

LIVIN' THE BREWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH TEXAS HOME BREWERS
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Prez Sez By Mike Grover

I am not on a boat as I write this, but I probably should be. My rain gauge is once again maxed out. While all of us can agree that it is good to have all of our reservoirs full heading into summer, enough is enough! Thanks to everyone who made the trek out to Drunken Donkey last month. It was our first meeting there and things went really well. The weather was kind to us, and they have a great covered outdoor space. The June club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Lakewood Brewing Co. They are located at 2302 Executive Drive in Garland. Here's a link: (<http://lakewoodbrewing.com/contact/>). Lakewood recently opened a brand new taproom so it will be fun to check it out.

The officers meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 at Palio's Pizza Cafe located at 1016 East Hebron Parkway in Carrollton. It is located on the southeast corner of Hebron Parkway and Old Denton. Palio's is BYOB so bring homebrew! As always, club members are welcome to join us at the officers meetings. Give us a heads up if you plan on joining so that we get a big enough table. Thanks to Doug and Kathleen Nett for hosting our spring party. We got lucky and had a nice break in the rainy weather. This month's club brewday is at Brian and Melinda Beyer's on June 20th. I hope to see you all there!

Pros't!

The First Sip By James Smith

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!!!

I have a few openings for hosting of club events the rest of this year, including the Holiday Party (December 5th). If you are interested, please see below on available dates and get in touch with me ASAP! Thanks!

- July Brew Day – 11th or 25th
- Oktoberfest Party – Late September
- October Brew Day – Any
- Holiday Party – December 5th
 - The club will reimburse you for cleaning afterwards

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

- The June Brew Day will be held at the home of Brian and Melinda Byer. The date is Saturday, June 20th. Their address is 2117 Rheims Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- The July Brew Day is pending a date of either the 11th or 25th.
- Saturday, July 18th will be the date of the Summer Party. It will be hosted by James Smith. The address is 4100 Camino Dr., Plano TX 75074. [CLICK HERE FOR MAP](#)
- NO AUGUST BREW DAY (Limbo)
- The September Brew Day will be held at the home of David Lee. The date is Saturday, September 5.

You can always find out about the latest events coming up on the NTHBA Club Calendar here: <http://nthba.org/content/club-calendar>

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!

Kanpai!

James, aka “Smitty”

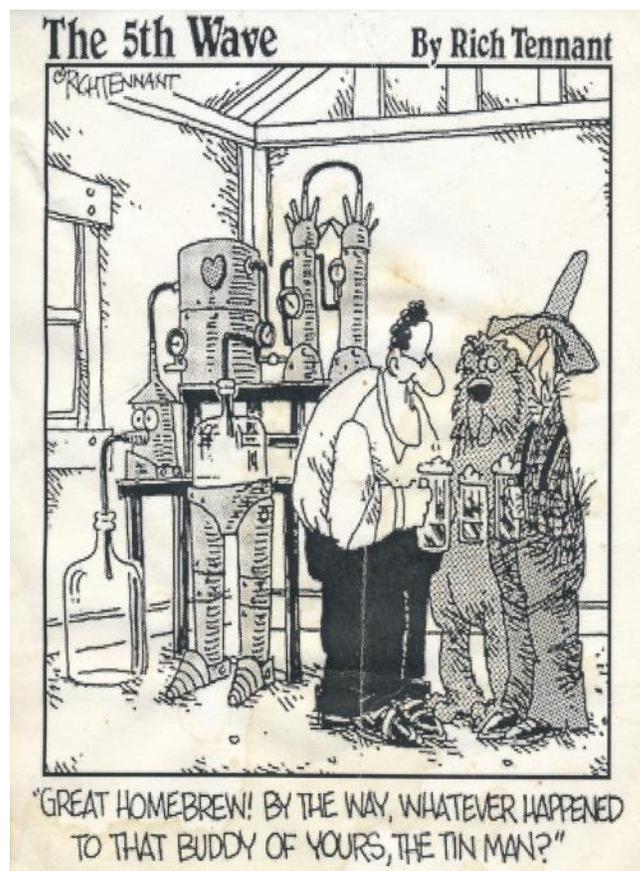
Competition Corner By Walter Hodges

The Cactus Challenge posted results from their competition in mid-May. We had quite a few winners considering the small number of beers we sent out west.

Cactus Challenge		
Category	Place	Brewer
Munich Helles	1st	Don VanSlyke
Munich Helles	2nd	Jesse Thoresen
German Pils	3rd	Jesse Thoresen
Vienna Lager	2nd	Don VanSlyke
Blonde Ale	1st	Jesse Thoresen
Sp/Best/Premium Bitter	2nd	Doug Nett
Irish Red	2nd	Matthew Linnenburger
Strong Scotch Ale	3rd	David Kutshman
Brown Porter	3rd	David Lee & Lloyd Yeager
Roggenbier	2nd	Walter Hodges
Straight Lambic	2nd	Barrett Tillman

Three of the ten Lone Star Circuit competitions are complete. Here is the current Homebrewer of the Year standings through the Cactus Challenge.

Homebrewer of the Year Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Don VanSlyke	11
Walter Hodges	10
Matthew Linnenburger	9
Barrett Tillman	7
Jesse Thoresen	6
Anthony Gachima	5
William Lawrence	4
Leroy Gharis	3
Arthur Stockstill	3
Richard Harris	3
Doug Nett	2
Don Trotter	2
Mason McPhail	2
Jimmy Orkin	2
David Lee & Lloyd Yeager	1
David Kutshman	1
James Smith	1



The next competition is the Austin Zealots' "The Inquisition". This is a new competition for the Lone Star Circuit and is a bit different from the rest in that it does not follow BJCP guidelines. You can find a listing of their categories at: <http://inquisition.brewcomp.com/entry>. The entry deadline is June 28th. This competition requires only **two** bottles. So, if you have a beer that taste really great, but does not fit neatly into a BJCP category, then you should consider entering "The Inquisition"!

Also in June, we'll be sending entries down to the Bay Area Mashtronauts' Lunar Rendezbrew. This is a regular BJCP completion. Their entry deadline is, June 24th.

With two competitions in June, we'll host a combined packing party around the 17th. Watch the Facebook page and your email for more information.

For our mead makers, Texas Meadfest has been added to the LSC. This event is being hosted by the Texas Mead Association and has yet to release entry dates. You can check their web site at: <http://www.texasmead.org/mead-fest.aspx>

Brewer Royale Standings	
Brewer/Brew Team	Points
Don VanSlyke	6
Mike Grover	3
Doug Nett	3
Layne McBeath	2
Mason McPhail	2
Barrett Tillman	1
Bill James and Tim McGrath	1

Competition Schedule			
Lone Star Circuit		Club Only	
Competition	Entry Deadline	Theme/Styles	Entry Deadline
The Inquisition	6/28	Session Beers All Limbo Categories	July
Lunar Redezbrew	6/24	Sour Beers BJCP Category 17 and sour beers in categories 20, 21, 22, 23	September
Limbo Challenge	7/31	Belgian and French Styles BJCP Categories 17 and 18	November
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Texas Meadfest	TBD		
Dixie Cup	September		

Prosit!

Walter

Member Article By Melinda Beyer



I would like to encourage all female brewers to think about brewing at the club brew day in June. The Queen of Beer Women's Homebrew Competition is coming up. The "Queen of Beer" (QOB) women's homebrew competition is a BJCP and AHA sanctioned competition. It is open to all non-commercial, home brewed beers, meads, and ciders produced by persons of female gender. Beer, mead, and cider produced by or with the assistance of persons of the male gender is not eligible. "Assistance" is defined as: coaching during the brewing process, measuring ingredients, performing chemical reaction and/or timing calculations, racking, bottling or in any other way manipulating wort or fermented product. Lifting of heavy equipment or full brewing vessels, milling of grain and operation of a capper device are permitted. The competition is open to all BJCP styles and will be using the old 2008 BJCP guidelines. Entries will be accepted September 10 - October 10, 2015. Entries will not be accepted after October 10 (boxes postmarked October 3 will be accepted). You can find more information on the Queen of Beer web site. <http://queenofbeer.hazeclub.org/> If you are interested but aren't sure where to begin, you can email me at mjbeyer8@gmail.com.

The Treasure's Report

By Jimmy Orkin

The Treasurer's Report
By Jimmy Orkin

Summary:

Equity March end \$4,539.03.

Equity April end \$4,198.38.

New members in April: 4.

Members at April end: 202.

Current members at the time of this article: 217.

The final monthly reports are available on the club website at the following link:

<http://nthba.org/content/club-documents>

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the clubs financial information. Let me know if you would like additional or different information in this article.

Our membership year runs June until May. Your membership is probably expiring at the end of May. Please renew at either Homebrew Headquarters or Wine Maker's Toy Store. The membership fee is \$30 and will expire and the end of May 2016.

I or the officers always have membership forms and cards at all the club events. I'll send some email reminders. We will also keep you on the email list for a couple of months into the new year even if your membership lapses.

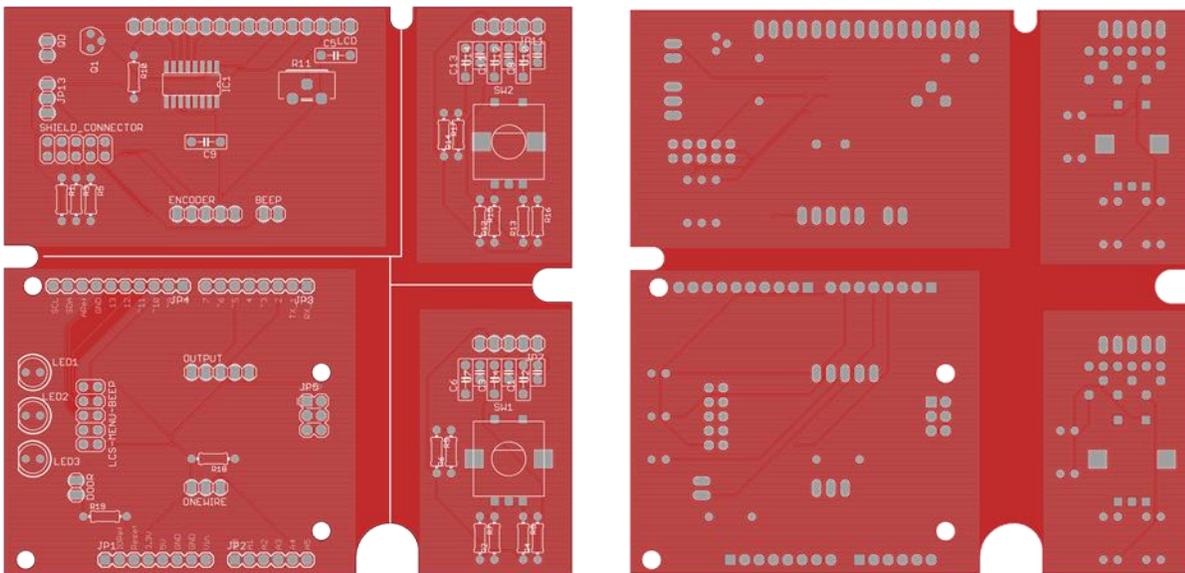
Pay your damn dues!

Beer Stuff

I have been working on the BrewPi again. I wanted to build a PCB shield for an Arduino instead of using a prototype board. I got a good deal on Cadsoft Eagle PCB software so I am using Eagle to layout a PCB for a Arduino Uno. It is similar the Rev C board that Elco of BrewPi used to stock. I made some changes. I just finished the board tonight and sent the files to DirtyPCB.com to have the board made in China. I should get about 10 boards back so if anyone would like to have one, just let me know.

I plan to switch my fermentation control over to the BrewPi. I'll probably build another shield for an Arduino Mega 2560 to run my brewstand. I'll use the Brewtroller software initially but may go my own way with the brewstand automation.

The images below are the board I sent off to be manufactured. It will end up being three smaller boards once I cut them up. It will be an Arduino shield, a LCD backpack and the rotary encoder board when divided. This shows two version of the rotary encoder sub-board as I am playing with the dimensions of the encoder. I'll use the sub-board that fits better.



National Homebrew Conference

Leroy Gharis, Mike Grover and I will be off to the NHC in June. This will be my sixth NHC. I have always had a great time and learned much at the NHC. I don't know why it is not more popular in our club. We do see other brewers from the other DFW homebrew clubs attending.

Leroy, Mike or I will give an update when we return.

Brew Strong!

Jimmy

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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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