

LIVIN' THE BREWS



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PINTS OF INTEREST

- BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICER ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER
- THE NEXT BREW DAY IS NOV. 12TH AT JASON STARNE'S HOUSE IN PLANO
- THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS NOV. 8TH AT THE RUGBY HOUSE IN PLANO
- DETAILS OF THE XMAS PARTY IN THIS NEWSLETTER (See What's Brewin by Kim Rhea)

Prez Sez

By **Wayne Yandell**

The year is winding down and the winter brewing season is upon us. Our October club meeting was hosted by Dennis at Franconia Brewery. I would like to thank everyone who took part in making the event a success. It was as always a great meeting at the brewery and I hope everyone had as great a time as I did.

With the year coming to a close, November is the month we vote for a new group of officers. Please look over the submitted biographies of those who have thrown their hats into the ring this year. If you would like to nominate yourself or another person please do so before the November meeting. Ballots will be presented and a vote taken for the 2012 officer selection.

I would like to thank our current officer's for their dedication and service over the past few months. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with such dedicated people who love beer and love their club. I had a great time serving and only wish I could dedicate the time and effort needed to serve again for such a great group of people! I look forward to enjoying the club as a member and hope to help the new group of officer's in any manner I can!

Our next meeting will be held at the Rugby House and I hope to see everyone there!

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Elections for new club officers will be held at the November club meeting at the Rugby House, so please take a look at the bios in this newsletter so you will be able to make an informed decision come voting day. Currently, there are six people running for five officer positions so your vote is crucial if you want a say in who is running the club business.

If anyone else would still like to run for an officer position and just hasn't got around to letting us know, there is still time. Just send a short bio to secretary@nthba.org or to any of the other club officers before the meeting and we'll do our best to get you on the ballot. Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be an experienced homebrewer or have even been a member before (although current membership is required). The club is what we make it. If you think you have something to contribute, consider becoming an officer. It's a lot of fun and a great experience.

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What's Brewin'?

By Kim Rhea

Bill James hosted our October Brew Day. I know everyone looks forward to the Parties and Brew Days you host. Thank you Bill, again, for having us at your home.

Our next Brew Day is scheduled for November 12, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the home of Jason Starnes. The Team of Brewers (Jason, Barrett and Aaron) will be hosting.

Jason's Address:
1425 Cross Bend
Plano, TX 75023

He has room for at least 7 Brew Rigs in a covered area. Lunch will be provided.



Be sure to put the Christmas Party on your calendar, December 3, 2010, at 6:30pm. We will have the main course catered, Texas de Brazil (Beef, Chicken and Sausages) so please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. The party will be at Pam and Walter Hodges home.

Last year at the Christmas Party we had a very successful can drive. So we would like to do it again. Please bring a couple of cans to donate to the food bank.

During the party we will have a white elephant gift exchange. The gift can be anything you like. The cost should be no more than about \$10. You are encouraged to be creative and bring something other than beer.

Please contact me at socials@nthba.org if you have any questions.

Kim
"Woo Girl"

Seasonal Thoughts From Brew U

By Chuck Homola

With the changing of the seasons we too see a change in the air for our club. It's been great to be part of the overall experience the past few years and I have really enjoyed the time I have spent as your Education guy. There were many reasons that I took on the task including but not limited to: learning more about many beer related topics I and others were interested in, the desire to inspire others to dig deeper into the world that is brewing and beer appreciation, and to give something back to the club that has inspired me personally in so many ways.

We truly have a great group of people in this club – if you have not already taken the time to get to know as many of the members as possible – do yourself a favor and mingle at the next meeting or brew day or party! There is only one educational program remaining for this calendar year – a demonstration of some sort at the November brew day. If you have a suggestion or are willing to present something – please let me know and I will take care of the arrangements.

Lastly – if anyone is feeling inspired these days and would like to take on the challenges of Education Director for the club – let myself or any of the other officers know – this is an appointed position that will be filled by the incoming officers that will be elected at the November club meeting. Don't let this position seem daunting or intimidating – it is actually a lot of fun – you don't need to teach classes – just help to facilitate them. You will also have a great group of new officers that will help you every step of the way.

It has been an honor to serve and I hope to continue to do so in a new capacity in the coming year – can't think of a better bunch of beer folks to hang out with and share common interests with.

Thanks – Chuck Homola
P.S. Thanks to the current officers – you all have been great to work with and very supportive!

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Competition Corner

by Jim Lavin

September/October Club Only Competition Winners

The September/October COC was about Specialty, Experimental and Historical Beers. We had a great turn out. Below are the results:

1st Place – Jim Lavin with his Smoked Hatch Chili Beer

2nd Place – Jason Starnes with his English Mild with Red Rice, Hazelnut Liquor and Walnut Liquor

3rd Place – Orlando Guerra with his Imperialized German Pilsner

Upcoming Club Only Competitions

Even though competition season is winding down, we still have several Club Only Competitions that will carry us through the holidays and in to next year's competition season. All entries can be dropped off at either Home Brew Headquarters or The Wine Maker's Toy Store.

The November COC is Hefeweizens. The club deadline is November 11th.

The January/February COC is Dark Lagers. The club deadline is January 27th.

The March/April COC is Stouts. The club deadline is March 9th.

The May COC is Scottish and Irish Ale. The club deadline will be April 20th.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OVER CANDIDATE BIOS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. THERE ARE SIX BIOS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, ONE PER PAGE.

ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO THROW YOUR HAT (OR MUG) IN THE RING TO RUN FOR AN OFFICER POSITION, PLEASE SEND A BIO TO SECRETARY@NTHBA.ORG OR ANY OF THE CLUB OFFICERS. WE'LL GET YOU ADDED TO THE BALLOT.

Biography for Chuck Homola

I have been a home brewer off and on since the late '80s. It's something I've been interested in for quite some time and I'm always looking for ways to be more involved with the hobby and industry. I made the big leap to all grain brewing about 5 years ago and try to refine my knowledge and skills each time I brew. I joined NTHBA 3 years ago and have made many new friends in the process. This really is a great bunch of folks to be around – and the amount of brewing experience and knowledge is truly amazing. I have been serving as the Minister of Education (funny title huh – I feel like should be walking around in robes and a wizard hat) for roughly 1½ years. It's been quite a bit of work at times – but I have really enjoyed doing this – I felt it was time to give something back to the club after all I had gotten out of it and I hope I've lived up to your expectations at least minimally. One of the greatest things I've gotten out of the experience is that in order to put on a class – you need to learn it pretty well yourself – so it has pushed me to improve my knowledge in several areas. I have also been working to improve my ranking in BJCP, I'm currently listed as Certified and I hope to make National sometime next year – we'll see how that goes once I get my scores back on the latest written exam!

I have also taken a few courses from the Siebel Institute in Chicago – I feel very lucky that I have gotten to do that – it's been a great experience. I also had the opportunity back in the early '90s to be part owner of the first Dallas brewpub – Yegua Creek Brewing Company. Based on that experience I would like to see our club build up relationships with the various beer industry establishments that are finally popping up around us – I think we could create some mutually beneficial ties with many of them.

So there you have it – Chuck in a nutshell – if you'd like to have me serve as one of your officers for 2012 – I'd be honored to have your vote. Either way I think great things are ahead for the club this next year. If elected I will work closely with the other officers to first figure who is going to play which role and then we'll get rolling on the plans for the upcoming year.

Thanks!
Chuck

Barrett Tillman

Greetings,

As an incoming member this marks my second year with the club. Rather than continuing as a socialite I would like to serve the North Texas Home Brewers Association with greater capacity. The first year has been both a challenge and success. Going forward I would like to deepen that commitment as an officer. Below is a short bio.

Name: Barrett Tillman
Brewing Since: 12-24-2010
Style Preference: Stouts & Belgians
Age: 33

Barrett is a stout and charming home brewer with an attention to detail. As a NTHBA member he has assisted with local judging and taken our BJCP preparation course. Barrett's brewing style can be defined as experimental for the sake of learning. His most promising brews have won awards in both the Limbo Challenge and the Dixie Cup. When not brewing he enjoys collecting vinyl records and listening to 50s jazz vocals. Barrett has lived in North Texas nearly a decade. His work as a web designer encourages creativity with form and function.

Einar Jonsson

I have been a home brewer and club member since 2007, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. My beer odyssey began in the spring of '07 when I met up with some friends at The Flying Saucer in Fort Worth. It was the weekend of the Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival, and my friends were already upstairs, having some drinks. One of my friends recommended the beer he was drinking. I thought it was odd that he was drinking a beer out of a brandy snifter. I looked at the bottle. Dogfish Head. Never heard of them. 120 Minute IPA. Not sure what that is, but what the heck, I'll have one too...

Needless to say, that beer was an eye-opening introduction to craft beer. At some point, one of my friends suggested that I learn how to brew beer. This seemed like a good idea. Then again, there are NO bad ideas when you are under the influence of 120. A couple of months later, I met Steve Jones at a crawfish boil, where his homebrew was being served. I asked Steve about learning how to brew. He invited me to a brew day he was having at his house on the following weekend, and told me about Homebrew Headquarters. I never made it to the brew day, but I found my way to HBHQ, where I bought my kit and brewed the next day. I have been hooked ever since.

David Lee

I have been brewing beer for the last 3 years and enjoy the hobby greatly. I joined NTHBA about 2 years ago and during my first year I was not very involved in the club; however, this past year I have tried to make all the club meetings and have come out for several other club events. I'd like to become more active in the club and becoming an officer is a personal goal of mine. I'm willing to take part in any position that the club feels suit my abilities. I'm a very ambitious person that is ready to take the extra step and put in additional time to help benefit the club.

In the last year I have pushed to excel my beer judging and evaluation skills by taking the BJCP prep class and taking the test. I love to learn and am very open to learning from a mentor. I know that I'm a younger member, but I am very interested in brewing and helping the club in any way I can.

I currently work full-time for Cisco Systems as a software engineer in Richardson and I have been with Cisco for about 4 years. Brewing beer is my hobby, but I would love to take it to a higher level. I have recently brewed beer for a couple small events. One was a friend's wedding, where I brewed about 30 gallons of beer for a crowd of 100+ people. It was well received and I really enjoyed the entire process. I think the club has a wealth of knowledge and experience to offer individuals like myself and that is a reason why I'd like to become more involved, specifically to learn more about the industry and the experiences from our club members.

Thanks,
David Lee

Jason Starnes

Hey guys, this is Jason Starnes. I have really enjoyed being part of the association this last year! After a few conversations with folks like Chuck, Jim L, Larry, and my brew team I have come to the conclusion that I would like to offer more of my time and talents to the club this coming year.

I feel my strengths lie in the realm of the Second Vice President in charge of Social Activities. I know that the positions aren't delineated until the first officers meeting but I think it is best that everyone knows where my interests and abilities are.

I have been a beer enthusiast for close to 20 years and had every intention of getting into brewing since 1996. However the right blend of opportunity and kinsman-ship did not present itself until 2010. Our first batch was a partial mash and our second was an all grain. We have brewed consistently 2-3 batches a month since then. I have done judging for the Bluebonnet, the regionals, Limbo and COC competitions. I also just finished Chuck's fabulous BJCP course. I come from a cooking background and so I am more of a "cook" brewer than a "style" brewer so sometimes my methodologies and ingredients may seem a bit off kilter to some people. I truly enjoy the camaraderie of gathering together for a brew-day. I feel I have gleaned more from those conversations than just about any other source! I value the old-timers and their vast experience; as well I love the enthusiasm of our youngest and newest brewers. I hope I can help foster an environment where we can all come together, share a home-brew, and help elevate each other's abilities!

Thanks,

Jason Starnes

Larry Papkin

Hi, this is Larry Papkin and I've been your club secretary for the past year. Hopefully you've liked the newsletter this year, but I'd like to see if I can improve on it a bit, like adding pictures and member articles. I also want to get more involved in the club activities, which was curtailed somewhat this year due to moving and a new job which has taken a lot of time. But now things have settled down and I'm ready to get even more involved with the club.

As a little background, this is my third homebrew club. I became an officer of that first club (the Santa Barberians in Santa Barbara, CA), then helped re-start a club in Cedar Rapids, IA (the Beer Nuts) of which I was president for three years and is going stronger than ever after ten years. I started brewing in 1995 with a group of friends, but soon started brewing with just one other friend, then by myself. I started with kits, moved to extract and my own recipes, then finally moved to all grain brewing. I think (if I do say so myself) that I made pretty good beer with all three methods and want to encourage all those who brew, no matter what method they use. Everyone has their own level of brewing they're comfortable with or have time for and each one is capable of making good beer.

I think I have a lot to offer the club – enthusiasm, experience, willingness to help new brewers learn how to improve, good looks (just thought I'd sneak that one in to see if you're still reading). It's been a great experience here so far and I'd like to try to help make it a great experience for all club members. You may have seen me at a club meeting or brew day and I hope to see you at another one soon. Cheers!

Larry

- 2011 Competition Schedule -

Competition/Style	Entry Deadline	Competition Awards
Limbo Challenge Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below	August 5th	August 27
Cactus Challenge All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	August 5th	September
August COC Mead	August 5th (Club) August 20th (AHA)	August 27th
September/October COC Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers	October 8th (Club) October 15th (AHA)	October 29th
Dixie Cup All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September 30 th	October 20th
November/December COC Hefeweizen	November 9th (Club) November 25th (AHA)	December 3rd (AHA)
January/February 2012 Dark Lagers	TBD	TBD
March/April 2012 COC Stout	TBD	TBD
May 2012 COC Scottish and Irish Ale	April 20th (Club) April 27th (AHA)	May 5th

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Club Brewmeisters

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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