

LIVIN' THE BREWS

The Newsletter of the North Texas Home Brewers Association
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QUICK SIPS FOR JUNE:



*Club Meeting @ Deep Ellum Brewing
June 15th @ 6:30p*

*BfCP Study Group @ Dean Weaver's
June 5th @ 1p-5p*

*Club Brew Day @ Brian & Melinda Beyer's
June 25th @ 9a-3p*

THESE AND OTHER EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR [FACEBOOK](#) PAGE.

PREZ SEZ BY JAMES SMITH

We've reached almost the halfway mark in the year and it's getting to be Limbo season. I hope everyone gets at least one entry in this year. I will likely have 3 to submit. It was a great turnout last month for our club meeting at Intrinsic Smokehouse and Brewery. The threat of severe weather held off until our meeting was concluded, which was a good thing because the skies completely opened up afterwards. They have a great outdoor space, food, and of course beers...plus Cary is one of our own. So, if you haven't already, do yourself a favor and pay them a visit sometime.

I promised to provide an update on the amount we raised from the Liberty Burger Give Back Night back in April. I'm pleased to report that our Treasurer received a check to the club for \$284.75. How great is that?! Thanks again to all who came out! Y'all made that happen!

Monthly Club Meeting/Officer Meeting

The **June club meeting** will be held on **WEDNESDAY**, June 15 at [Deep Ellum Brewing Co.](#) Please note the change of day as they could not accommodate us on Tuesday. They are located at 2823 St. Louis St., Dallas 75226. We will get started at 6:30 and weather permitting, we will be meeting outside on the patio area. The taproom is open and they do sell food. Please be sure to bring along some extra cash for our raffle.

Go to here: [Monthly Club Meeting Facebook Event](#) or here: [Monthly Club Meeting NTHBA.ORG Event](#) for more details.

The **May officers meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at [Ron's Place](#) in Addison. The address is 4115 Beltline Road, Addison, TX 75001. As always, club members are welcome to join. We will arrive at 6:30 and get going around 7:00.

Go to here: [Monthly Officer Meeting Facebook Event](#) or here: [Monthly Officer Meeting NTHBA.ORG Event](#) for more details.

Hope everyone has a great month!

Cheers!

“Smitty”



Brew Day @ Bill James'

THE FIRST SIP BY BILL JAMES

Howdy Folks, I hope everyone had a good Memorial day weekend. We had a good turnout at the Spring Party, thanks to Doug and Kathy Nett for hosting the party. Doug did a great job on the BBQ and sausage. It was a little chilly for May, but we missed getting rained on and I think everyone had a great time.

The May brewday was at my house on the 22nd. Three different beers were brewed, I made a Kolache, Doug Nett made a belgium Pale Ale and I believe James Smith did a hefe. We had a few people join us for the brewday.

Next Month the June Brewday will be a Brian and Melinda Beyer's house on June 25th at 9 am at 2117 Rheims Carrollton TX 75006. Hopefully the constant rain will have stopped and it will be the normal June temperature. Usually there is an after brewday soak in their pool, so bring your bathing suit.

The Summer Party is on July 23 at James Smith's house and I will talk more about it next month.

Spring Party @ Doug & Kathy Nett's



COMPETITION CORNER BY MATT PARULIS

As summer sets in and the weather gets hot, we turn our attention to more thirst quenching beers. We have club and Lone Star competitions coming up that focus on lower gravity beers. We also have the Austin brew club's Inquisition coming up that allows all styles for those of you with bigger beers ready to go.

June Club Only Competition

This month's club only competition focuses on the styles eligible for next month's Limbo Challenge. These are lower gravity beers perfect for hot, summer days in Texas. Entries for the June COC can be dropped off at either [Dallas Home Brew](#) or [Homebrew HQ](#) until Friday, June 10th. We will also be collecting entries at the June club meeting on Wednesday June 15th at [Deep Ellum Brewing](#). Yes, you did read that right! This month's club meeting will be held on a Wednesday. Judging for the June COC will take place the weekend of June 18th or early the following week. Keep an eye on your email for judging opportunities.

Lone Star Competitions

This month the Austin Zealots will be hosting the Inquisition which covers a majority of the styles listed in the 2008 BJCP guidelines. The entry window for the Inquisition goes from June 25th through July 7th. Judging will take place on the weekends of July 16th and 23rd and awards will be handed out at the ceremony on Sat August 13th. The club will host a packing party later in June for those who want to send in entries. As always, the club will supply packing supplies and cover the cost of shipping the entries to Austin. Check out the [Inquisition website](#) for a description of styles and to register your entries.

The Limbo Challenge is right around the corner! Styles include low gravity beers great for the hot, summer weather. Visit the [Limbo website](#) for a complete list of styles and info on how to register. The entry period for the Limbo is from July 1st to July 28th and judging will take place the weekends of Aug 6th and 13th (if necessary).

We are very excited to announce that the awards ceremony for this year will be held at [Intrinsic Brewing](#) in Garland. Owner (and former NTHBA member), Cary Hodson has not only offered to host the awards ceremony but also to brew the winner of the lawnmower category on his pilot system at the brewery! This is a great opportunity to have one of your own home brew creations brewed on a commercial system!

There is still time to get a brew going before the entry period for Limbo closes. We hope to see a good showing from the North Texas Homebrewers

Association this year!

Other Competitions

There are some other competitions coming up this fall that are not part of the Lone Star Circuit but in some cases offer cash prizes for placing in a category.

The Rhymes & Vines Texas Music Festival will take place at Melody Mountain Ranch in Stephenville this September and will include a homebrewed beer and wine competition. Info for the competition can be found at the festival's website. Click [here](#) to visit the site.

The Pride of Southside Homebrew Invitational will take place in October and includes beers from the Strong American Ale categories (#22). More info for the competition is available at the website. Click [here](#) for more details.

Brewer Royale Standings

Dave Kutschman – 3 pts
 John Driscoll – 3 pts
 Kevin Smith – 2 pts
 Chris Jazak – 2 pts
 Dean Weaver – 1 pt
 Joseph Flay – 1 pt

2016 Club Competition Schedule

June – Session Beers – Limbo Challenge Categories

September – European Amber Lagers, Vienna Lager, Oktoberfest / Marzen– BJCP Category 3

November – Cider and Mead – BJCP Categories 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28

Cheers!
 Matt



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THE TREASURER'S REPORT BY WALTER HODGES

As I mentioned last month, your 2015/2016 membership will expire on 5/31. I know that many of you join for the discount at the homebrew shops, but I hope you also get value from the club. Your dues support the monthly brew days, social events and education sessions. If you have ideas for education sessions or events you would like to see from the club, please contact any of the officers at our emails listed at the bottom of the newsletter.

Financial Summary			
Equity ended 4/30	\$5048.78	May New/Renewed Memberships	11
Equity ended 5/24	\$5666.49	Membership as of 4/22	170
		Membership as of 5/24	173

Note: Financials trail the newsletter by one month. Current financials are available at: <http://www.nthba.org> -> [groups](#) -> [financials-corner](#) -> [financial-statement-archive](#)

Additional financial information may be requested by club members by emailing the treasurer at: treasurer@nthba.org.

Club memberships are effective for one year from June 1st through May 31st. If your membership is not current, please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. You may also obtain membership forms and cards at most club events.

Prosit!
Walter



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EDUCATION - CO2 REFILL BY DEAN WEAVER

I had a realization two weeks ago when I went to get my CO2 tank refilled. Some of you veteran keggers may think this a bit silly, but since I just got into kegging at the beginning of this year, I felt enlightened.

My high pressure gauge was showing that my tank was almost empty, but it was still pumping beers perfectly fine. Therefore, I didn't rush off to get it filled until I started thinking about the Saison that was being carbonated . . . I didn't want to delay pouring one of those luscious beauties. I shut down everything, disconnected the tank and headed straight to Parkit Market. When I handed over my tank to the attendant, he immediately opened the valve to release all that precious gas. Well I'm just imagining dollar signs drifted into the air without pumping out a tasty homebrew. I had to find why there was CO2 being wasted.

CO2 is a liquid when it is put into the tank, thus the weight difference between an empty tank and a full tank. However, when a tank is getting to the empty point on the high pressure gauge, there is primarily only gas in the tank. If you run the tank to the end, you could find yourself with a half poured glass and no more CO2 . . . unless you have a backup tank. I went on to find there is a TW stamped onto the CO2 tank which stands for the Tare Weight (how much the tank weighs empty). My 5# aluminum tank has a TW of 7.8#; therefore, if I'm assuming correctly, I could weigh my tank at any given point, subtract the TW and know how much CO2 is left.

Simple, yes, but certainly useful information.

If you have any questions, concerns or additions, please email [me](#).



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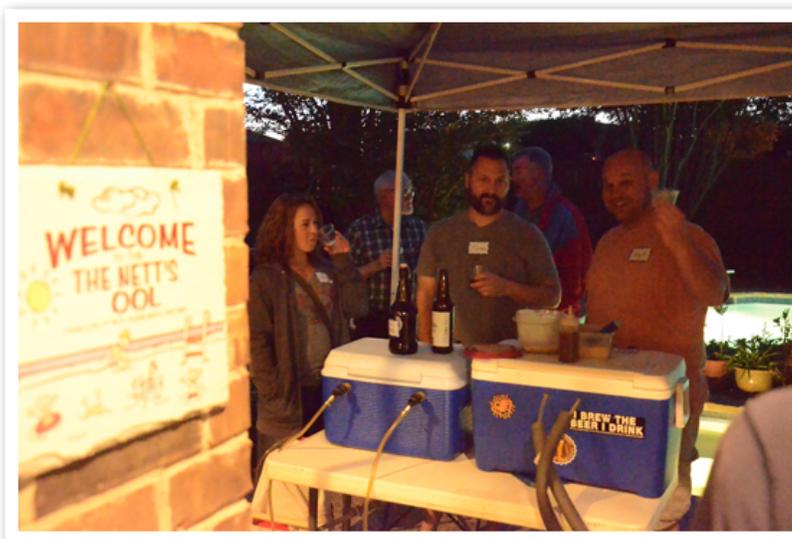
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**NORTH TEXAS HOME
BREWERS ASSOCIATION**

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 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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