewing problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late, too early, or during Cowboy games!

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North Texas Home Brewers Association

The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published about once a month. 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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